

Har-Bur Happenings

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Good Morning HBMS Community,

Can't believe it is March next week! The year is flying by. Hopefully, we can put the winter weather behind us. This past week 8th graders took the PSAT 8/9. The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. It sets a readiness baseline, allowing students and teachers to pinpoint areas for focused practice as students progress through their school and helps inform classroom instruction. This year students took it online and this was great practice for the Smarter Balanced Assessments we will be taking this April. We were so proud of the students' focus and effort in completing the test without any issues.

Our teachers are meeting with individual students this Marking Period to discuss our Approaches to Learning Rubric. This is a chance for students to set goals related to their study/work habits as well as their class participation with a goal of targeting some behaviors for learning improvement.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as the year moves forward.

Warm Regards,

Joe and Peter

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Information and Reminders:

- Did you know that you can order school breakfast and lunch for your child from your phone? Just download the Nutrislice app and you will be able to view menus and order lunches quickly from your phone. The app will ask you to identify your child's school and enter their lunch PIN number to get things set up. Then you can place orders. Remember that meals are free for students this year! Questions? Contact the HBMS Cafeteria Team Leader, Joanne Delgrande either through email delgrandej@region10ct.org or by phone 860-673-2511, x 15705.
- Temporary Distance Learning Plan: The following is for students that need to be out of school for a short period of time. Students should access their teachers' TEAMS

pages at the normally scheduled time. Teachers have the choice of asynchronous assignments posted daily with consistent check-ins during the time out, live streaming from class to the students at home or a combination of the two depending on the lesson and day. The tasks that are assigned would need to be completed in the timeline the teacher gives to determine attendance/engagement.

- The Technology Assistance page for the district is live and can be accessed at the following link: www.region10ct.org/technology. To submit a Help Desk Ticket, do the following:
 - Go to www.region10ct.org.
 - Go to "Parents" and scroll down to the last entry "technology assistance".
 - Go to Other Resources:
 - Submit a Help Desk ticket
 - Fill out the Help Desk ticket and one of our tech people should get back to you. Please make sure to put in the student's full name, grade, and a description of the problem.
 - Relay for Life: Relay for Life of Farmington Valley Involves Har-Bur Middle School Students. Relay for Life is the major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life of Farmington Valley has been very successful. Students from Har-Bur Middle School have been a big part of that success. In the past 4 years, 445 Har-Bur students joined fundraising teams joined together at the Relay to celebrate cancer survivors, caregivers and remember those who have passed from the disease. Last year with the need to reprioritize our lives, Relay for Life and other fundraisers needed to be reduced however we still raised an amazing \$155,000. With a "light at the end of the tunnel" the Relay's Event Leadership Team is planning a Relay for July 31 when, if safe, we will have a festive and successful Relay. Recruiting for the Relay will begin towards the end of March. If you would like further information contact, Dr. Harvey Dutil, Team Recruitment Chair at dutilrelay@gmail.co
 - Schedule: Our school has a four-day rotating schedule. If we miss a day of school for the weather, we no longer skip that day in the rotation. Instead, we are "Pushing" the days. For instance, if there is no school (including no DL) on March 4th and it is a day 1, March 5th would become a day 1.

March	1	2	3	4	5
Day	2	3	4	1	2
March	8	9	10	11	12
	3	4	1	2	3



Some simple reminders?

- Charge Laptops - Please remind your child to charge their laptop every evening. •
- Pencils needed – Students need to come to school with several pencils every day. •
- Power School - Please check your child’s Power School account frequently to monitor his/her progress with assessments and work completion. •
- Agendas - Students are responsible for using their Agendas to record daily homework assignments. •
- Teams - Students should visit their teachers’ Teams pages for specific Assignment directions. Please ask them to share these pages with you. •
- Masks - Students should have an extra mask in their backpacks. •
- School Lunch - If your child is ordering lunch, don’t forget to pre-order school lunch here: <http://region10.ss7.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=466518&pageId=2323290>

We have a few attachments for you to review: [Burlington LAX Spring 2021 Flyer.pdf](#), [Farmington Cultural Arts & Technology Flyer SY 20-21.pdf](#) , [Farmington Youth Enrichment Programs Flyer \(spring 2021\).pdf](#)

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES:

We appreciate everyone’s adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

- They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results.
- Your family has traveled to any of the states on the CT Travel Advisory list (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>)
- You screen them before school, and they have any of the symptoms below:
 - fever of 100.4 or higher
 - chills
 - a new uncontrolled cough

- difficulty breathing
- a sudden loss of taste or smell

If your child is ill and will not be attending school (this includes students that are attending school remotely), please call our school nurses, Beth Niedmann for Grades 7-8, and Kristen Belmonte for Grades 5-6, to report their absence and the reason for the absence.

Important Dates:

March 3 PTO Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm

March 8 Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm

March 14 Daylight Savings Time – Spring forward

Contact Information:

Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts:

Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: www.region10ct.org

Principal – Joe Masi: extension 17558 – masij@region10ct.org

Associate Principal – Peter Bogen: extension 17512 – BogenP@region10ct.org

Counseling Office – Karol Nicoletti: extension 17506 – NicolettiK@region10ct.org

Nurse's Office Grades 5 and 6 – Mrs. Kristin Belmonte: extension 17310
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Nurse's Office Grades 7 and 8 – Mrs. Beth Niedmann: extension 17507
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