

Hudson Junior High School

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

3-5 *Math Benchmark #1*

11 *Veteran's Day - No School*

19 *1/2 Day Report Card Conf.*

25-27 *Thanksgiving Recess*

30 *Food Drive (more information on last page)*

DECEMBER

11 *End of Progress Report*

14 *Jr. High Winter Concert featuring the Showhawks—7:30 pm*

15-17 *ELA Benchmark #2*

23 *Penny Day (more information on last page)*

24-31 *Holiday Recess*

JANUARY

1 *Holiday Recess*

18 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School*

19-21 *Math Benchmark #2*

29 *End of the 2nd Quarter*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have successfully completed our first 10 weeks of school. Many of our students have participated in school activities and have represented Hudson Junior High School in a great way. We would like to thank all the parents who have supported your children in their extracurricular activities as well as their academic classes. Your continued support will help our school be successful.

Please read your child's report card carefully. If you were unable to attend our Report Card Night on November 19th and have any questions or would like to schedule a parent-teacher conference, please contact the school at 828-4360 ext. 8100. It is always good to meet with teachers to establish a good line of communication. You can ask specific questions that will help you work with your child through his/her need. We appreciate those meetings, especially if your child's grades are not satisfactory.

Please refer to the calendar to the left of this letter regarding important dates. Benchmark exams play a vital role in the education of our students. They need to be here and on time.

Just a reminder to all parents and students about the importance of having all of our students at school every day. Every student makes a difference. We miss students if they are not present.

As we approach Thanksgiving I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season. We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with your child.

Sincerely,

Mr. Reardon, Principal



Hudson Junior High

School firmly believes that ***Character Counts...everywhere...all the time.***

We recognize students on a daily basis who exhibit the six pillars of character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Choice Passes are given to students who lead by example. Each pass entitles a student to earn points toward a test or quiz or toward a homework excuse. Once used, the pass is entered into a raffle for the chance to win some cool prizes.

Students can also be nominated for the Principals' Award Breakfast Club each quarter. This program began last year with generous support from ***Investments in Youth***, a local not-for-profit organization.

Students who demonstrate an effort in their academic studies and who express consistent good character traits are role models for others and will be recognized each quarter as long as they continue to put forth their best self.

Students receive a free T-shirt and are treated to breakfast with the Principals and along with other benefits each quarter.

Student names will be prominently displayed on a hallway wall, and their

photo will adorn the wall in the Main Lobby.

Students will remain in good standing and receive this quarterly recognition unless academic standing changes or a referral is received.

ATTENDANCE:

Schools are responsible for teaching your child but schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Excuse notes must be turned in to the attendance office upon return.

Hooray for Homework!!

Mark has his evening planned. He'll do his math homework before dinner, then follow up dessert with social studies and english. Afterward he can unwind from a busy day with science. Sound impossible? It's not. Help your child make homework go like clockwork with these strategies.

Think it through

Before your child begins, have him make a to-do list. Example: write a poem, read a history chapter, solve 15 math problems.

Then, suggest that he number the tasks, from toughest to easiest, and start with the hard stuff. This "save the easiest for last" strategy will help him finish on a high note, perhaps inspiring him to get in some extra studying.

Think about time

Ask your child to consider different time slots he can use to get work done. For instance, maybe he could set aside a week-end morning or Saturday night.

Also, many junior high students have time before school in the library (7:30am-8am) or in study hall to tackle homework. Encourage your child to complete at least one assignment at school each day. The more he does then, the more time he'll have for fun later.

Think positive

Help your junior high student see homework as a chance to prove his independence by getting his work done on time and by himself. Boost his confidence by telling him, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." And give him a thumbs-up when he does just that.

(from Middle Years, created just for parents of middle grade students)

Basic Reminders

Please familiarize yourself with the full Code of Conduct

- NO BEADS, BANDANAS, OR HEADGEAR OF ANY COLOR
- NO CLOTHING THAT PROMOTES VIOLENCE, DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR SMOKING
- NO COATS ARE TO BE WORN IN CLASSES
- NO SKATE BOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES OR SNEAKER SKATES
- NO ELECTRONICS (i.e.: CELL PHONE, iPod, Etc.) DURING SCHOOL HOURS
- NO PAJAMAS
- NO REVEALING CLOTHING



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Students should cross 6 feet in front of bus in full view of the driver.

Students must remain seated.

Excessive noise, pushing, shoving & fighting will not be tolerated.

Students must ride on assigned bus.

Hudson Junior High Launches Project Wisdom

Hudson Junior High School has recently included an exciting character education initiative as part of each school day with the implementation of a program called Project Wisdom.

In a world where many students routinely face challenging situations that require practical social skills and strength of character, trends in education are supporting programs like Project Wisdom that teach concepts such as integrity, respect, confidence, courage, honesty, and diligence. In fact, schools across the country are now routinely covering these topics along with the traditional cornerstones of education: reading, writing and arithmetic. Some efforts have even earned the support of The Department of Education, which awarded \$16.7 million in character education grants in 2002. Emerging research supports the notion that investing in character education and social-emotional learning can improve behavior as well as academic performance.

Hudson Junior High School is proud to be one of over 11,000 schools nationwide utilizing this collection of daily words of wisdom which set a positive tone each day for everyone on campus. Project Wisdom's messages not only impart new knowledge to the students, but also work to develop responsible and caring individuals. The verses are rich in history, culture, and literature. They inspire, teach and encourage students to reflect upon the larger issues of life.

Each day Hudson Junior High students will hear a short message containing a quotation from a historic figure, celebrity, modern hero or other notable voice that reinforces the topic of the day. The 60-second announcement will be narrated by Mr. Reardon and guest speakers. If any parent or community member is interested in reading an announcement please contact Mr. Reardon at 828-4360 ext. 8100.

Educators from California to New York have recorded marked differences in their school's environment and attribute the positive change, at least in part, to the lessons delivered by Project Wisdom. Project Wisdom's research shows that the program reduces incidents of disruptive behavior such as bullying and teasing, helps develop a more positive school climate and creates benefits that are perceived to be immediate and don't dissipate with time.

Project Wisdom was founded in 1992 by Leslie Matula of Houston, Texas. Leslie developed the program as part of a volunteer effort to bring character education to her son's middle school. The pilot program gained the attention of other area schools interested in the concept. A few months later, a small business was organized to offer the program to those schools. Today, Project Wisdom, Inc. is an independent, nonpolitical organization that reaches more than four million students each day in all 50 states.

For more information on Project Wisdom visit www.projectwisdom.com

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson Junior High School
215 Harry Howard Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534

Main Office: 828-4360 ext. 8100
Guidance: Ext. 8308
Attendance: Ext. 8310
Health Office: Ext. 8311
Transportation: Ext. 2103
After School Program: Ext. 3192/3193

Fax: 518-697-8434

Breakfast \$1.25
Lunch \$1.75
Reduced price .25 cents

1-hour Delay Schedule

PD 1 9:04 - 9:33
 PD 2 9:36 - 10:03
 PD 3 10:06 - 10:33
 PD 4 10:36 - 11:03

AFTERNOON CLASSES WILL CONTINUE ON
 REGULAR SCHEDULE.

2-hour Delay Schedule**Schedule A**

PD 1 10:04 - 10:32
 PD 2 10:35 - 11:03

Schedule B

PD 3 10:04—10:32
 PD 4 10:35—11:03

Two hour delay schedules A and B will alternate so that two hour delays will not have a continuous negative impact on the same course.

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Nurse's Corner

Thank you for your continued support and patience in our effort to stay as informed as possible with the H1N1 flu situation.

H1N1 is similar to regular seasonal flu; it is the suddenness of the fever over 100 and at least one or more of the other symptoms below that indicates the possibility that you may actually have the virus.

H1N1 influenza symptoms: fever over 100, lethargy (lack of energy), lack of appetite, and coughing.

Some people with novel H1N1 flu have also reported: runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Please take personal responsibility for helping slow the spread of the virus by practicing these steps to keep from getting sick with flu and protecting others from getting the flu.

Practice good hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol based hand cleaners are also effective.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands

Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a sign of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact me at 828-4360 ext. 8311.

Pam Adamo, RN

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Order Your Junior High Yearbook Now!!

Hudson Junior High Yearbook "The Bluehawk" is on sale from Nov. 2 to Dec. 22. The yearbook has full color pages of 7th and 8th grade students. The yearbook costs \$25. Please send the payment, cash or check, in the envelopes provided to the students by their homeroom teacher. These envelopes should be returned to your student's Homeroom Teacher, on or before the deadline. There is no guarantee that additional yearbooks will be available for sale in the spring. The only way to make sure your student gets an inaugural Hudson Junior High Yearbook is to **ORDER NOW!!**

Junior Honor Society News

Stuff the Bus—Junior Honor Society members will be organizing a food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the food pantry. Junior High students can bring in food beginning Monday, Nov. 30th. Students can give the food to their homeroom teacher or add it to the holiday table that will be set up in the atrium. Junior Honor Society members will "stuff the bus" with the donations and deliver the food to the food pantry before the Christmas break.

Penny Day—Junior Honor Society members will be collecting pennies on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd during our 2nd annual penny day. Students dump their pennies on the teacher's desks. Teachers must then count/roll the pennies before they can begin teaching for the day. Money raised will be given to the food pantry.