

Hudson Junior High School

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

- 11 *Talent Show*
- 12-15 *Mid Winter Recess*
- 16-17 *Math Benchmark #2*
- 19 *Snow Ball Dance*
- 22 *PTO Fundraiser orders
due back*
- 24 *1/2 Day Staff Develop-
ment*

March

- 5 *End of Progress Report*
- 15-19 *School Spirit Week*
- 18 *Report Card Night 5-7 PM*
- 26 *Superintendent's Conference
Day - No School*

April

- 2-11 *Spring Recess-No School*
- 16 *End of 3rd Quarter*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we have completed our first 20 weeks of school and the school year is more than half over. The second semester began February 1st, and this affects students mainly in the areas of technology, health, family and consumer science, art, computer, and music. This will provide our students with a nice change for them to encounter new things. As we work our way through the upcoming winter months and remainder of the school year, let us focus our attention on reminding and encouraging our children to keep up with homework and strive to do their best in each class.

Please read your child's report card carefully. If you 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. 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.

Congratulations to the students that earned honor roll and high honor roll recognition this marking period. Keep up the good work! You can see a list of these students names on page 4. 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. They 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 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.

Snow Ball Dance
7th and 8th grade snow ball is February 19, 2010 from 6:30 to 9 pm in the Hudson Junior/Senior High School cafeteria. Coronation of the Snow King/Queen and Ice Prince/Princess will be at 8:30 pm. In the event of a school closing on February 19, the snow date would be February 26.

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.

Guidance News

8th grade students who meet eligibility requirements will have the opportunity to attend the SUNY New Paltz Early Awareness program in April. This program is open to students who meet the federal criteria of low-income and first-generation college student. There will be an orientation session, a trip to the SUNY New Paltz College campus and information sessions about admission to college, financial aid workshops for parents, an academic presentation from a college professor, lunch on campus, and a tour of the college. Make sure you have filled out the lunch program form and checked the box that allows us to access your eligibility for talent search programs.

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

2nd Quarter Principal's Award Recipients

7th Grade

- Kelsey Alvarez
- Atia Begh
- Richard Dellavechia
- Shiheem Gallaway
- Charissa Gardener
- Alexandria Hoffman
- Ashley King
- Caitlyn Patrick
- Kaitlin Popow
- Jacob Topple
- Katie VanValkenburgh
- Katherine Zanotelli

8th Grade

- Sarah Bartolotta
- Cora Dandridge
- Shanice Davis
- Peter Dejesus
- Mohammed Ghani
- Humaira Khan
- Arturo Martinez
- Brandon McGee
- Safat Mohammed
- Kaitlyn Mossman
- Nick Proper
- Anya Stelcen



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- NO REVEALING CLOTHING
- Students should cross 6 feet in front of bus in full view of the driver.
- Students must remain seated.
- Excessive noise, pushing, shoving &

PBIS

Frequently, the question is asked, "Why should I have to teach kids to be good? They already know what they are supposed to do. Why can I not just expect good behavior?" In the infamous words of a TV personality, "How is that working out for you?"

In the past, school-wide discipline has focused mainly on reacting to specific student misbehavior by implementing punishment-based strategies including reprimands, loss of privileges, office referrals, suspensions, and expulsions. Research has shown that using punishment, especially when it is used without other positive strategies, is often ineffective. Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior is an important step of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehavior to occur before responding. The purpose of school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

The Hudson Junior High PBIS team, in conjunction with the faculty, has developed a matrix that describes the expected behavior in a variety of school settings. In keeping with the positive aspect of the PBIS the expectations are written in a positive language, explaining what the students are expected to do rather than telling them what they can't do. The PBIS team is currently in the process of developing a system for rewarding and reinforcing students positive behaviors as related to the matrix. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Hudson Junior High and ask to speak to a member of the PBIS team.

	School wide Expectations	Café	Hallway	Classroom	Assemblies	Before School	After School	Bus
H	Honest	-eat your own food	-use only your locker -have a pass	-be prepared	-stay with your class	-eat your own food -respect other people's property and belongings	-take your own bus	-Ride your own bus
A	Attend	-be on time -wait in line	-go directly to your destination -get to class on time	-100% -understand and follow the 10/10 rule	-listen and be cooperative	-enter the building promptly -remain in the designated areas	-pay attention to buses	-get to the bus stop on time -pay attention to the busses
W	Work	-keep area clean -work together	-be efficient with locker use	-do your own work	-participate and enjoy	-Clean up after breakfast -Do you need to use the library?	-Do you need to stay for extra help? -Go directly to After School Program if involved.	-maintain personal space -leave your space clean
K	Kind	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different -be respectful of others -School voice, yellow zone -use school language	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different -speak quietly with school voice -red zone during class -yellow zone between classes	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different -How can YOU help?	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different -be a good participant	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different - school voice, yellow zone -school language -Talk out your differences	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different -maintain personal space -school voice, yellow zone -use school language	-respect the rights and opinions of others to be different -speak politely with school voice, yellow zone -use school language -Be respectful of driver, aide, other students and yourself
S	Safe	-Listen and follow adult directions -walk carefully -hand and feet to yourself -remain seated	-Listen and follow adult directions -walk to the right of others -maintain personal space	-Listen and follow adult directions -understand and follow classroom procedures	-Listen and follow adult directions -follow entry and dismissal rules -notice emergency exits	-Listen and follow adult directions -Thank-you for walking -Maintain personal space	-Listen and follow adult directions -vacate the building and leave school property unless staying for an after school activity	-Listen and follow adult directions -remain in your seat -practice safe behaviors in/around busses

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**

<u>1-hour Delay Schedule</u>			
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.			
<u>2-hour Delay Schedule</u>			
	<u>7th GR.</u>		<u>8th GR.</u>
PD 1	10:00-10:32		10:00-10:32
PD 2	10:35-11:03		10:35-11:03
PD 5	11:06-11:36	5/6	11:06-11:48
PD 6/7	11:39-12:21	7	11:51-12:21
PD 3	12:24-12:48		12:24-12:48
PD 4	12:51-1:15		12:51-1:15
PD 8	1:18-1:42		1:18-1:42
PD 9	1:45-2:09		1:45-2:09
PD 10	2:12-2:36		2:12-2:36

Honor Roll

8th Grade

**Mathew Degennaro
Michaela Donovan
Andrew Gelles
Cortlynn Jepsen
John Macher
Kaitlyn Mossman
Kayla Ryan
Abigail Weinman**

7th Grade

**Nabila Akhter
Ahsan Beshal
Evian Coleman
Taylor Dimonda
Nya Franklin
Jacob Kulyniak
Michaela Marotta
Bethann McGee
Evan Nolan
Kayon Phidd
Rochelle Robillard
Megan Schoep
Tei-Anna Smith
Tangina Uddin**

High Honor Roll

8th Grade

**Sarah Bartolotta
Darren Conte
Dustin Conte
Jordan Corrigan
Patrick Elliott
Samantha Ganey
Mohammed Ghani
William Glasser
Emily Haigh
Ashley Herber
Emma Hobson
Humaira Khan
Kaitlyn Krein
Jose Melendez
Joseph Pomeroy
Katie Porreca
Alyssia Ralph
Oswalso Rosete-Garcia
Anya Stelcen
Erica Valentine**

7th Grade

**Christian Alata
Christopher Alata
Kelsey Alvarez
Atia Begh
Daniel Bellacicco
Nazmul Bhuiyan
Amanda Chaplin
Melis Chavez
Megan Clark
Richard Dellavechia
Alexis Doto
Austin Ellsworth
Charissa Gardener
Alexandria Hoffman
Zachary Keeler
Sharif Khan
Gina Leccese
Jahnessa Mackey
Christopher Merante
Caitlyn Patrick
Alexis Peters
Kaitlin Popow
Erica Scalera
Justin Slater
Alexis Stevenson
Crystal Stoerzinger
Jacob Topple
Patricia VanValkenburgh
Brittany Varriale
Rebecca Ward**

7th Grade

**Brittany Wright
Katherine Zanotelli**