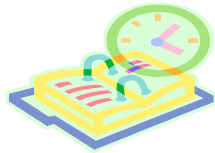


October, 2008

Special dates of interest:**October 6—NJHS Meeting****October 8—Two-hour early dismissal****October 13—Columbus Day - Schools open****October 17—MSTA Convention / Schools closed for students & teachers****October 29—First marking period ends****October 30—Two-hour early dismissal / Second marking period begins****Calendar Notes****National School Lunch Week, October 13-17****National School Bus Safety Week, October 20-24****November 20th—Science Fair at John Hanson MS (5-6:30)**

John Hanson Middle School

From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

October is here and the first quarter interims were sent home Monday. We have had many good things going on at Hanson already, and I am very optimistic that this is going to be the best school year ever!

Our first PTSA meeting was held in September and we had a record number in attendance. It was very exciting to see so many parents/guardians come out to support the school. Our next meeting is October 9th at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to join us.

Students who have NOT received a discipline referral from the beginning of the year until September 29th, will receive a free pass to Thomas Stone's October 3rd football game against La Plata. They will also receive a 50% off pass for one parent. We are very appreciative of this incentive Mr. Martin, Principal at Stone, offered our students. Those students attending are asked to wear their gym shirts so they can be easily recognized as Hanson students. They will be recognized during halftime. *Students must be accompanied by a parent.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given the administration, the staff, and the students during our opening. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Hile
Principal**Bus Information: Ms. Davis, Vice Principal and Bus-Coordinator**

Effective September 29, 2008, students that are tardy to their bus three (3) times will be assigned lunch detention. Students are expected to report to their lockers and directly to their buses. Buses are dismissed promptly at 3:12 p.m. This policy is necessary to ensure that drivers are able to get students home and arrive at their next school on time.

Parents/guardians are also reminded that requests for bus passes will not be honored. Students must ride their assigned bus. When a student is unable to ride their bus, it is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to arrange transportation. Requests for permanent bus changes can be made through the *Transportation Department* at the *Board of Education*.

Parents and students are reminded that riding the bus is a privilege. Students can be suspended from the bus for a minimum of one day, but up to an entire school year should the student fail to abide by the safety rules. Parents are reminded that should their child be suspended from the bus, it is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from school.

Archery Club and Band News 



The Archery Club begins the week of October 13th. The 6th graders will have club on Mondays and the 7th & 8th graders will have Archery Club on Wednesday.

6th Graders: October 13, 20, 27, November 3 and 10. Shoot-off for competitive team will be November 10th weather permitting.

7th & 8th Graders: October 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 12th.

The competitive teams will continue on Monday, October 17, 25, December 1 and 8th.

Band News & Dates:

October 21 *All-County Band Auditions*—Thomas Stone H. S. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

November 15 *All-State Band Auditions* by appointment

November 17-December 2 *Joe/Grandma Corbi Fundraiser Delivery* on December 15, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

December 3 *Band Proceeds Night at Waldorf Marketplace* 5:00-9:00 p.m.

December 11 *Winter Concert* John Hanson MS. 7:00 p.m. (grades 6-8 Bands)

December 13 *Tri-County Band Auditions* Chopticon H.S. 8:30-11:00 a.m.



8th Grade Social Studies—Mr. Brashears, Ms. Dalton & Mrs. Jackson

Students in 8th grade Social Studies have just finished learning about the similarities and differences between the New England, Middle and Southern colonies. The French and Indians had a war with the English (the British won) and we are now working on the American Revolution. This will be followed by the beginnings of our government with topics such

as Continental Congress, Constitution, Rights & Responsibilities, 3 Branches of Government, etc.

After our country has a government in place, we will begin to move westward with the Louisiana Purchase and the famous Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery. Also, 8th graders have started the History Fair Project and should be

doing research at home.

Finally, the students are still doing well with homework. This is the time where the separation between the “A” student and all others really begin. Homework must be accomplished and turned in on time because the points will add up quickly before the report cards come out.



Math Facts and National Junior Honor Society

Mathcounts will have its first meeting on Monday, October 13th, after school in Mrs. Zemlo’s room. Permission slips can be picked up from Mrs. Zemlo.



The Environmental Club will have its first meeting on Wednesday, October 1st, after school in Mrs. Zemlo’s room. Permission slips can be picked up from Mrs. Zemlo.

The Algebra 1 First Quarter Assessment will be conducted on Monday, October 21, 2008.

National Junior Honor Society:

A reminder for new members. NJHS meets the first Monday of each month until 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is October 6th.

We’re looking forward to a great year!

