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November 6, 2026



Dear HMS Families,

Congratulations to our "Warriors of the Quarter!"

Congratulations to the above pictured students for being nominated by their team of teachers for either demonstrating Hard Work & Grit, and following our core values of The Warrior Way! I have included their names following my narrative.

Quarter 1 Final Grades will be available in Aspen by 3:30 pm this afternoon. The Aspen Go mobile app is now available for Seekonk Public Schools. You can download it from your device's app store. After installing, select "Seekonk Public Schools" from the dropdown menu and log in using the credentials you received. If you need assistance, please contact aspenhelp@seekonkschools.org

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Town Meeting is Monday, November 9th at 6:00 PM in the high school auditorium. Please access the links below to the Town Meeting webpage and the School Building Committee webpage for additional information. The babysitting sign up link is also below.

https://www.seekonk-ma.gov/573/Town-Meeting

https://www.seekonkschools.org/msba-building-project

Babysitting:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeeWNIwYBxO_Dr1HmfG4Sw3P32KnqYXyU-y_s-FhtsbkUhIg/viewform

HMS boys and girls basketball registration closes TONIGHT at midnight. Tryouts begin THIS Monday after school in the gym.

Monday, Nov. 9, 2026- Boys Grades 6 and 7- 2:45-4:15
Monday, Nov. 9, 2026- Girls All Grades 4:15-5:45

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026- Boys Grades 7 and 8- 2:45-4:15

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026- Girls All Grades- 2:45-4:15
Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026- Boys Grade 6 and 8- 4:15-5:45

LINK TO REGISTER:
https://students.arbitersports.com/seekonk-high-school/hurley-middle-school-2026-winter-registration

Without registering, your student will not be able to try-out so please get this done today if you haven't already done so. Any questions please contact Ms. Manigan: manigank@seekonkschools.org.

Boys' Coach: Mr. Tom Holden holdent@seekonkschools.org

Girls' Coach: Mr. Mike Manton mantonm@seekonkschools.org

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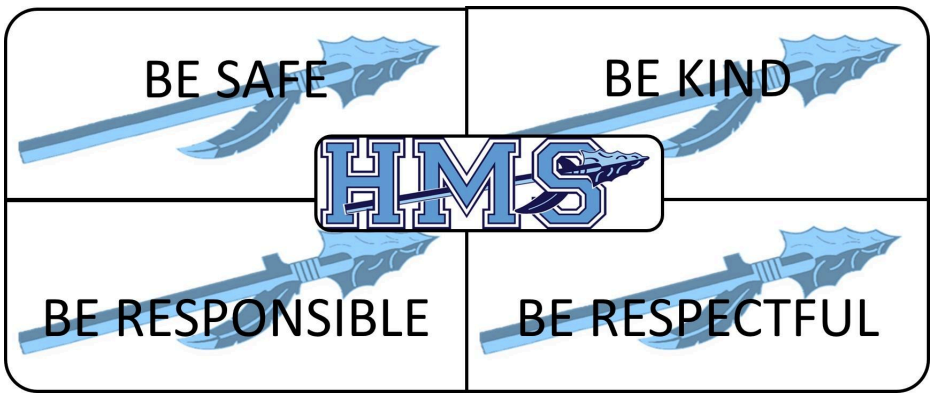


Congratulations to the Pumpkin Raffle Winners (last Friday), and thank you to Mrs. Lee and HMS staff members for their creative pumpkins!

There is no school Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bouchard



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"Warrior of the Quarter"- Quarter One

Red:

Declan Craft – Warrior Way
Cayleigh Gallagher – Hard Work & Grit

Yellow:

Gwendolyn Jones – Warrior Way
Harrison McLeish – Hard Work & Grit

Green:

Evelyn Pinwanish – Warrior Way
Everette Nyzio – Hard Work & Grit

Purple:

Greyson DeCoste - Warrior Way
Arianna Lamoureux – Hard Work & Grit

Blue:

John Quinn – Warrior Way
Joslynn Greene – Hard Work & Grit

Orange:

Cruz Andrade – Warrior Way
Marina de Barros – Hard Work & Grit

Encore:

6th
George Anderson – Warrior Way
Zaria Noureen – Hard Work & Grit

7th
Evangeline Markie – Warrior Way
Nevaeh Penha – Hard Work & Grit

8th
Landyn Tavares – Warrior Way
Gianna Lastrina – Hard Work & Grit

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8th Grade News: Class of 2031

A representative from Bristol County Agricultural High School (Bristol Aggie) visited HMS on Monday, November 2nd, to meet with interested 8th-grade students and share information about the school's programs, opportunities, and student experience. Students who are interested in applying are encouraged to complete an application using the following link: https://bristolaggie.go2cte.org/. Students who attended the informational session were also sent the application link directly to their Seekonk Schools email accounts.

A representative from Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School visited HMS on Wednesday, November 4th, accompanied by former HMS students who are now juniors at TCRHS. During the visit, they met with interested 8th-grade students to share information about Tri-County's programs, opportunities, and student experience. Families interested in learning more about what Tri-County has to offer are encouraged to attend its Open House on **Saturday, November 7th**. Students who are interested in applying can access the application using the following link: https://tri-county.go2cte.com/. Students who attended the informational session were also sent the application link directly to their Seekonk Schools email accounts.



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Thanksgiving Basket Program:

Sharing Hope and Harvest with Those in Need

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Seekonk, MA is available to help the community. Their mission is to help people in need. They are all volunteers and funded 100% by donations. Although they are a Catholic group, they help people in need without regard to any religious affiliation.

Currently, they are organizing Thanksgiving baskets for families in need, to help with the stress and costs of providing a Thanksgiving meal for their family. They do not require names and addresses, only the number of baskets needed and the number of members per family per school. We at the school will have the names in order to distribute the x

If you are in need and would like a Thanksgiving basket to help your family, please write the last name and # of family members.

This form is due by November 5th

Click on this link to register and receive *Thanksgiving Support*

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SCIENCE: Ms. Chapin

We have continued moving forward with our matter unit by investigating how heat moves and particles change formation in endothermic & exothermic reactions. Students have used data to design cold packs to help sprained ankles and will be designing their own incubator to keep reptile eggs safe!

ELA: Mrs. Thiv.

I can see the end of our Fiction & Figurative Language unit coming fast! This past week, the kids worked on review activities (recovering from writing their first full 5-paragraph essay! ;)) - and started their Final Fiction Assessment study guide. We will complete the study guide on Monday, review it Tuesday, play a review game Thursday and **test** on Friday!

Next up is our dedicated Informational Text Unit. We kick off with Info Text features as a review/learning experience for some of us. My favorite project happens during this unit and I can't wait to share it with everyone!

Happy Friday!

MATH: Mrs. Cabral

That's a wrap on the first quarter! Students did a great job on decimal, fraction, and percent conversions and we've moved on to finding the percent of a number. From there we will be talking all about ratios where they will practice writing equivalent ratios, fill in ratio tables, and find unit rates to determine which item is the better buy!

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SOCIAL STUDIES: Mrs. Goris

This week kiddos are implementing what they learned about the 8 markers of civilization by creating their own civilizations. As a group, they will put together travel brochures for their made up civilization and outline each marker to show understanding of the marker and their own creativity implementing it in their civilization. This is a week-long project that will require collaboration and creativity, both of which kiddos do great with!

8th Grade Orange Team

ELA - Mrs. Johnson

Essential Questions: How can one person's heroic struggles create change in their community? How can learning about other cultures develop self-awareness?



In our recent reading of *Amal Unbound*, by Aisha Saeed, Amal continues adjusting to her difficult new life as a servant in the local landlord's household. She misses her family, her friends, and especially her education. As Amal spends more time in the household, she begins to understand how much control Jawad Sahib has over the people in her village. She sees how the servants are expected to obey without questioning anything and how people are afraid to stand up for themselves. Amal realizes that her situation is connected to a much bigger problem involving power and inequality. Although she feels powerless, she does not want to give up on herself or accept that this is how her life will always be.

We paired the reading with a poem, "Rock the Boat", by Elizabeth Acevedo. Students analyzed the theme of the poem, the importance of speaking up when something feels wrong, yet the idiom also foreshadows Amal's future in *Amal Unbound*. Eventually, Amal will encounter a situation when she must decide whether she is capable of "upsetting the status quo" and "rocking the boat" in her difficult circumstances.

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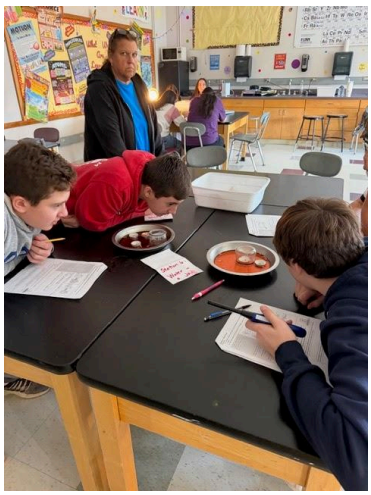
Science - Mrs. Dieringer

This week in Science, students began investigating concepts that relate to weather. To start the week, students completed a lab in which they demonstrated and observed many concepts related to weather. As an added bonus, we shared the experience with the blue team students. These included air pressure, density, convection currents, cloud formation, and local winds. On Wednesday we went over each station in order to connect what students observed, to the actual weather phenomena. To end the week, students worked on a performance task in which they learned about the 1993 Storm of the Century. They used the data provided to make conclusions about which conditions in the air that contribute to storms and how meteorologists predict the weather.

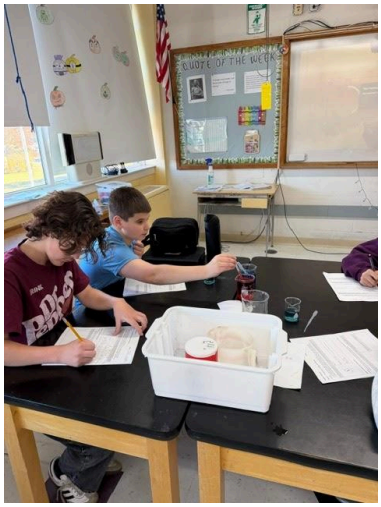












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Civics - Mr. Synan

Federalism protects states' rights, but how did the Founding Fathers prevent the national government from gaining too much power? We answered that question in Civics this week with a look at the three branches of government. Students learned what the legislative, executive, and judicial branches do, why they were created, and how they work together to check each other's power.

Any good discussion of the separation of powers includes learning about veto power, judicial review, and checks and balances. This week's discussion was just a quick overview of these branches. We will go into much greater detail on each in the coming months.

If you missed the conversation starters in my ParentSquare message, they are below.

1. What does each of the branches do?
2. How do they check each other's power?
3. What's a veto?

Mr. Daigneault - Math

In CP 8 we are finishing up linear equations with word problems. We'll be moving onto inequalities and eventually focusing on absolute value inequalities. We had our first quiz of the second quarter today.

In 8th grade math we have finished our review of expression simplifying and equation solving and will be applying our algebra skills to triangle problems. Our first quiz of the second quarter will be Tuesday.

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Recent Art with Mrs. Farrow







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⭐ HMS Dance Club ⭐

🎉 Please join us on Tuesday's after school 🎉

Get ready to stretch, groove, and shine — because *Dance Club* will officially kick off on November 17th!

Mrs. Kenney (Advisor) – KenneyR@seekonkschools.org

🎶 **Weekly Practice Details:**

Tuesdays after school in the Caf, 2:40–3:25 PM

High energy • Great music • Fun combos

💃 Special Guests:

Guest Choreographers from Seekonk High School will join us — current students & former HMS Dance Club alumni!

👟 **What to Bring:**

- **Comfy clothes you can dance in**
- **A positive attitude & your best energy!**

We Can't Wait to Start Dancing With You!



⚠️ Important:

A signed permission form and updated physical must be on file to participate.

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