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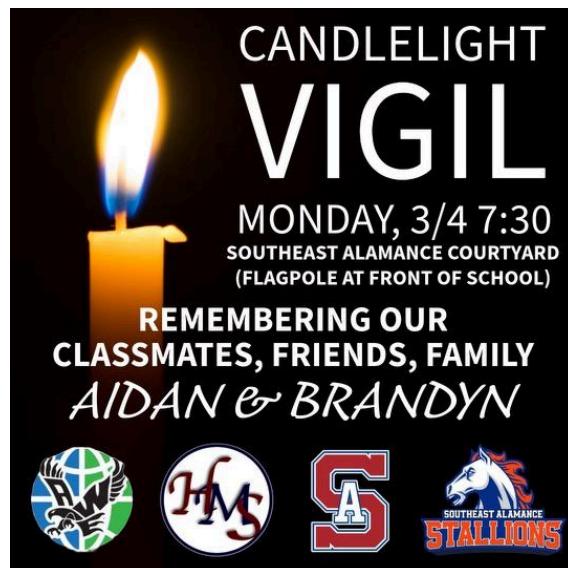
**March 3, 2024**

Good Evening Husky Families,

This is Lauren Acome calling with the weekly updates from Hawfields Middle School. As a reminder, Tuesday, March 5th is a teacher workday. There is no school for students on Tuesday.

This week we celebrate National School Social Workers Week. I would like to recognize Donna Layton, Hawfields Social Worker, for the role that she plays in fostering a positive learning environment, addressing mental health concerns, and nurturing the well-being of our students. Her dedication, and expertise empower our school community to thrive. Please help me honor and recognize Mrs. Layton for her impact at Hawfields Middle School.

As most of you are aware, the Southeast Alamance community tragically lost two students on Thursday night. Both of these young men attended Hawfields for middle school. There will be a candlelight vigil on Monday at 7:30 pm in the courtyard at Southeast Alamance High School for those that would like to attend. Please keep the families, students, and staff of the Southeast Alamance High School community in your thoughts during this challenging time.



**ABSS Transfer Window:** The window to request a transfer to a school outside of your assigned zone for the 2024-2025 school year is March 1 through April 1, 2024. The form to request a transfer is available on the ABSS website and will be turned off on April 1st. It is linked below.

<https://forms.gle/uY3gk41MhJLmrcsv8>

If your student already has an approved transfer, it is in effect through the grade span (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). If your student is at the end of the grade span, you must re-apply for a transfer to attend a school outside of your assigned zone. Per Board Policy, if your student is granted a transfer, they may be ineligible to participate in ABSS athletics for 365 days.

**NC Check-In Math:** This Thursday, we will administer the Math NC Check-In to all 6th - 8th grade students. NC Check-Ins are interim assessments aligned to North Carolina grade-level content standards developed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). The main purpose of NC Check-Ins is to provide students, teachers, and parents with immediate data and a reliable estimate of students' current performance on the selected content standards. **It is extremely important that your student arrives at school on time on Thursday to ensure that our test administration can begin on time.**

**HMS Bookfair:** The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Hawfields soon! Students will be given an opportunity to preview the Book Fair on Friday, March 8. Each grade level will be given the opportunity to make purchases during their Social Studies classes on the following days:

- Tuesday, March 12 - 6th grade.
- Wednesday, March 13 - 7th grade.
- Thursday, March 14 - 8th grade.

Families can set up an eWallet to send in money safely with their student or cash can be used. Thank you for supporting the media center to purchase new books for our library!



**PowerSchool Parent Portal:** In order to stay up to date about your child's grades and attendance, it is very important that you download the Powerschool Parent Portal App. [HERE](#) is all the information you need to download the app and set up its features. Also, if you want to be a parent observer in your child's Canvas courses then [click here](#) for instructions to set that up.

**Free & Reduced Lunch Application:** Breakfast (and lunch) are not universally free for all students. If you would like your child to eat meals at school, you will either need to put money on their online account, using this [link](#), or you will need to secure a free/reduced lunch status by filling out the required form. The form is available in the HMS main office or you can fill it out online:

<https://www.lunchapplication.com/> [More information is available here.](#)

If your students owe money for lunch fees, please send money to the main office or make payment online through the [K12 payment center](#). [It is extremely important that all lunch debt is paid off in a timely manner.](#)

**Athletic Updates:**

Track tryouts will take place on Monday, 3/4 and Wednesday, 3/6. In order for students to try out they need to have a current physical on file and they need to have completed the registration in [Dragonfly](#).

If you have any questions about athletics, please contact our Athletic Director, Lavar Marsh at [lavar\\_marshall@abss.k12.nc.us](mailto:lavar_marshall@abss.k12.nc.us).

**Upcoming Calendar Events:**

- March 4 - March 8 - National School Social Worker Week
- Monday, March 4 - **Tornado Drill**
- Tuesday, March 5 - **Teacher Workday. No school for students**
- Thursday, March 7 - Math NC Check-In
- Monday, March 11 - 8th grade Science NC Check-In
- Tuesday, March 19 - HMS Boys & Girls Soccer at Woodlawn
- Wednesday, March 20 - HMS Volleyball & Baseball vs. Woodlawn at HOME
- Thursday, March 21 & Friday March 22 - ABSS Middle and High School All County Chorus
- Thursday, March 21 - HMS Boys & Girls Soccer vs. Broadview at HOME
- Thursday, March 21 - HMS Volleyball & Baseball at Broadview
- Tuesday, March 26 - HMS Boys & Girls Soccer at Graham
- Wednesday, March 27 - HMS Volleyball & Baseball vs. Graham at HOME
- Wednesday, March 27 - HMS Track Meet at Southern
- Thursday, March 28 - End of the 3rd Quarter
- Thursday, March 28 - HMS Boys and Girls Soccer vs. Southern at HOME
- Thursday, March 28 - HMS Volleyball & Baseball at Southern
- March 29 - April 5 - Spring Break. No school for staff or students.