

Message From the Principal

9/22/25

Hello Golden Bear Country,

We are already approaching the halfway point of Quarter 1! Students are diving into the curriculum, and we encourage students to consistently monitor their academic progress. Stay tuned for the start of this year's Bear Academy, our after-school program that provides academic support, extended instruction, and tutoring opportunities for all students. We also encourage parents/guardians to review their child's progress by logging into HCPSS Connect to view grades.

*** Important Reminder: There is NO SCHOOL tomorrow, Tuesday, September 23, 2025. We look forward to seeing students back at 7:50 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24th.

I would like to thank our AAM, Mr. Michael Salapata for organizing a smooth and exciting game night last Friday as we hosted Oakland Mills High School for the Raven Game of the week. A special shoutout and thank you to The Baltimore Ravens, Dr. Calvin Ball (County Executive), Mr. Bill Barnes (HCPSS Superintendent), Ms. Diane Morris (Executive Director of Secondary Schools), Dr. Jeffrey Fink (Director of High Schools), Mr. Adam Eldridge (HC Director of Athletics and Activities), HC Security Department, HCPD, Mr. Dwayne Williams (Principal, Oakland Mills HS), and HaHS Boosters. For those that missed the big announcement, the Baltimore Ravens are partnering with Howard County to launch the Girls Flag Football team starting in Howard County High schools next year. We are so excited! "Football is for girls!"

Family File

We are getting closer to full completion, but every student's Family File must be updated each school year. It is critical that the school has accurate contact and emergency information so we can reach families quickly when needed. Students whose Family File is not updated will not be permitted to attend field trips or the Homecoming Dance. Please take a few minutes to update your child's Family File in [HCPSS Connect](#) as soon as possible.

Need help? We have been providing Family File help sessions every Thursday in September. Our last support session will be available this Thursday, September 25, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. in the front lobby.

Thank you for helping us keep students safe and ensuring they don't miss out on upcoming activities!

Final Call: HCPSS Family Academy Kickoff

Date: Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Oakland Mills High School

This districtwide event is open to all HCPSS families and will feature:

- A session with Superintendent Bill Barnes
- Resource tables hosted by HCPSS offices and local organizations
- Information on programs, resources, and services available throughout the school year
- Childcare and language access provided

For additional information, please visit the [Family Academy Kickoff HCPSS News Post](#).

Flier: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Korean](#)

Boosters' Corner

- 2 Fundraisers coming up
 - Restaurant Night – Music Boosters
 - Tonight's the night! Support the Hammond Music Boosters by dining at Chipotle (9851 Broken Land Pkwy) from 5–9 p.m. Use code 2T94PGQ when placing a mobile order, and a portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Music Boosters.
 - Saturday, Sept. 27 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - Oakland Mills High School
 - Music Booster Car Wash
 - Need a clean car? Let our music students take care of it
 - Saturday, September 27 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 - Exxon, 8850 Gorman Road, Laurel, MD
- JOIN BOOSTERS - [Here](#)

- Sign-Up to Volunteer - [Here](#) We really need your help. The idea is to volunteer during events when your child is not involved, therefore freeing you up when others can do the same and you get to sit and enjoy supporting your kid.
- Get your Hammond Gear - [Here](#)
- JOIN Music Boosters - [Here](#)
- Follow HaHS Sports - [County Sports Zone](#) or our School calendar found on the website.

Cell Phone Policy

The Cell Phone Policy is in effect for the 2025–26 school year. Please continue to have discussions with your students as Policy 8080 - [Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools and Social Media](#), requires that all personal electronic devices should not be used, seen, or heard from 7:50a - 2:35p. Please help develop a daily plan of where your child will store their powered off cell phones, earbuds, headphones, and iPads during the school day. If you need to connect with your child in an emergency, please call the front office, (410) 313-7615 and we will be glad to assist.

Wishing everyone a great week.

Go Bears!

~Mrs. Reid