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March 13, 2026

Dear HMS Families,

Thursday, March 19th is an early release day as staff will be participating in professional development. **Middle school students will be dismissed at 12:10 pm.**

Just a reminder to all 8th grade parents: Course selection forms were due today. If your student has not turned theirs in, please send them in on Monday to Mrs. Czech. Reach out to her if you have any questions or concerns regarding the course selection process.

Warrior Block

This week during Warrior Block, HMS students explored various career paths through their MEFA Pathway portal during Supercore.

Students completed two activities in which they matched favorite subjects and interests to potential careers. From there, students were able to learn specifics about the careers such as education requirements, salary, and estimated future growth in the career.



Sincerely,

Ms. Bouchard

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HMS Student & Staff Lobby Hours

Students: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 2:40 PM

- ***Chips, cookies, and refreshments will be provided!***

&

Staff: Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 7:30 AM

- ***Breakfast treats & coffee will be provided!***

Where: Upstairs Tower Lobby!



Join Ms. Bouchard & Mr. Scott in the upstairs Tower Lobby for an informal session to share thoughts, feedback, ask questions, and engage in conversations about HMS!

Your voice matters! Come be a part of the conversation!

Talking Points:

- What is going well this year?
- What challenges have you faced?
- What has been difficult this year?
- What would you like to see change here at HMS?
- Is there anything we can do to better support you?

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MARCH MADNESS ASSEMBLY

Connect. Inspire. Celebrate.

Ms. Bouchard
Success & MCAS Mindset

8th Grade Students
The Warrior Way!

Performances by HMS
Pep Band, Cheer, Drama,
Unified Basketball
and Dance Club!

Student vs. Staff Minute to Win it Challenges

Community Spotlight

MARCH 19, 2026



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Inclusion Spirit Week

Monday
March 23rd

Be an Inclusion Hero!

Dress up as your favorite Super Hero!



Tuesday
March 24th

Multicultural Community

Wear something that represents your culture.



Wednesday
March 25th

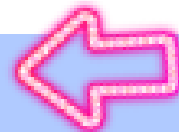
HMS Warrior Pride Day

Wear blue or HMS gear to show your support for the Unified Sports Teams

Thursday
March 26th

Kalidescope Day!

Wear Tie Dye or Neon colors to show how bright our future is with you in it!




Friday
March 27th

PAJAMAS ALL DAY

Be YOUnique!

Wear something to show how comfortable you are to be YOUrself. PJ's are okay too!

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HMS

STEAM

FAMILY NIGHT

JOIN US TO DISCOVER THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF
SCIENCE, **T**ECHNOLOGY, **E**NGINEERING, **A**RTS AND **M**ATHEMATICS
 THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
5:30 - 7:00 PM



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MARCH 19

SKILL ACTIVITIES

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SCIENCE: Ms. Chapin

We FINALLY wrapped up our density unit - grades for unit tests will be in their portals by Wednesday. We are looking forward to our next unit on the moon, planets, and gravity. We will be investigating how eclipses work, why they are so rare, how planets are different from and similar to one another, and how the universe is held together. I know there are many students who are excited about this topic because they have been asking me about it all year!

ELA: Mrs. Thiv.

There is so much to catch up on in ELA! Currently, we are reading an amazing novel - "Refugee" by Alan Gratz. It follows the stories of 3 teen refugees and their struggles to get to safety with their families. We will be almost halfway through the book this week. Every day looks different with the book - while we read every day, their work with it changes. MCAS-style multiple choice, literary elements practice, and *writing!*

Last week we worked through a single CER paragraph with a hook. This week, we added an intro paragraph with a hook, context and **thesis** - this will start to prepare them for 7th grade writing expectations. We also added a CER paragraph to that as well - mirroring a body paragraph that would be part of a complete essay.

I am hoping with repetition that writing will be less daunting before MCAS!

NONFICTION BOOK COMPETITION

The kids did such great work on their nonfiction books, but each class voted to pick their favorite book(s) overall. The winners from each period were:

B - "Frogs" by Evan & "Seasons" by Lily

C - "Lebron James" by Michael C & "Kobe Bryant" by Jeremy

E - "All About Otters" by Annabelle

F - "Stingrays" by Cameron & "Red Pandas" by Emalyn

The vote was put out to the HMS Staff, after, to pick the
Ultimate Winner.

The grand prize goes to...



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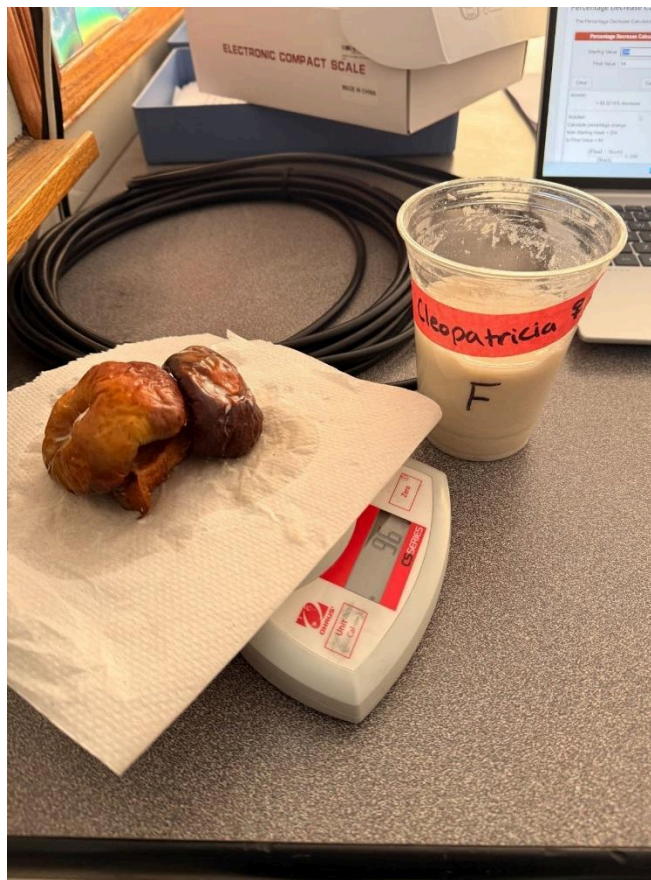
Congratulations, Evan! ❤️

MATH: Mrs. Cabral

We've officially started introducing letters into math, let the confusion commence! We're working on algebraic expressions and learning how variables represent unknown quantities. We're evaluating algebraic expressions for different values and learning how we can write expressions from real life examples. We'll soon move on to combining like terms and writing algebraic expressions in their simplest form!

SOCIAL STUDIES: Mrs. Goris

In the past few weeks, we have begun wrapping up our Egypt Unit. Students made Papyrus paper and got to see what would happen if they mummified an apple for 4 weeks. This week we are continuing to refine our writing skills and practice what it means to do Historical Writing.



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7th Grade Green Team News!

ELA with Mrs. Harrington:

We are currently underway in our WWII-era unit, learning about the Holocaust through excerpts from *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank. This unit helps students understand an important historical period while also exploring themes of courage, resilience, and the importance of standing up for others. Students are beginning to notice that Anne was a regular middle schooler, much like themselves, which makes her story especially powerful and relatable. In the weeks ahead, we will also read excerpts from *The Boy on the Wooden Box* by Leon Leyson, *Terrible Things* by Eve Bunting, and a variety of articles and poems connected to this pivotal time in history. Throughout the unit, we will focus on themes of mindset and perseverance while also practicing key reading skills such as analyzing theme and tone.

Students have IXLs due this Friday, 3/13.

Math with Mrs. Costa:

After finishing their unit on solving equations with a Friday quiz, Periods A, D, and F are now diving into simplifying expressions. They are using checklists and the mnemonic SADVCM—much like PEMDAS—to navigate the multi-step process. Ask them about 'mish mush'; they certainly know what it means!"

Period C has transitioned from inequalities to exploring angle relationships. Instead of relying on measurement tools, students will be using 'mangled angle' exercises to sharpen their deductive reasoning skills and solve for unknown measures. I can't wait to see their common sense and logic in action!

With the change of season, it's a great time to refresh our classroom habits! We are working on organization through regular binder cleanouts, so please help your student ensure that their math materials (worksheets, 'C Cubes,' and 'Tools 2 Keep') are stored in their specific math binder. I have also noticed a need for more pencils and erasers. Finally, helping them remember to charge their Chromebooks each night ensures they are ready for a full day of learning.

Science with Mr. LaFond:

Recently in Science, students have been applying what they know about **water**, its different forms, where it's found, how it moves, and more to their understanding of the water cycle. Students learned about the water cycle in elementary school and potentially reviewed a bit last year, though this year we will dive a bit deeper. We started by using the real-world example of all that snow from a few weeks ago being virtually gone now (hard to believe!) to examine the question; *Where did it all go?* The great thing about this unit is that students experience and use water every single day, and

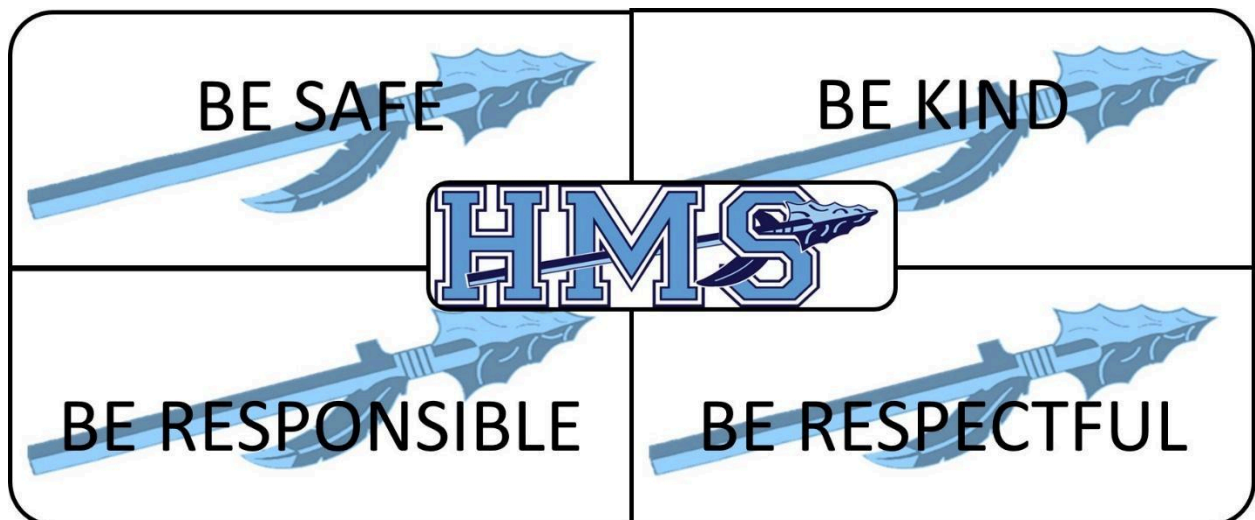
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have so much background knowledge. Though, there are some really cool things about water that we don't even realize, think about, or potentially even know about! Without going too in-depth, we've looked at what water is from a chemical level, as well as learned about some of the properties of water that make it such an integral part of the Earth and all life on it.

Social Studies with Mr. Sandstrom:

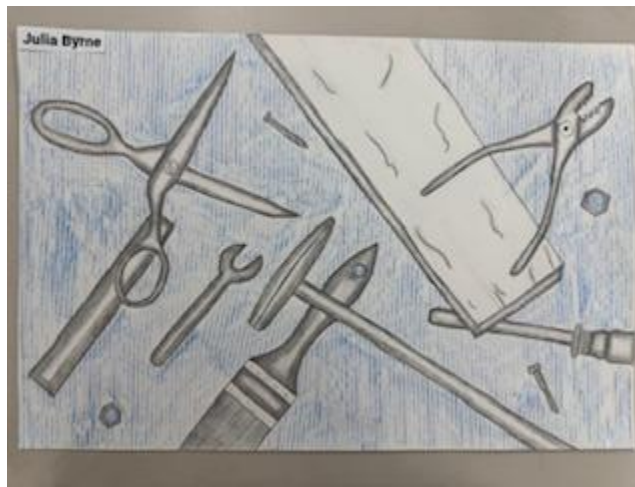
What is our purpose in this life? How can we live a good life rather than merely living to exist? What happens to us when we die? Hinduism, the ancient and polytheistic religion commonly found in South Asia, offers unique answers to these complex questions! This week, the Green Team explores the origins and core beliefs of Hinduism, one of the world's oldest surviving religions. A famously flexible belief system, Hinduism is the third-largest religion in the world and stresses the importance of concepts like karma, dharma, and reincarnation.

Hinduism often feels more disorganized than monotheistic religions like Christianity, Islam, and Judaism due to its sprawling and personalized nature: there is no exact date or event where the religion begins; there is no specific founding figure of the faith; attendance of religious services is not required; and there is no formal process to convert to the religion. Historically, Hinduism allows for followers to retain their beliefs in local gods and goddesses, providing a unique flexibility to how the religion is practiced. To demonstrate their knowledge of this popular religion, the students created a poster documenting the faith's early history, its major teachings and themes, and its spread over the course of thousands of years!

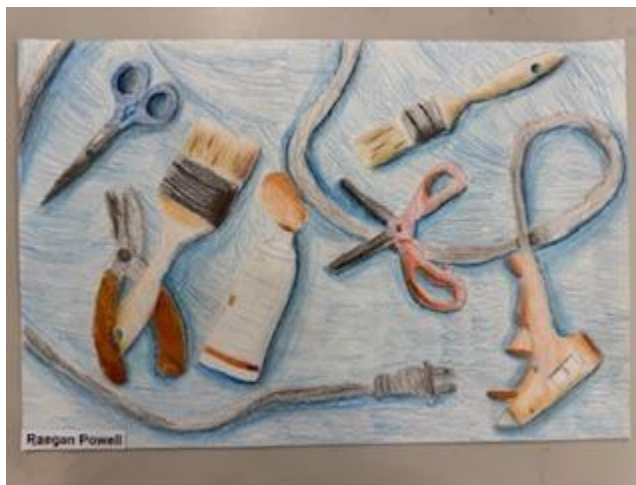


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ART with Mrs. Farrow!



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Warriors 2026 Baseball/Softball Tryout Schedule

Baseball

Monday, March 23rd: 6th & 7th grade- 2:45-4:30

Tuesday, March 24th: 6th & 8th grade- 2:45-4:30

Wednesday, March 25th: 7th & 8th grade- 2:45-4:30

Rain Date: Thursday, March 26th

Head Baseball Coach – Andrew Brum

Baseball rosters will be posted on the athletics tab of the Hurley website on Wednesday night at 8 PM with the first practice being held on March 26th (weather permitting).

Softball

Monday, March 23rd: 6-8 (all grades) - 2:45-4:30

Tuesday, March 24th: 6-8 (all grades) - 2:45-4:30

Rain Date: Wednesday, March 25th

Head Softball Coach – Lauren Paulo

Softball rosters will be posted on the athletics tab of the Hurley website on Tuesday night at 8 PM with the first practice being held on March 25th (weather permitting).

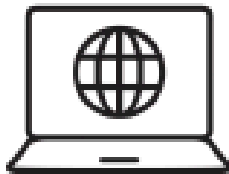
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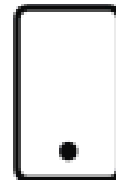


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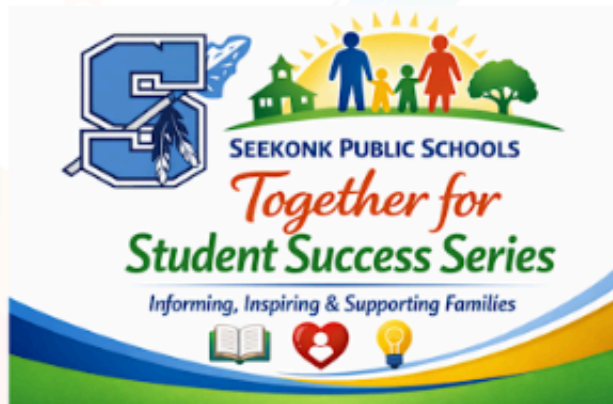
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Protecting Your Child in the Digital Era

Raising a child in the digital era can be a daunting task. In this presentation, parents/caregivers will be equipped with the tools needed to keep their children safe online. Participants will learn more about the most popular apps where children are at risk, ways to educate your child and tips to better monitor devices.

Wed., March 18, 2026 | 6:00PM-7:00PM
Seekonk High School Library/Media Center
Please RSVP Via ParentSquare by
Monday, March 16.

Babysitting is Available

For additional information contact the
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SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9
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Information & Tickets



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| CyberFlight: Taking Cyber Skills to New Heights! | July 13-17 | 8:30AM to 2:30PM | Grades 6-9 (Fall 26) | \$300 |
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