



May 19, 2024

Good Evening Husky Families,

This is Lauren Acome with the weekly updates from Hawfields Middle School.

I want to begin by extending a huge congratulations to our band members and Band Director, Mrs. Jennifer Payne, on their outstanding performance at the band concert last Thursday! Their dedication, hard work, and passion for music were on full display, captivating the audience and filling the gym with music that touched hearts and inspired spirits. Each note was a testament to the countless hours of practice and commitment poured into perfecting their craft.

We are immensely proud of our band for their exemplary performance and commend Mrs. Payne for her exceptional leadership and mentorship. Please help me congratulate all of our band members on a phenomenal year!

Chorus Concert: Our end-of-the-year chorus concert will take place this Thursday, May 23rd, at 7:00 pm at Southeast Alamance High School. Our chorus students have been working tirelessly to prepare a spectacular evening of music, and they are eager to share their hard work and passion with you. We encourage everyone to come out and support these dedicated students. Your presence means the world to them and helps foster a sense of community and appreciation for the arts. Join us for an unforgettable night filled with beautiful harmonies and inspiring performances.

End-of-Grade Assessments: This week is the last full week of instruction and review before the EOGs, which begin on Wednesday, May 29th. It is extremely important for students to be present and actively engaged in their classes this week. The preparation and review happening now are crucial for their success on the upcoming assessments. The EOG schedule is below. It is extremely important that your student is at school and on-time for their EOGs!

The EOGs will be administered on the following days:

- **Wednesday, May 29th:** 6-8 grade Math; Math 1
- **Thursday, May 30th:** 6-8 grade Reading
- **Friday, May 31st:** 8th grade Science

Memorial Day: Please note that next Monday, May 27th, is Memorial Day. There will be no school for staff and students as we honor and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our great country.

All for Lunch & Lunch for All: You can help us make sure that every child at Hawfields Middle School has access to a school lunch. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go towards eliminating school lunch debt and making sure every child has access to lunch at school throughout Hawfields Middle School. Together we can make a difference. Any donation made directly to the link below will go directly to Hawfields lunch debt. We appreciate your support of our students!

<https://allforlunch.org/hawfields>

Attendance: Hawfields Middle School is committed to engaging students in challenging learning opportunities that are matched to individual needs. In order to allow our teachers and staff to support students in this way, it is imperative that every student attend school regularly. **Our overall average attendance rate last week was 95.7%**, with the 8th grade class having the highest attendance at 96.7%! Thank you for helping us keep our weekly attendance at 95% or higher!.

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 before the last day of school.

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. Finally, if you want to be a parent observer in your child's Canvas courses then [click here](#) for instructions to set that up. If you have any questions please reach out to us.

Athletic Updates:

Athletic Banquet: The end-of-the-year athletic banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 in the HMS gym.

Spring Football Practices: Coach Marsh will be holding spring football practices for any current 6th and 7th grader interested in playing next year. Practices will be held on Monday, 5/20, Wednesday, 5/22 and Friday, 5/24 from 3:45 - 5:15 pm.

If you have any questions about athletics, please contact our Athletic Director, Lavar Marsh at lavar_marsh@abss.k12.nc.us.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Monday, May 20: Spring Football practice - 3:45 - 5:15 pm
- Tuesday, May 21: Athletics Banquet - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 22: Spring Football practice - 3:45 - 5:15 pm
- Thursday, May 23: HMS Chorus Concert at Southeast - 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 24: Spring Football practice - 3:45 - 5:15 pm
- Monday, May 27: Memorial Day Holiday - no school for staff and students
- Wednesday, May 29 - **Math End-of-Grade Assessment**
- Thursday, May 30 - **Reaching End-of-Grade Assessment**
- Friday, May 31 - **8th grade Science End-of-Grade Assessment**
- Friday, June 7 - Last Day of School for Students
- Friday, June 7 - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- Monday, June 10 - Required Teacher Workday (EOY Luncheon & Celebration)
- Tuesday, June 11 - Optional Teacher Workday
- Wednesday, June 12 - Optional Teacher Workday
- Thursday, June 13 - Optional Teacher Workday