



March 17, 2024

Good Evening Husky Families,

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

We are two weeks away from the end of the 3rd quarter grading period. The end of the 3rd quarter grading period is Thursday, March 28th. Please take a minute to review your child's grades in Powerschool.

Student Dress Code: As the weather is warming up, please take a moment to review the [ABSS Student Code of Conduct](#), Rule #2 for the Dress Code. Each student is expected to maintain an appearance that is neither distracting to other students nor disruptive to the educational environment and healthy climate of the school. Students who are out of dress code will be asked to change.

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 95.6%**, with the 6th grade class having the highest attendance at 96.8%. Thank you for helping us keep our weekly attendance at 95% or higher!

2024-2025 ABSS Academic Calendar: The district has approved the academic calendar for the 24-25 school year. The approved calendar is linked below:
[24-25 ABSS Approved School Calendar](#)

8th Grade visit to CTEC: 8th grade students have the opportunity to visit CTEC on Friday, March 22 from 9:00 - 11:00 am. If you would like your 8th grade student to participate, please fill out this [permission form](#) by Monday, March 18, 2024.

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.

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:

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

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- 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
- Thursday, March 21 & Friday, March 22 - ABSS All County Chorus
- Friday, March 22 - 8th grade visit to CTEC
- 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.