

Holmes Middle School

Office of School Counseling Newsletter

From Mr. C's Desk



I hope everyone had a smooth and successful start to this new school year. The beginning of school is always a busy but exciting time for us. It's a time for the counselors and I to think about the lessons learned from the previous year and then implement ways on how we can improve this year. Hopefully, everyone has taken time to think about the goals they want to accomplish this upcoming school year.

An important date for our 6th grade parents to remember is our 6th Grade Mini-Conference

Night which will be held on Nov. 13 from 5 pm to 7 pm. A flyer will be sent home as we get closer to the date. Our 7th and 8th Grade Mini-Conference Night will be held later during the school year on February 13th also from 5 pm to 7 pm.

We are excited to once again offer our evening parent education classes this year. With help from the funds from our 21st Century Grant, we are able to offer English and GED classes to the parents and community of Holmes Middle School. To register, please contact Mr. Cabezas at 703-658-5906.

Parents, remember, if you have questions, concerns, or comments about your student's performance, don't hesitate to call our office.

- Dave Czarnecki

Quarter Interim and Grade Reporting

Quarter Begins	Interim Distributed	Quarter Ends	Grades Mailed
1st - Sept 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 31	Nov. 10
2nd - Nov. 5	Dec. 12	Jan. 23	Feb. 2
3rd - Jan. 28	Mar. 6	Apr. 2	Apr. 14
4th - Apr. 13	May 15	June 18	June 22

FCPS or computer system constraints may cause these dates to change.

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“In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins...not through strength but by perseverance.”

H. Jackson Brown

24-Hour Attendance Line 703-658-5919



Regular attendance at school is necessary for students to achieve academic success. All Virginia schools are required to refer students to the school attendance officer when a student has accumulated five days of unexcused absences.

Please utilize the Holmes 24-Hour Attendance Line to excuse your son or daughter when they are unable to attend school.

In addition, school begins at 7:50 am daily. If your son or daughter is going to be late for whatever reason, please send in a note or call the attendance line. If not, the tardy will be marked as unexcused.

Acceptable Excuses: Illnesses, doctor/dentist appointment, religious holiday, death in the family, pre-arranged absence.

Unacceptable Excuses: Overslept, babysitting, trips to the airport, car trouble, power outages, traffic, brother or sister is late, missing the bus, etc.

Excusing Check-Ins/Tardies: Written notes for check-in are required at the time of check in. If not, students will be signed in as unexcused and have 3 days to bring in a note from their parent/guardian. Students checking in late to school, whether excused or unexcused, must report to the Attendance Secretary first before going to class.



Excusing Check-Outs: Written notes are required and need to be brought to the Attendance Secretary before school begins. A pass will be given to the student stating the time the student is to be released from class to go to the main office. If the student returns to school that same day, he/she must report to the main office and check back in before returning to class.

Additionally, students wishing to ride home with a friend on a bus other than their own, must submit a written request from both students' parents. This request must be turned in to the front office.

After-School Program

Holmes Middle School is committed to educating the whole student. That is why we offer many after-school activities which encourage both academic and personal success.

To participate fully in any of the activities, students must agree to the following statement:

I agree to maintain a C average in all classes, have a maximum of 3 tardies in all classes, keep a clean discipline record (including Hawk Log), and follow all FCPS rules for conduct on the late bus home, in order to remain eligible for the club. If I break this agreement I understand that I can be suspended or released from the program.

Students must sign up for the late bus in the cafeteria during their lunch period on the day of the activity.

Late Bus Days

Mondays 3 to 4:15 pm
 Wednesdays 3 to 4:15 pm
 Thursdays 3 to 5 pm

Students who don't ride the bus must be picked up by their parents by 5:45 pm everyday.

Club Coordinators

- Art Club - Mr. Wagner
- Baseball Club - Mr. Nolan
- Basketball League - Mr. Czarnecki
- Boy's Club - Mr. Patton
- Clay Club - Ms. Augustine
- Drama Club - Mr. Clark
- E-Cybermission - Mr. Corpuz
- Fitness Club - Mrs. Nadherny
- Flag Football League - Mr. Farmerie
- Gardening Club - Mr. Copeland
- Girl's Club - Mrs. Shapiro
- Hawk Club - Mr. Cabezas
- Korean Club - Mrs. Lee
- Movie Club - Ms. Goble
- Math Counts - Ms. Zimomra
- Nadar Por Vida - Mrs. Torres
- Recycling Club - Mrs. Lawver
- Robotics Club - Mrs. Patton
- Science Olympiad - Mr. Copeland & Ms. Kelly
- Soccer Club - Mr. Hymel
- Soccer League - Mr. Farmerie
- Vietnamese Club - Mrs. Bui
- Weightlifting Club - Mr. Rogers

G.E.D Program

Holmes Middle School in partnership with Adult and Community Education of Fairfax County Public Schools is offering classes to adults who want to obtain their high school

equivalency through the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test.

Class meets every Wednesday from 5 pm to 8:00 pm until the end of December. Please call Mr. Cabezas at 703-658-5906 for more information and registration.



Flag Football Standings

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Pts +/-</u>
Purple Crush	3	1	+11
Redskins	3	1	+2
Golden Flash	2	2	-22
Prime Time	1	3	-28
Gators	1	3	+7

Week 1

Redskins	18
Gators	15
Purple Crush	13
Golden Flashes	15

Week 2

Gators	19
Prime Time	13
Golden Flashes	25
Redskins	32

Week 3

Redskins	25
Purple Crush	33
Prime Time	42
Golden Flashes	20

Week 4

Purple Crush	25
Prime Time	20
Gators	20
Golden Flashes	25

Week 5

Gators	0
Purple Crush	26
Prime Time	32
Redskins	36



November & December

November

- 3 & 4 Teacher Workdays – no school for students
Election Day
- 11 PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Library
- 13 6th Grade Mini Conference Night – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 **HOLMES MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY CLOSING**
STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 11:40 A.M.
- 19 6th Grade Honor Roll – 2:00 p.m.
- 21 7th Grade Honor Roll – 1:15 p.m.
8th Grade Honor Roll – 2:00 p.m.
- 26 2 Hour Early Closing for Students
- 27 – 28 Thanksgiving



December

- 2 Band Concert (7th & 8th Grades) – 7:30 p.m.- Cafeteria
- 4 Orchestra Concert (7th & 8th Grades) – 7:30 p.m.- Cafeteria
- 9 PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Library
Choral Concert (7th & 8th Grades) – 7:30 p.m.- Cafeteria
- 11 Fall Drama Production – 7:00 p.m. - Cafeteria
- 19 Hispanic Parent Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Lecture Hall

December 24 – January 4 – Winter Break

Insiders

For over 10 years, Holmes Middle School has had a working relationship with a group of local businesses called the Insiders. The Insiders meet biweekly to share leads and to network. Members from this group have been mentors to some of our students, speakers at Career Day, and have donated supplies and financial support to our school. In return, Holmes assists them in anyway we can. Please support these businesses whenever possible. Some of the listed businesses offer discounts to Holmes' staff members and parents. Thank you.

Air Conditioning & Heating

Chuck Moran

Moran's Refrigeration Service, Inc

703-642-1200

Chuckm45@aol.com

Computer Services

Bob Havey

D2D Computer Services

703-569-8195

havey@dtwod.com

Home Improvements

Edward Cassidy LLC

703-569-1138

Fisheye069@aol.com

Insurance

Health/Long Term Care/
Disability Life

Bernie Cohen

Insurance Solutions

703-933-9111

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www.BernieCohenInsurance.com

Insurance

Property, Casualty, & Liability

Cheryl Marquardt

Old Dominion Insurance Agency

703-765-7653

odia@erols.com

Investments & Financial

Planning

Carol Goldstone & Eric Goodson

Citigroup, Smith Barney

703-739-3680 or 703-739-3684

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Merchant Services

Gloria & David Jones

Central Payment Corporation

703-221-3446

Gloria.jones61@yahoo.com

Mortgages

Dan Clark

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

800-385-8671 x 5583

Daniel.clark@wellsfargo.com

www.wfhm.com/dan-clark1

Printing

Charley Kramer

Minuteman Press

703-440-0642

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springfieldva.minutemanpress.com

Real Estate Sales & Marketing

June La Marca/Max Allegiance

703-250-8500

llamarca@erols.com

www.junelamarca.com

Reverse Mortgages

Larry Tate

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

703-333-5575

Larry.tate@wellsfargo.com

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Taxes & Payroll

Charney Weber, CPA

703-922-5882

www.nationalpayrollcorp.com

Video Production Services

Abby M. Sternberg

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