

## **Hacker Middle School January Newsletter**

Welcome back to the start of the second semester! I hope your holidays were enjoyable and you are staying warm, safe and healthy. We are already halfway through our school year and, if history is any indicator, May will be here before we realize it. Please find below what will be helpful information about HMS for the month of January.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

January 17<sup>th</sup> – No School (Martin Luther King Day)

January 28<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day (wear your orange and black!)

February 4<sup>th</sup> – No School (Professional Development Day)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Before / After School Activities**

Our before and after school programs are back in full swing and we have added some new activities including Yearbook, Hair Braiding, Mars Rover, and Crocheting. As always we continue to have homework help / tutoring available each day, Monday through Thursday, both in the morning and after school.

We are also excited to announce our new program director, Liz Burnett. Though new to the role, Liz is not new to the district. She was most recently the media lab facilitator at East Elementary and was a Title 1 paraeducator here at Hacker prior to that. Should you have questions or need assistance regarding the before / after school program, please feel free to contact her at [burnett\\_ed@mtnhomesd.org](mailto:burnett_ed@mtnhomesd.org) or by calling her here at the Hacker Middle School (208)-587-2500.

Students who were enrolled in activities last semester are still enrolled in them for this semester. If you need to drop an activity, please contact Mrs. Burnett so we can open the slot to another student. Students who do not attend the activity for 3 meetings will be dropped and their slot opened to other students. Please use the following link to sign up your student for new activities:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054cabab28abff2-club> .

## **HMS Night with the Steelheads**

Once again this year, we are happy to partner with the Idaho Steelheads in offering *A Night with the Steelheads* on February, 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm as they take on the Tulsa Oilers. For the special ticket price of \$15.00 you receive admission to the Idaho Steelheads game on Saturday, February 12th at 7:00 pm vs. the Tulsa Oilers. Each ticket will receive a voucher good for a Double R Ranch Hot Dog, bag of Lay's Chips and small Pepsi product. For every ticket purchased through this link, \$5 will go directly back to Hacker Middle School! Tickets will be located in the Upper Level of Idaho Central Arena. Ticket orders must be placed at least 8 hours prior to the event start time OR subject to availability. Flyers will be going home with students soon but we wanted to give parents plenty of notice so that you are able to plan ahead.

Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.bit.ly/idahocentralarena> using the User Name **Hacker** and Password **Steelheads**.

It's a fun night out that you won't want to miss!

## **Other Information**

### **Inclement Weather**

Please be sure your student dresses accordingly (e.g. coats, gloves, hats, boots, etc.) as we will be outside as often as the weather allows as defined by the MHSD Inclement Weather Policy:

*+10° Students will not be admitted into the building until the admit bell rings. Students will go outside for all recesses.*

*10° to 0° Students will be admitted into the building early in the morning and will have limited recess activity.*

*0° and below Students will be admitted into the building early in the morning and will have very limited recess.*

*During periods of rainy or snowy weather, students will be allowed into the building depending on the precipitation levels.*

## **Canvas**

With the holidays, and the possibility of having received new devices for Christmas, I wanted to resend the information regarding creating a Canvas account for those who might need to re-establish their account. Not only is Canvas the program students use to access and complete assignments when working online, it also has a parent portal side that allows you to see your student's assignments, due dates and all grades (it is the gradebook of record). Information on how to create your parent account can be found here (you will need to scroll down a little once you are on the page): <https://sites.google.com/mtnhomesd.org/mhstdcanvas/home>.

Once connected, you have the ability to see your child's progress in real time and is a great tool for staying informed about your child's progress.

## **Student Pick Up / Drop Off**

As we return from the break, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about student drop off / pick up locations. Please note, student drop off and pick up is to occur on the school side of Jackson Street. For student safety, pick up and drop off of students is **not permitted in the bus zones** (North 4<sup>th</sup> East and East 2<sup>nd</sup> North) or in the parking lot between Hacker and Bennett Mountain High School.

## **Final Thoughts**

As I look back at the first semester, we have many things to celebrate as a school and I want to express my appreciation to each of you for the support you provide us that allows these successes to happen. I look forward to an equally impressive second semester!

Sincerely,  
Lonni Smith  
Principal