



**HURRICANE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - KINDNESS**

April 16, 2026

Dear Hurricane Middle School Parents and Students,

It has been such a great school year and it is hard to believe that we are nearing the finish line. We are only a few weeks from the end of school and the beginning of summer. There are a few things worth mentioning in this letter to help us finish on a positive note and to celebrate this school year.

We have Rise and Aspire testing in LA, Math, and Science April 20-30.

- April 20-23: 8<sup>th</sup> grade LA Rise writing
- April 27-30: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade LA, Math, Science Rise/Aspire.

These tests are so important for us as a school, and also for teachers. We use data from these tests to measure our effectiveness as a school and to set goals to improve student learning. This data assists us in helping individual students, and classes as a whole. The data guides our teaching and decision making. Please encourage your child to try their best. We also suggest making sure they get enough sleep during our testing window and have a healthy breakfast each day. We appreciate any and all help with this. Thank you in advance!

There was a lot going on at HMS with our extracurricular, school, and student activities this year. It was enjoyable to see our kids (and parents) outside of the regular school day. They represent our Hurricane Valley well. It is great to see our kids show their talents outside of school. We have so many skilled students that had a chance to show what they are made of. They make me proud.

- Fall, Winter, and Spring sports. There was a lot of games, meets, and competitions throughout the year.
- We had spectacular performances in choir, band, and orchestra.
- Theatre classes put on several performances.
- ROTC had a lot of success and fun this year.
- Art classes at HMS had a chance to show their talents.
- We had several field trips for many classes throughout the school year.
- We had about 40 Japanese students and some faculty visit our school in January - our students were great ambassadors.
- I was able to travel to Japan with 12 WCSD 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in November to visit Ibigawa. It is an exchange program between St. George City and Ibigawa. Amazing cultural experience. (8<sup>th</sup> graders have an opportunity to apply as a candidate to travel to Japan next year.)
- CTHS came to present and provided a field trip for those interested.
- We had Parent-Teacher Conferences in November and February. A big thanks to all who attended.
- We had our student talent show assembly in December. It was great to see our students' talents.
- There was a Valentine's Dance, which was more like a music social.
- Medical staff conducted a vision screening for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in December.
- The counselors took a group of our students to Dixie Tech for a tour.

- Hope Squad is in full swing.
- The National Junior Honor Society is going well.
- Student Counsel is busy doing our announcements plus planning many of our activities and more.

That is the short version of our year (I know I am not remembering everything). We have so many great things happening at HMS.

For the most part, the best recipe for success at HMS (or any school) is having students participate in class every day. For parents it is very beneficial when you logon to PowerSchool regularly to check your student's progress. When your child knows you are checking their attendance and grades several times a week, they are more likely to meet your expectations as far as being successful at school and preparing for the future. If any of you are struggling with being able to pull up PowerSchool on your phone or computer, please contact the front office. We are happy to help. When you see grades slipping, please reach out to teachers or come in to visit. The earlier we put effort into helping grades the more likely we can have a positive outcome. Waiting until the last two weeks of the quarter to fix things is usually too late. The earlier the better.

We do interventions on a weekly basis to help our students be proficient and pass classes. This is a big reason we need students in class every day. More seat time (time at school) with effort, equals better grades. Extracurricular activities are also such a big plus for kids being successful at school. The busier and more involved they are with school related activities, the better they do. Help them expand their interests.

As parents, you can keep up on things happening at school by reading Jody Ballard's "Weekly Bulletin" which is sent out each week in an email. There is a lot of info in a short email meant to keep you informed.

I appreciate the opportunity I've had to work with your students. I enjoy my job as Principal immensely. I really love this age group, our faculty, our school, and the Hurricane Valley. There's no place else I'd rather be, so thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns send an email, call the school, or come in to visit. You are always welcome. Thank you for supporting HMS!

Shaun Jaggi



Principal

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