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- **WORD OF THE WEEK - “Conscientious”** - “A *conscientious* person recognizes the difference between right and wrong and acts accordingly.”
- **LUNCH/BREAKFAST MENU** – Click on [menu](#).
- **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:**  
Attention All Parents: To comply with Alabama’s new [Erin’s Law](#), HCS school counselors and administrators have created a plan to provide basic child sexual abuse prevention lessons for students. We have prepared a brief [video](#) that outlines plans for elementary, middle and high school levels. Please [click](#) here for more detailed information on HCS’s plan to implement Erin’s Law, including the option for your child to opt out of these lessons if you so choose. Click [here](#) for this information in Spanish.

### SCHOOL-WIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS - BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES

February 15 - Black History Month Program lead by a speaker from Civil Rights Institute from 2:15-3:15 pm. Everyone is invited!

February 21 - Motivational Speaker, Tim Alexander, will speak at 1:30 pm and also at 2:30 pm. All are invited to attend!

Monday 2/5	Tuesday 2/6	Wednesday 2/7	Thursday 2/8	Friday 2/9	Saturday 2/10
2018/19 Cheer/Dance Parent Mtg. @ 6:30 pm - Library	8th Grade Field Trip to HHS	SCANTRON SCIENCE - 7th only  Heart-Grams for Sale	Progress Reports go home  SCANTRON READING 7/8th  Heart-Grams for Sale  Spirit Night @ Newks 5-9 pm at Riverchase Village	Show Choir Comp @ SPHS  SCANTRON MATH 7/8th  Heart-Grams for Sale  “An Evening in Paris” School Dance 6:30-8:30pm	Oak Mtn. Show Choir Festival  Softball vs Simmons/Helena @ HHS
Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15	Friday 2/16	Saturday 2/17
Heart-Grams for Sale	Heart-Grams for Sale	Valentines Day!	Rising 9th gr Parent Mtg @ HHS starting @ 6:30 pm		

- **FINLEY CHARACTER AWARD WINNERS** - Each year Hoover City Schools select students who exemplify the high character exhibited by Mr. Bob Finley, former teacher and coach at Berry High. Approximately twenty-five 7th and 8th grade Bumpus students were nominated by their teachers. Nomination forms were reviewed by a committee of faculty, staff and students and five students were selected to represent each grade level. We are so proud of the high character reflected by these students.  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following 2017-2018 Finley Character Award Winners: 7th Grade - Elizabeth Clark, Amyah Ellington, Kaleb Jackson, Ella Knighton and Addison Underwood; 8th Grade - Malak Almansoob, Jamison Erwin, Solomon Gilbert, Hannah Ray and Jessica Taylor. We also want to congratulate the students who were nominated: 7th grade - Grace Gamble, Kyle Gullahorn, and Will Hart; 8th grade - Aisha Anwaar, Alexander DeWolfe, Arden Haynes, Trent Henderson, Olurotimi Kukoyi, Ava Rector and Jake Traffanstedt.

- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19** is a required **school day for students**. This date was originally scheduled for students to be off, however, due to the weather day we had to take and was not declared a “state emergency”, we have to make it up on **Monday, February 19th**.
- **CALCULATOR USE FOR SCANTRON (FORMERLY GLOBAL SCHOLAR) MID-YEAR ACADEMIC GROWTH ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION** - Parents, students are allowed, but not required, to use an approved calculator on Grades 6-8 Mathematics tests. Students are encouraged to use a personal calculator they are familiar with on the assessment. Bumpus will provide a basic four-function calculator for all students. However, your child might benefit from being able to use a higher functioning scientific calculator on the SCANTRON/GLOBAL SCHOLAR ASSESSMENT. These higher functioning calculators, such as the TI-30X IIS, can be found at most stores, and are as inexpensive as \$12.97. Students will have the opportunity to continue using scientific calculators in future math and science courses in high school. Remember, this is not a requirement. A basic four function calculator will be provided for all students, and students will also be prepared for its use.
- **THE SCANTRON (FORMERLY GLOBAL SCHOLAR) MID-YEAR ACADEMIC GROWTH ASSESSMENT** dates are as follows: 7th grade Science - Feb. 7th, 7th/8th grade Reading - Feb. 8th, 7th/8th Math - Feb. 9th. Please **do not schedule any doctor’s appointments or other appointments before 12 noon on the days that the assessment will be administered to your child’s grade**.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Lydia Rengering for **winning 1st Place at the State Superintendent’s Art Competition! Congratulations again, and what an honor!**
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MATH TEAMS!** The 7th & 8th grade math teams competed in the Mathcounts School Competition last week. The following students will represent Bumpus at the **2018 Mathcounts Birmingham Chapter Competition at Liberty Park Middle School on February 10**. Team Participants: 7th gr. - **Daniel Zhao, Kashvi Gaddam, Liz Wang, and Yahia Ramadan**. Individual Participants - **Daniel Reyes (8), Sreekiran Nataraj (8), Kapil Nathan (8), Arzoo Charania (8), Srijan Meesala (8), and Dev Patel (7)**. Way to go, BUCS!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to our **February Teacher of the Month, Ms. Jan Price (7-3, Language Arts), and Employee of the Month, Ms. Julie Said, (Instructional Support.)**
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jackson Hanks and Will Stallworth** on being selected to the **ALABAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND!** In addition, **Jayden Kim** was selected as an alternate to the All-State Band! The All-State Band is comprised of the top middle school band students in Alabama!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jackson Hanks, Will Stallworth, Jayden Kim, Meghan Hall, Daniel Reyes, Kenny Curlings, Christos Argyropoulos, and Ethan Heywood** on being selected to the **DISTRICT IV MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND!** The District IV Honor Band is comprised of the top middle school band students from around the Birmingham metro area!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Scholars’ Bowl Team** for placing **second in their pool in the district tournament!** This qualifies them for the state tournament on **February 24th!** Way to go, BUCS!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following wrestlers for qualifying for the Metro Tournament next weekend at their respective weight classes: **Broc Metcalf-2nd** at 105lb, **Andrew Batson-2nd** at 121lb, and **JD Gonzalez-2nd** at 127lb. They wrestled in the Metro South Qualifier last weekend. These guys are all 2nd in the South Conference and will compete against the North for the **championship on Saturday, February 3rd at Hoover High**.
- **SPIRIT NIGHT at NEWKS** - **Thursday, February 8th from 5-9pm** - 3780 Riverchase Village, Suite 1000 - Hoover. Proceeds from every purchase benefits Bumpus! See attached flyer.



- **THE BUMPUS ROBOTICS TEAM** won first and second places at the Irondale Middle School Competition on Saturday, Jan. 27th. With this win, one of our team robots has qualified for the State Robotics Competition in March. Great job Robobucs! We are proud of you!
- **2018-2019 BUMPUS CHEER/DANCE PARENT MTG** - There will be an parent meeting for girls interested in trying out for dance/cheer team for the 2018-2019 school year on **February 5th at 6:30 pm in the library. Please attend if your child plans on trying out.**
- **HEART-GRAMS** - The National Junior Honor Society will be selling Heart-Grams for \$1.00 in the mornings before school from **Wednesday, February 7th until Tuesday, February 13th.** Heart-Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day. All proceeds from this sale will be donated to the American Red Cross.
- **SGA WINTER DANCE** - Mark your calendars! SGA will be hosting "An Evening in Paris" on Friday, February 9, 2018, from 6:30-8:30 in the Bumpus cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 at the door. The concession stand will be open to purchase pizza, candy, and soft drinks. Proceeds will go to Sid Strong Foundation. (<http://sidstrongfound.org>)
- **SAVE THE DATE! RISING 9TH GR. HHS COURSE SELECTION and CURRICULUM INFORMATION NIGHT is Thursday, February 15th.** Hoover High School is proud to offer a diverse curriculum, and we want you to be fully aware of the academic opportunities available. Families interested in HHS International Baccalaureate Program are invited to attend an informational session from 5:45 until 6:15 in the competition gym. We will have the following sessions available in the lunchroom:
 

6:30	Rising Freshman Information Session (rising 9th grade)
7:00	Academy Overview (rising 9th grade)
7:30	Earning College Credit while in High School (open to all grades)
8:00	AFJROTC (open to all grades)

**All parents of rising freshmen are encouraged to attend!**
- **HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICALS** - HHS is offering athletic physicals to 8th grade students currently on an athletic roster for the Bumpus 17-18 school year on **Wednesday, February 21st for \$25.00.** We will bus the students over Wednesday morning. Students must have the AHSAA Physical form signed by their parents before going. Parents, you will need to pay before Wednesday through Myschoolfees.com. Go to <https://secure4.myschoolfees.com/> - Under school, select Alabama-Hoover High School Athletics. Click on HHS box, then select Athletic Trainer-physical fee-public and proceed as directed. NOTE: Note: HCS accepts Discover, Mastercard and ACH checks for payment. (No fee assessed when paying by ACH check.) **\*\*THERE WILL BE A \$25 FEE FOR ALL UNFUNDED TRANSACTIONS.\*\***
- **SCOLIOSIS SCREENING -Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** - Dear Parent: In accordance with Alabama law, Section 16-29-1, Code Alabama, 1975, our school will be conducting a free screening to detect adolescent scoliosis on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.** The school nurse will conduct the scoliosis screening program. The screening, which takes about one minute, is simple and not embarrassing. It involves a visual examination of the back while standing straight and bending over. Boys and girls will be screened separately. Scoliosis is a twisting, or curve of the spine which occurs in about 10% of the adolescent population and about 2 ½% will require some type of medical attention. The first sign of scoliosis is usually noticed between the ages of ten and fourteen. If any symptoms are detected for your child, you will be notified by letter. Please make sure your child wears a slip-on shirt or blouse on the screening day. Girls may wear a bathing suit top or bra which will remain on during the screening. **If you wish for your child NOT to be screened please send notification in writing to the health room prior to the screening date.** Thank you for you cooperation with the screening program. Melanie Schmith, RN.
- **PINK SHIRT DAY** - Wednesday, February 28th - Bumpus shirts are on sale through **Feb. 8th for \$5 (XS-XL), \$7 (2XL), \$8 (3XL).** Beginning February 26th, Hoover City Schools kicks off a **Week of Kindness** in order to stand up against bullying. All Hoover City Schools and departments will have site-specific activities designed to cultivate a culture of caring and kindness - which research teaches us is an extremely effective approach to stop bullying, in all environments. On **Wednesday, February 28, 2018, (National Pink Shirt Day)** we encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear PINK to stand up with HCS against bullying. Bumpus shirts are on sale through Feb. 8th for \$5 (XS-XL), \$7 (2XL), \$8 (3XL).. We are asking all students and teachers to purchase a shirt. We are also requesting

sponsorships for students who may not be able to get a shirt. Other activities are being coordinated by our One and the Same Club - sponsored by Mrs. Jostsons. The Bumpus design is attached.

- **HEALTH ROOM REMINDERS** - Parents here are a few reminders from the health room as we move forward through the cold and flu season. Please remember that if your **child is absent with a fever (100 or greater) they CAN NOT return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without using Tylenol or Advil. This includes NOT sending your child to school just to take a test. Keep in mind your child will not perform at his/her best when sick. This also exposes other students to a potentially contagious illness even during that short time they take a test. Our teachers are more than willing to work with your child on making up any missed tests/work after they return per school protocol. **Also, if your child feels bad at school and notifies you via text or email please encourage them to visit the health room first before checking out.** This allows the nurse to be aware of students who are sick and what illnesses are in the school. **If your child is seen by a doctor and is diagnosed with flu make sure you call the health room at 439-2230 to report it. This is done for tracking purposes.** We care for your child and want to keep them healthy while at school. Thank you for your cooperation in making this happen!**
- **BUCCANETTE AUDITION MEETING** (current 8-11th graders) **Tuesday, March 13th @ 6:00 in the Dance Room at HHS.** At least one parent or guardian and the student interested in auditioning must attend in order to audition. Contact Mrs. Wilbanks at [awilbanks@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:awilbanks@hoover.k12.al.us) for more information.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE CLINIC** (current 6-8th graders) **Sunday, March 18th 1:00-3:00 in the Dance Room at HHS. Cost is \$20.** Register by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/dsaLa676F7SYaf1z1> Contact Mrs. Wilbanks at [awilbanks@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:awilbanks@hoover.k12.al.us) for more information.
- **A NOTE FROM OUR WONDERFUL PTO** - We are in Search of... **Next Year's PTO Executive Board!** We are preparing for next year as we look for new ways to serve our school and work for our students! **If you would be interested in serving on the 2018-2019 PTO Executive board, we would love to hear from you!** For more information, please contact Kathy Claypoole at [kathyjclaypoole@gmail.com](mailto:kathyjclaypoole@gmail.com)
- **2018-2019 BUMPUS CHEERLEADING AND DANCE TEAM CLINIC/TRYOUTS** - Cheerleading Clinic/Tryouts - **Tuesday, March 13 - Friday, March 16;** Dance Team Clinic/Tryouts - **Tuesday, March 20 - Friday, March 23.**
- **MAGAZINES NEEDED!** Recycle your old magazines.... **Our Family Living class is in need of your old magazines!** All types ladies, mens, fashion, sports, fitness, cooking, cheerleader, hunting, outdoors. We have a particular need for boys magazines such as gaming Xbox or Playstation-type magazines would be great.
- **2017-2018 LITERARY MAGAZINE** - We all can get that feeling of pride when our favorite team wins the game. It's even written all over our face when we finally get a date with that cute kid sitting in the third row. Let us hear those experiences in this year's literary magazine. We are searching for Bumpus' best writing and artwork to publish online. **This year's theme is pride and prejudice.** Are you an artist? We need your best piece of artwork to place on the cover of our magazine. Submit your work today at <http://bit.ly/2DgOnjP>. Go to [bumplitmag.blogspot.com](http://bumplitmag.blogspot.com) to get more information and view last year's magazine. **Deadline is April 13th.**
- **THE CULTURAL EXPO** is coming to Bumpus on Friday, April 20th, 2018! The Cultural Expo is an all day event where students prepare exhibits of their favorite countries, USA states, or cities. You can work with up to **three other people** on your exhibit. (**minimum of two people per table**) These exhibits will be displayed in the gym. The exhibits can include food, music, clothing, artifacts, history, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to share and teach others about your cultural knowledge and your world travels. It is a day full of fun cultural activities such as music, dance, food, games and exciting guest speakers! **The best student exhibit will receive a prize!** To sign up for a table, go to: <http://bit.ly/2EqCCEo>. For further instructions join the Google Classroom: 2r8j9e9 - Sign up by March 16th, 2018!! See attached information.....
- **XC CAMP** is **optional and not a required activity to be on the team.** This is a XC camp run by the Hoover High School Coach (Coach Devon Hind). **This is the first year we will have a middle school camp.** The dates below are for middle school (7th and 8th graders only). At this immediate time, if you have any questions please contact Coach Doran, (Bumpus Middle School) at [sdoran@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:sdoran@hoover.k12.al.us) or 205-757-8196. Last full week of July - \$200.00. Girls camp - Monday-Wednesday, July 23-25, arrive at 1:00 pm, leave at 10:00 am. Boys camp - Wednesday-Friday, July 25-27, arrive at 1:00 pm, leave at 10:00 am.  
HCS Equal Opportunity: <https://goo.gl/aqYptm>