



HANOVER ONLINE SCHOOL

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[Online School Website](#)

Updates for the Week of 5/17/2021

Important Resources

Phone numbers, team member names, and other important information about Hanover Online School may be [found here](#).

Information for Everyone

Calendar Items:

May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday

June 14 and 15 - Early Closing for Middle and High

June 16 and 17 - Early Closing for Elementary, Middle and High

*Please see below for secondary exam information.

*[Here's the link to the HCPS school calendar](#).

It's Time for Kindergarten! Kindergarten registration is right around the corner. Hanover County Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year.

Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2021, to be eligible. Parents and guardians may locate the school their child will attend at <http://bit.ly/AttendanceZone>.

Please follow the steps outlined [on the Student Enrollment webpage](#) to register your child for kindergarten.

Please note that registration will not be considered complete until the in-person appointment takes place and the school registrar receives all necessary documentation required, including, but not limited to, a photo ID, an original birth certificate, and proof of residency.

Families are encouraged to register their child for kindergarten by May 1.

PTO Notes:

OWL Seniors - order your OWL Seniors T-Shirt. On sale starting today! www.tinyurl.com/owlshirtorder

Our last OWL spirit night is May 20 from 4-8:00 pm at Sweet Frog's Bell Creek Location. All funds raised will be used for live, guided, virtual classroom field trips for our online students. Mention Hanover Online School to the cashier.

Throughout the year, OWL students have received learning materials and manipulatives they have used in their virtual classroom. At the end of the school year, if you no longer have use for these items and would like to donate them, Jenn Slicks will be collecting materials throughout the summer at 9439 Dogwood Garth Lane,

Mechanicsville, 23116 to make sure these are used at schools in need. Other contact-free collection locations are needed as well, please contact her if you can help in this way: jenslicks@yahoo.com

Family Life Modules (Grades 4-10): Students in 4th - 10th grades will now see a Family Life Course in their Schoology Courses. If your child cannot find this course, ask them to Reorder Courses and drag the Course tile into the visible area. Students who opted-out are not enrolled in these courses. Students will progress through these Courses independently on their asynchronous time. Family Life instructors will be available for Parent and Instructional Support Sessions on **May 21st** and **24th** at the following times: [Family Life Parent and Student Instructional Support Sessions Time Slots](#). These days are not for specific curriculum questions, but rather for support as children are working in the Schoology Module. Here is the instructor information and Zoom links for Support Sessions:

Girls Zoom Link: bit.ly/FLgirls

Boys Zoom Link: bit.ly/FLboys

Instructors:

Wendy Ames: wames@hcps.us (girls)

Kelly Madison: kmadison@hcps.us (boys)

Share your pics: Snap your photos/ videos and email them to: owlmedia@students.hcps.us

Make sure to include a description of the event & the student's name involved. Note: by uploading to this email you are granting permission for the media team to use.

Information for the Elementary OWLs

End of Year Events for Elementary Students:

- **Elementary Virtual Field Day:** Elementary OWL Virtual Field Day will be May 28th. Mr. Campbell is planning some fun activities that teachers will incorporate throughout the day and that students can do on their own. More information to come!
- **5th Grade Recognitions:** At all schools, both online and face-to-face, "promotion" activities for 5th grade students are being conducted in the classrooms. 5th grade online students will participate in a classroom ceremony on the morning of the final day of school, Thursday, June 17th. Some components will be recorded and some will be live with the teacher. We will also be holding a 5th grade fun day for our students during the school day on Monday, June 14th. Classroom teachers will share more information on this in the coming weeks! Some home schools are also doing other activities such as drive through events; OWL students are invited to participate in all activities that occur outside of the school day. For questions related to home school events, please check the information posted on [home school event pages](#) or reach out to your home school directly.
- **June 17th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!** We will be having a virtual school-wide celebration at 11:00. Stay tuned for more details and the Zoom link.

SOL Testing: Testing for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students continues in buildings this week. Here is the [online testing calendar](#) for the month. Please carefully review the following information regarding testing and reach out to me or online test coordinators Sarah Pike (spike@hcps.us) or Michelle Whaley (mwhaley@hcps.us) with any questions.

- OWL students need to arrive at home schools and sign in between **8:30 AM** and **8:50 AM**. The testing session begins promptly at **9 AM**. Students arriving after 9 AM will not be allowed to enter the session and their test administration will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Please review this document to see where students are to be dropped off at each school: **Drop-Off Directions for Online Testers**.
- **Masks are required to be worn in the building at all times.**
- Testing students must bring:
 - fully charged school-issued chrome book/laptop
 - writing utensil
- We also recommend that students bring a plastic water bottle and a book to read once they have finished testing.
- Students need to be picked up from testing at 10:30AM. Once home, they will log back into Zoom for the remainder of the school day.
- If you anticipate your child will take several hours to complete their test, please send a lunch with him/her. Please ensure all items packed are peanut free.

If you have questions, please refer to our **FAQ: SOL Testing Spring 2021 Elementary**

VRST (Virginia Remote Student Progress Test):

Students who are not going into buildings for SOL tests will be participating in the Virginia Remote Student Progress Test (VRST) during class on the following days:

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Reading	May 17	May 13	May 11
Math	May 24	May 27	May 26
History	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science	N/A	N/A	May 19

Students will test on Zoom with their teacher using TestNav. The TestNav website will be shared with students during class and on Schoology. Each child will receive a testing ticket in their Google Drive with a unique username and password allowing them to access each test. Tests must be completed within one school day. Class will resume when testing finishes.

Additional information is available regarding this assessment at **<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/remotetest/>**.

Information for the Middle School OWLs

END of the YEAR CELEBRATIONS for our OWL 6th/7th/8th graders

May SOL and VRSPT (Virginia Remote Student Progress Test) Information: Please find attached information about the [May 8th grade SOL assessments](#).

Please click the links below to see information related to dates for testing and locations.

[SOL and VRSPT calendar](#)

[SOL and VRSPT reminders](#)

Home Middle School Newsletters: Keep in the loop with activities from your home school by reviewing their respective weekly newsletter! Students can see updates from their school on their Schoology page. Be sure to check these frequently to stay up to date on activities, events, and important dates from your home schools!

- [Bell Creek Middle School](#)
- [Chickahominy Middle School](#)
- [Liberty Middle School](#)
- [Oak Knoll Middle School](#)
[T-shirt design contest](#)
[8th grade only - Golden Knight Award procedures](#)
- [OWL Middle School](#)

[8th grade T-shirts](#) order forms

“Middle of the Nest” - The Nest will be back at 4:00pm Thursday, May 20 with Ms. Cannon. No need to sign-up, just join the zoom link posted to Schoology!

Mark your calendars for [“STEM at the Nest”](#) on May 27 and [“The Nest Has Talent, Part 2!”](#) on June 3. June 3 will also be our final nest of the year. Click the links for more information on each event and to sign up! Hope to see you there!

2020-2021 Yearbooks: Use this [LINK](#) to learn more information from each middle school on purchasing and submitting photos to the yearbook.

Final Exam Information. Details about final exams/end of year assessments will be given in June from your child's teachers. [The exam daily schedule, with times, can be found here.](#) Please note that middle and high school schedules are different for online school, and each day is an early release day ending at 1:45pm.

Information for the High School OWLs

Final Exam Information. Details about final exams which will be given in June can be found on this [document](#). The exam bell schedule can be found [here](#).

Advanced Placement Exam Information. Details about Advanced Placement exams which will be given in June can be found on this [document](#).

Instagram: Be sure to follow our [HCOHS Instagram](#)! Students and families can find information about upcoming school events and see highlights from various classes!

Home High School Newsletters: Keep in the loop with activities from your home school by reviewing their respective weekly newsletter! Additionally, students can see updates from their school on their Schoology page. Be sure to check these frequently to stay up to date on activities, events, and important dates from your home schools!

- [Atlee High School](#)
- [Hanover High School](#)
- [Mechanicsville High School](#)
- [Patrick Henry High School](#)

Driver Education: Green (DEC-1) Cards for students who took Driver Education during Semester 2 are available for pick up at the home schools. Please make sure that you communicate with the home school to verify pick up procedures.

Senior Activities! Be sure to check out our [Senior Information document](#) to keep up with Senior activities at your home school! This document will be continuously updated as more information is available.

Information for students taking SOL tests:

As a reminder, SOL testing is scheduled for May 24-27 at all four high school locations. Students who registered to take their SOL test will receive an email communication from the School Testing Coordinator. If you registered but have yet to receive the confirmation email from the testing coordinator, the information can be found [here](#) (alphabetical by school). For those unfamiliar with their chosen testing location procedures, there will be a staff member or signage to help direct you to the correct spot.

If a student is unable to take any test for which he/she registered, please contact Matt Vuiller (mvuiller@hcps.us) or Nikki Currie (ncurrie@hcps.us) to schedule a make-up test. Due to test proctoring, there may be a delay in response. If you were unable to register for May testing, rest assured that there will be other opportunities during the summer and in following school years to fulfill SOL requirements. Details will be made available by individual schools.

Please know that we have worked to ensure that testing locations have been cleaned before student use and we will maintain cleaning procedures in between testing sessions. Online students will be testing in locations separate from their face-to-face peers and will not need to venture into the buildings. Masks must be worn by all students and staff for the duration of testing.

Thank you for your continued support. Good luck to students taking their SOL tests!

Afterschool Activities: We are excited to offer afterschool activities throughout the remainder of the semester! Check out our [Activities Calendar](#) to find online school-sponsored activities as well as PTO-sponsored activities offered to all high school students. We hope that you are able to find an activity that interests you!

Volunteering! Are you looking for service hours for an honor society or diploma seal? Do you just want to help out around your community? Check out our [list of volunteer opportunities](#) and find one that's right for you!

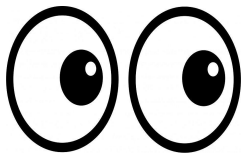
Counselor Update

Ms. Kathryn Shapiro, will be out for the remainder of the 20-21 school year as she has welcomed home sweet baby Arthur. Her long-term substitute is Jared Collier, a native of North Carolina and previous school counselor for nine years. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Collier into the OWL counseling community. Please see below for any questions about contacting a counselor for your student:

- [Homeschool Counselor List](#) (as a reminder, all secondary students are still a part of their homeschool counselor's caseloads). Feel free to reach out to any of these school counselors via email OR Schoology message. [Online Request to Speak with a Counselor](#)
- Jared M. Collier - Long-term Sub, Secondary Counseling Liaison
jmcollier@hcps.us
804-723-1258
- Suzanne MacDougall - OWL Secondary Counseling
smacdougall@hcps.us



Home/Zoned School Connections



Community Events:

[Randolph-Macon Summer Basketball Camp](#)

[Ashland Strawberry Faire](#)

Online Summer Innovation Camp for Middle and High Schoolers

The VCU Center for Innovation in STEM Education, CodeVA, CodeRVA are proud to offer our FREE online summer innovation camp for students interested in learning more about computer science (CS) through solving team-based challenges. Students will learn CS skills in computational thinking and entry-level coding, as well as workplace skills and career opportunities that exist in CS in collaboration with our corporate partners: Capital One, Bank of America, and Carmax. Finally, students will work on authentic CS challenges and present their solutions in a virtual showcase on the last day of the camp, with the "best-in-show" winners across three categories entering their solutions in the Conrad Challenge. [Sign up here!](#)

Remember to make sure you are signed up to receive email messages from both Online School as well as your home/zoned school. Email subscriptions can be managed [here](#).

Please use [this page](#) to access information about **Elementary** Home/Zoned School events. If you have questions about any of these events, please reach out to the elementary school.

Secondary students can see updates from their schools in their Schoology courses and in the home/zoned school newsletters (please see sections above). Please make sure to check these frequently to stay up to date on activities, events, and important dates from your home/zoned schools.

Elementary school picture day information will be entered into [this document](#). Please contact home/zoned schools with questions.

Make sure to also check out **social media** from each school (Facebook, Twitter).

Check out **each school's website**. On most you'll even be able to see recent FB and/or Twitter posts. You can find links to each one from the [HCPS website](#).

