

Online School Website Updates for the Week of 5/31/2021

Important Resources

Phone numbers, team member names, and other important information about Hanover Online School may be found here.

Information for Everyone

Calendar Items:

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.

Chromebook Collection: Information about Chromebook collection can be found here.

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.

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

SOL/VRSPT Scores (Grades 3-5): SOL and Remote Test scores will be entered into the PowerSchool gradebook (by subject) once all students on a grade level have completed testing for a subject. Scores are reported on a scale of 0-600. A student must attain an overall scaled score of 400 or higher to pass the test. If a student attains an overall scaled score of 500 or higher, the student is considered to have performed at an advanced level on the test.

An overall scaled score between 0 and 399 indicates the student did not pass the test. Performance on a Standards of Learning Assessment is one indicator our teachers use to understand students' progress in learning the content and skills represented in Virginia's Standards of Learning. Your child's score is not calculated into the nine week or final report card grades. Passing the SOL assessment is not required for promotion to the next grade level. An SOL score report with additional information will be mailed home later this summer.

End of Year Events for Elementary Students:

- **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.

<u>Responsible Citizens</u>: For the month of May, the OWL Elementary Teachers are recognizing students who have shown characteristics of a Responsible Citizen. Responsible Citizens are students who can learn about and explore their community, respect others, follow classroom/school expectations and rules, use their time wisely, use digital resources responsibly, communicate and work well with others and set goals for themselves. Please take a look at <u>this slide deck</u> to see which of our OWL Elementary Students were nominated as Responsible Citizens for the month of May. Congratulations!

Information for the Middle School OWLs

<u>END of the YEAR CELEBRATIONS</u> for our OWL 6th/7th/8th graders. There is a special goodie bag for each 8th grade OWL student. It is in a bin in front of each middle school and can be picked up at any time. THANK YOU PTO!

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
- OWL Middle School

"Middle of the Nest" - FINAL "NEST" of the year! - "The Nest Has Talent, Part 2!" on June 3 @ 4:00pm. Hope to see you there!

2020-2021 Yearbooks: Use this <u>LINK</u> to learn more information from each middle school on purchasing and submitting photos to the yearbook. (PICK UP TIMES ARE STARTING TO BE LISTED)

Final Exam Information.

- Details about final exams/end of year assessments <u>can be found here</u>, as well as your child's teacher will explain what to expect on the exam day.
- 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.
- Students are expected to attend their PE Zoom during their ELA Extension Block time.
- Students are expected to attend their ACE block exam time.

Required Vaccinations - Rising 7th graders: New immunization guidelines from Hanover County Public Schools and the Virginia Department of Health. The vaccine requirements will be mandatory at the start of the 2021-2022 school year for all rising 7th grade students, face-to-face and virtual. Please note that you are required to provide documentation of your child's immunizations to your school nurse or front office staff.

- 1. A booster dose of the Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine
- 2. First dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)
 Optional: You may also wish to discuss the HPV vaccine with your child's healthcare provider as well

Information for the High School OWLs

Final Exam Information. Details about final exams which will be given in June can be found on this <u>document</u>. 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 <u>document</u>.

Graduation Information: Click here for updated graduation information. Upcoming graduation practice information for students:

- AHS Graduation practice for all Seniors June 4, 10:30am, report to the Auditorium
- HHS Graduation practice held May 28.
- MHS Video outline graduation procedures will be released to students.
- PHHS Graduation practice for all Seniors June 4, 10:00am, report to the Football Field (Sign-up)

Instagram: Be sure to follow our <u>HCOHS Instagram!</u> 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.

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 <u>list of volunteer opportunities</u> and find one that's right for you!

Counselor Update

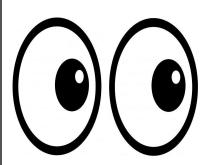
Ms. Kathryn Shapiro, will be out for the remainder of the 20-21 school year as she has welcomed home sweet baby Arthur. Her long-term substitute is Jared Collier, a native of North Carolina and previous school counselor for nine years. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Collier into the OWL counseling 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 and Community Connections

Community Events:



Randolph-Macon Summer Basketball Camp

Ashland Strawberry Faire

Montpelier Center Summer Camps

R-MC Basketball Summer League Flyer

Atlee Youth Football Camp Brochure

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 <u>here</u>.

Please use <u>this page</u> 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 <u>this document</u>. 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.

