



# HANOVER ONLINE SCHOOL

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Updates for the Week of 11/16/2020

## Important Resources

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

## Information for Everyone

**OWL Book Fair!!** The HOS elementary and middle school librarians are hosting a Bookworm Central [Online Book Fair](#) for our students beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, November 17th and continuing until Friday, December 11th. Lots of great books and other fun goodies are available in time for holiday shopping. Items are shipped directly to your home, within 7 to 10 days, for \$4.99 or free for purchases over \$30. Many of our teachers have completed Teacher Wish Lists and a Book Drive donation feature allows you to purchase gift cards which will be used to support our HOS students! A percentage of the proceeds of the fair will help purchase more eBooks and audiobooks for our students to enjoy! The link you need to access the fair is <https://bit.ly/HOSBookFair>  
Happy Shopping and Thank-you, Mrs. Aitken

### Become a Techspert!

Here's your chance to become a Techspert! Each week, we will share short videos showcasing tips and tricks on how to become more comfortable with using Chromebooks, Schoology, Google, ClassLink and other web tools. This week, you get three:

- [ClassLink Update](#)
- [Messaging your Teacher in Schoology](#)
- [Reordering your Classes in Schoology](#)

### Second Semester Instructional Option Changes

[The form to request a change in instructional setting for the second semester](#) is now available. Families have two weeks to fill it out. If you do not wish to make a change, then you do not need to do anything further.

(PETICIONES DEL SEGUNDO SEMESTRE: [El formulario para hacer un cambio en el ámbito de instrucción para el segundo semestre está disponible ahora](#). Las familias tienen dos semanas para rellanarlo. Si no desea hacer un cambio, entonces no necesita hacer nada más.)

Please [click here](#) for the full text of Dr. Gill's letter with links to additional information.

**Instructional Material Distribution:** The next set of instructional materials is currently scheduled for distribution on November 10, 11 and 12 from 4:30-6:00 on the OKMS/HHS bus loop. There will be materials for:

- All elementary students
- High school art students (Art 1, Art 2, Art 3, Art 4, IB Visual Art, Photo 1, Photo 2) **1st semester only**
- Middle school CTE classes (Make It Your Business; Teen Living; Life Management; Agriscience Exploration;

Pre-Engineering; Agriculture Mechanics & Plant Science) **1st semester only**

- High School CTE classes (Sports Marketing, Principles of Business & Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Intro to Programming, Advanced/AP Programming) **1st semester only**

Families are asked to pick up materials based upon the last name of the oldest child for whom you are picking up materials. (You may pick up materials for children from multiple families.)

- Monday 11/16 G-M
- Tuesday 11/17 N-Z

**\*\*While we will not be strictly monitoring the names of students picking up their materials, adherence to this structure will help us move you through the pickup line in a timely manner.**

Elementary materials will be distributed in the outside bus loop, and secondary materials in the inside loop. If you have students in both levels, please go to the inside loop.

The busloop is located between OKMS and HHS. Please do not enter the busloop prior to 4:30 as it is reserved for buses until then.

**Girl Scout Robot Building Party** flyer can be [found here](#).

### **Receipt of the HCPS Code of Conduct**

As required by state law, each parent of a public school student must sign and return a statement acknowledging receipt of the School Board's standards of student conduct and the compulsory school attendance law.

Parents/guardians of Online students may complete this process electronically.

Please select below the link for either the [Code of Student Conduct – English](#) or [Code of Student Conduct – Spanish](#).

You will need to accept the policy before proceeding to complete the form. You will need to complete one form per child. Please click the area where data is needed (i.e. "Student's Name:") and type the response or signature in the pop-up box at the bottom of the page. You will be directed to the required items needed. For all "Yes" / "No" responses, only select your choice response. Please note - if you received an email about this process and have already completed the form, you do not need to do so again.

**Share your pics** : Snap your photos/ videos and email them to: [owlmedia@students.hcps.us](mailto: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.

**Hanover Online PTO**: Check out the newest [PTO newsletter](#)!

### **Information for the Elementary OWLs**

**Virtual ASL Club**: The Elementary OWL School would like to begin a virtual ASL Club for students in Grades 3-5. If you plan on staying with the online school for the next semester, please take a moment to complete this interest survey: <https://forms.gle/nKGMCYHbP4PcyyzSA>.

**4th Grade Recorders** Due to unforeseen circumstances we are not able to offer recorder instruction during our online 4th grade music lessons. Our OWL school bookkeeper will be refunding \$6.00 to parents who paid this fee. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

**Attendance Reminders**: Daily attendance is crucial for student learning. We ask your cooperation in ensuring your child is logged in and engaging in all components of the synchronous day. If your child is experiencing technical difficulties or will be absent from class, please submit notices in the [parent attendance portal](#).

## Information for the Middle School OWLs

**Congratulations Mrs. Lycett!** We are excited to share that our very own Mrs. Lycett has been appointed as the new Principal of Liberty Middle School. While we are sad to see her go, we are also very excited for our colleagues at Liberty - they are getting an amazing school leader! Just remember Mrs. Lycett - you might be an Eagle now - but you were an OWL first!

We hope to have a new Online Middle School Assistant Principal in place soon. Until then, both Dr. Gresham and the rest of the amazing middle school leadership team (Ms. Lipton, Ms. Waterford, Ms. Stanford) will be taking good care of our 7th graders.

**Middle School Newsletter** - Our middle school newsletter, THE TALON Vol. 6 will be in the Schoology resource folder on 11/16. (Thanks Mrs. Aitken!!)

**Attendance Reminders:** It is very important to review the [daily schedule](#) with your middle school child. Students are expected to be in their seat and ready for learning at the start of each class. Students will be marked as tardy if they arrive 7 minutes past the start time of class. Daily attendance is taken in each of the four blocks. If a student is experiencing technical difficulties or will be absent from class, please submit notices in the [parent attendance portal](#). When teachers are absent from class, they use warm-ups and exit tickets to account for attendance. Students are expected to attend all blocks every day. Beginning 2nd quarter, teachers will be checking in with students throughout the block to ensure they are present. Students must respond to the teacher via chat, by speaking, or by turning on the camera to be marked present.

**Teacher Support Time** Teachers are available for small group work or 1:1 support time with students every day from 3:30-4:00. Teachers may designate different days for different subjects or courses, so please look at the course syllabus or touch base with the teacher for specific information.

**"Middle of the Nest"** - Since we missed this past week, GAMER WEEK will be this Thursday @ 4:00pm. If you already signed up, you're good to go! If students need to sign up, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/nestweek5> The zoom link will be shared on the Online Middle School's main Schoology page on Thursday.

**Maggie Walker Application Process** If we were unable to attend the Parent Coffee Chat with Mrs. Datovech on 10/26 to discuss Maggie Walker and the application process, [here is a summary slideshow](#) of what was discussed.

**The Great American Smokeout:** Thursday, November 19th, The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout brings attention to the health impacts of tobacco products and offers tools and strategies for those interested in quitting, cutting back or supporting a loved one's journey to quitting. A group of HCPS young people involved in 7th UP and SODA are working on some nuggets of information to address vaping and will help us expand this campaign to make it a Vapeout. Please take a look at this recent YouTube video from Hanover Cares, in collaboration with Sarah Birkhead from Virginia Department of Health Tobacco Control, on the relationship between COVID-19 and Vaping and what you can do to decrease risk. <https://youtu.be/EbtPqNNOFJE>

## Information for the High School OWLs

**American Legion Oratorical Contest:** If you are interested in American History, Writing, and Public Speaking and would like to improve your understanding of the U.S. Constitution, please consider participating in the [annual American Legion Oratorical Contest](#).

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**Attendance Reminders:** It is very important for students to be logged in and active in their Zoom classes each day. Daily attendance is taken in each of the four blocks (except study halls). If a student is experiencing technical difficulties or will be absent from class, please submit notices in the [parent attendance portal](#). When teachers are absent from class, they use Google forms, warm-ups, etc. to account for attendance. Students are expected to attend all blocks every day. Beginning 3rd quarter, teachers will be checking in with students throughout the block to ensure they are present. Students must respond to the teacher via chat, by speaking, or by turning on the camera to be marked present.

**SAT Scores on Transcripts:** Students have the option to opt out of SAT or ACT scores being reported on their transcript. Please note that even though colleges may waive the testing option for admissions, some scholarships may still require an SAT or ACT score. If you would like the testing score to be excluded on the transcript, fill out [the attached form](#) and return to the school counseling office.

**2020-2021 Senior Scholarship Application/Scholarship Opportunities:** Attention Seniors, the 2020-21 Senior Scholarship Application is now open for you to access! Completing this application will qualify you to be considered for scholarships provided by several area businesses. The deadline to complete the application is Thursday, December 31, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. See the following links to access the Senior Scholarship Application, a checklist of information you will need to complete your application and the Scholarship Opportunities Spreadsheet, a listing of local, national and community scholarships that you can start searching and applying for today! Please contact your home school's Career Counselor with any questions. Thank you!

AHS and PHHS - Contact Ms. Edwards ([spedwards@hcps.us](mailto:spedwards@hcps.us))

HHS and MHS - Contact Ms. Corbin ([acorbin@hcps.us](mailto:acorbin@hcps.us))

- <https://bit.ly/HCPSSeniorScholarshipApp2021>
- [http://bit.ly/SeniorScholarshipAppChecklist\\_2020-21](http://bit.ly/SeniorScholarshipAppChecklist_2020-21)
- <http://bit.ly/ScholarshipOpportunitiesHCPS>

#### **Upcoming Virtual College Visits:**

- Washington College (MD) and Washington & Jefferson College (PA) – Monday, November 16
- Virginia Commonwealth University and University of Lynchburg – Tuesday, November 17
- Ferrum College – Thursday, November 19
- Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus) – Friday, November 20
- Marymount University – Monday, November 23
- University of Missouri- Columbia (MO) – Tuesday, November 24
- Texas A & M University – Monday, November 30
- Bridgewater College – Tuesday, December 1
- Davidson College and Chatham University – Wednesday, December 2
- Longwood University – Thursday, December 3
- Savannah College of Art & Design – Friday, December 4

Sign up for Virtual College Visits: <http://bit.ly/VirtualCollegeVisits2020>.

Virtual College/Military visits will take place from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 pm with the exception of Washington College, VCU and Davidson College which will be from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 pm. Following each virtual visit, we will send out a pre-recorded presentation on Schoology about the college/military visit for those that were unable to attend the live session. All students who registered for a career or college/military event will receive a Zoom meeting link at the email provided when registering. Students are asked to register at least 48 hours in advance of the virtual event.

## Home School & Community Connections

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

Please use [this page](#) to access information about **Elementary** Home 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. Please make sure to check these frequently to stay up to date on activities, events, and important dates from your home schools.

**Home High School Newsletters:** Keep in the loop with activities from your home school by reviewing their respective weekly newsletter!

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

**School picture day information** will be entered into [this document](#) as we receive it.

Home High Schools will post [information for Seniors here](#). Please keep checking back for important Class of 2021 information. You may also reach out to your home high school.