



HANOVER ONLINE SCHOOL

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Updates for the Week of 12/7/2020

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!

Let's continue developing your "techspertise!" This week's episode, [Episode 5: Installing + Using the Kami Extension](#), is available now. Don't forget to subscribe to the Techspert YouTube Playlist [here](#). Middle School OWLS: Be sure to check out your "Class of" course in Schoology for the very first TECHSPERT CHALLENGE activity, which gives you the opportunity to earn a badge by showcasing your Kami "Techspertise"!

Counseling Resources for Parents: As we dive deeper into the school year and are approaching the holidays, the school counseling team wanted to share an AMAZING resource for our parents, developed by a BCMS school counselor. [Click here](#) to find information to support your student, yourself, and your family. Topics include: local counseling services, social emotional resources (anxiety/stress management), college and career support, and more!

Instructional Material Distribution:

This information is for those who still need to pick up instructional materials.

- *Elementary materials* are available at the following elementary schools through Dec 18th: South Anna Elementary, Beaverdam Elementary, Henry Clay Elementary, Mechanicsville Elementary, Cold Harbor Elementary. If you have questions, please reach out to your grade level Assistant Principal:
 - K-1: Mary Townes (mtownes@hcps.us)
 - 2-3: Michelle Whaley (mwhaley@hcps.us)
 - 4-5: Sarah Pike (spike@hcps.us)
- There will be two additional opportunities to pick up Online *Middle and High School* instructional materials at Oak Knoll Middle School. They will occur on Friday, December 11th and Monday, December 14th between 10:00 and 2:00. This pickup is for middle and high school students who are enrolled in the following classes during first semester:
 - High School Art (Art 1, Art 2, Art 3, Art 4, IB Visual Art, Photo 1, Photo 2)

- Middle School CTE (Make It Your Business, Teen Living, Life Management, Agriscience Exploration, Pre-Engineering, Agriculture Mechanics & Plant Science)
- High School CTE (Sports Marketing, Principles of Business & Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Intro to Programming, Advanced /AP Programming)
- High School AP Environmental Science (textbook pickup)

In order to help us plan for middle and high school pickups, please indicate [in this form](#) which day you will be coming and which materials you will need to pick up.

If you have questions regarding middle or high school materials, please reach out to:

- Shelli Lipton (slipton@hcps.us) - Middle School CTE and Art
- Matt Vuiller (mvuiller@hcps.us) - High School CTE and Art
- Cody Streightiff (wstreightiff@hcps.us) - High School AP Environmental Science

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.

Hanover Online PTO: Thanks to those who joined us for our first PTO meeting last week. For those who were not able to attend, [here are the slides](#) with embedded links from the meeting. Use this form to [get involved with our committees](#) (students and families!). Mark your calendars for the next PTO meeting on January 11.

Virtual Spirit Nights - Take the night off from planning dinner and support our school!

- **!!TOMORROW NIGHT!!** [Panera Bread](#) (7320 Bell Creek Road) Tuesday, December 8th from 4 pm - 8 pm. The mobile/online code is **PRFUND**. They have drive-thru, curbside, delivery and rapid pick-up. All proceeds will go towards hands-on books for our OWL students.
- [Chipotle Virtual Spirit Night](#) Wednesday, December 16 from 5 pm - 9 pm

Virtual Supply Closet These items are made available to students in need. Please help us keep supplies in stock for our owls by [donating items](#). Headphones and earbuds are always in high demand! If you have a student in need of virtual supplies [please complete this form](#) and we will be following up with you about arranging pickup.

Activities for our Owls: Sign-up for live, interactive crafts, events, and other projects. There are also great opportunities for older owls to earn volunteer hours and build leadership and other skills [Elementary](#), [Middle](#), [High](#)

Information for the Elementary OWLs

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](#).

Literacy Footprints: Students in grade K-5 will be using the Literacy Footprints Digital Reader in small groups and for independent reading time. The site can be accessed through ClassLink. Please take a few minutes to practice logging on with your child. [Click here for an overview of the student dashboard, and links to tutorials for the students.](#)

Report Card Information: Just a friendly reminder that you do NOT have to sign and return your child's report to your teacher. The paper copy of the report card is just for parents' information.

5th Grade Parents

Information for Middle School Registration: At this time (stay tuned for any changes), the timeline for signing up for middle school electives is the following:

- Parent Portal will be open February 15 - March 1 (More information to come after Winter Break)
- Registration will take place from March 1 - April 23
- Verification forms will be sent home on June 4th

Below is the link for the Program of Studies. If you want a hard copy, you can get them from your home schools around mid-January.

If you have questions, please contact the 5th grade OWL school counselor, Mrs. Jennifer Gray, at jwgray@hcps.us.

- [Middle School Program of Studies Link](#)
- [High School Program of Studies Link](#)

Information for the Middle School OWLs

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](#)

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" - We're trying something NEW this week! A variety of teachers will be offering "Zoookooming Fun Events" on a variety of topics of interest. Students can watch the intro video and get more information on [signing up here](#).

Make-up Pictures:

BCMS - 12/16 4:15-6:15 pm - must sign up in advance (www.pickatime.com/candidcolor/bellcreek)
CMS - 12/7 4-6:00 pm - must sign up in advance (www.pickatime.com/candidcolor/chickahominy)
LMS - 12/15 3:45-5:00 pm - must sign up in advance (www.pickatime.com/candidcolor/liberty)
OKMS - 12/16 4-5:30 pm - must sign up in advance (www.pickatime.com/candidcolor/oakknoll)

Online Middle & High Winter Wonderland Week! - [Click here to see details!](#) We will celebrate the week prior to winter break, December 14-18.

Home High 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!

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

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.

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)

HHS and MHS - Contact Ms. Corbin (acorbin@hcps.us)

- <https://bit.ly/HCPSSeniorScholarshipApp2021>
- http://bit.ly/SeniorScholarshipAppChecklist_2020-21
- <http://bit.ly/ScholarshipOpportunitiesHCPS>

Upcoming Virtual College Visits:

- Virginia Military Institute – Tuesday, December 8
- Hollins University – Thursday, December 10
- Virginia State University – Friday, December 11
- Landmark College (VT) – Monday, December 14
- University of Virginia's College at Wise – Tuesday, December 15
- College of Mount Saint Vincent (NY) – Wednesday, December 16

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

If you haven't already done so, you can sign up for Virtual College/Military Visits by clicking on the following link: <http://bit.ly/VirtualCollegeVisits2020>. You can also view our recent virtual visits this past week at [College Visits Playlist!](#)

Virtual College/Military visits will take place from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 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.

December Career Cafe: Careers in Healthcare and Nursing: On Wednesday, December 9th at 12:30 p.m., Career Counseling will be hosting our fourth Virtual Career Cafe this school year. This virtual event will focus on the topic of "Careers in Healthcare and Nursing" with special guest speakers from Ashland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and Westminster Canterbury Richmond. Students can register [here](#) for this exciting event and other future Virtual Career Cafes! Check out our [Career Cafe Playlist](#) on YouTube for past Career Cafe videos and view

our [Career Counseling calendar](#) for additional upcoming virtual Career Counseling events!

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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 and in the home 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 schools.

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