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Updates for the Week of 1/18/2021

Dear Online Community,

Before the end of this week, all students and families will receive information about activities that will occur at each level to support students as we transition to second semester. Also by the end of the week, it is our goal to provide elementary students whose teachers are returning face-to-face with information about their new teacher assignments. Middle school students will receive information about instances in which they will experience teacher changes for second semester.

Middle and High School students will receive their specific schedules via PowerSchool on February 1st or 2nd. More information will be forthcoming about this.

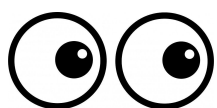
While we know everyone is anxious to have specific information about second semester, adjusting our schedules and teacher assignments is a complex process with thousands of moving parts. The Online Leadership Team and our division colleagues are striving to work through this process in a deliberate and thoughtful manner, student by student - and this takes time. As always, we are deeply appreciative of the patience and grace our community is extending to us during this transition period.

Please continue to [reach out to us](#) with questions and concerns as we work through this time of transition and throughout the rest of the school year. We are eternally grateful for your support.

Gratefully,

Dr. Gresham and the [Hanover County Online School Leadership Team](#)

Important Resources



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

Please take a look! These resources have been updated and reorganized.

Information for Everyone

Calendar News:

- January 27/28: [Early Release](#)
- January 27-28: High School Exam Days (A bell schedule will be forthcoming.)
- January 29, February 1 & 2: Student Holidays

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 last week at our *virtual PTO meeting*. 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! And most are virtual, contact-free). Mark your calendars for the next PTO meeting on February 8.

On-going fundraiser all year at Papa John's: When using the app to order from any location in the surrounding area, enter **OWLS** in promo codes at checkout. 10% of all sales go directly back to the HCOS PTO.

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.

Information for the Elementary OWLs

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

Here 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.

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](#)



The Hanover Center for Trades and Technology is presenting a virtual open house on January 21st for all middle and high school students. Please [click here for information](#).

"Middle of the Nest" - This week is special! We're inviting any current OWL student who is going back face-to-face for semester 2 to attend Thursday @ 4:00pm. We want to give you an overview of what a typical day is like in face-to-face

world! [Click here to see the presentation and sign up!](#)

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

Information for the High School OWLs



Important Information for Students Taking SOL Tests This Week: Mr. Vuiller has some last minute information to share with [high school students taking SOL tests](#) this week.

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!

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



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Upcoming Virtual College Visits:

- Tuesday, January 19th at 12:30 p.m. - University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Wednesday, January 20th at 12:30 p.m. - January Career Cafe- "Careers in STEM and Scientific Research" with Guest Speaker from On Demand Pharmaceuticals
- Wednesday, January 20th at 4:15 p.m. - Reynolds Community College Virtual Field Trip
- Thursday, January 21st at 4:15 p.m. - John Tyler Community College Virtual Field Trip
- Friday, January 22nd at 12:30 p.m. - Liberty University

Register [here](#) for upcoming Virtual College/Military Visits! If you are unable to attend a Virtual College/Military Visit or [Career Cafe](#) live, you will receive a link to the recorded session following the event via e-mail and may also view from our Hanover [Career Counseling YouTube page](#).

Hanover Career Counseling will be hosting Virtual Field Trips to Reynolds Community College and John Tyler Community College on Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st at 4:15 p.m. If you are planning to attend one of these schools or would like to learn more about program offerings, don't miss this opportunity! You may register to attend one or both of these Virtual Field Trips. Zoom Meeting Links will be sent out the week of the Virtual Visits to the email address used to register for the visit. Each session will provide information about the application process, registering for classes, programs and majors, financial aid and scholarship opportunities. [Click Here](#) to RSVP for one or both of these virtual events.

View our [Career Counseling calendar](#) for additional upcoming virtual college/military visits!

CollegeBoard's BigFuture Days - Virtual College Fair: Whether you've already started your college search or have no idea where to begin, CollegeBoard wants to connect you with colleges that might be a good fit for you. BigFuture Days gives students a chance to get information about multiple colleges from college admissions officers and current college students. Students and educators can register for multiple events, including the region they live in and/or the region(s) that represents the schools they are most interested in as well as learn more about the event(s) here:

cb.org/bigfuturedays

- BigFuture Day West + Southwest, Saturday, February 6, 2021, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Southeast, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Northeast, Sunday, March 7, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Thursday, March 11, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET

In addition, if parents have questions about BigFuture Days they can learn more about the event(s) here: [Parent Information](#).

Home/Zoned School Connections

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.