



HAWK TALK

FROM MR. RASAR



A Word from Mr. Rasar

Hello Holmes Families,

Happy October! This past month our students and staff have been having fun learning and growing with each other. In our newsletter this month, we have included information from our Math teachers, our Art Teacher, and our Athletic Coaches. Our hope is that this provides you a glimpse of what is happening at Holmes.

Next week, we will host Parent-Teacher Conferences. As a reminder, conferences are on Wednesday, October 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 7 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our conferences are by appointment only via Skyward. Please see our [Parent Guide](#) for more information. We look forward to seeing you at conferences either in-person or on Zoom.

Over the past few weeks, you may have heard about students conducting “pranks” because of a TikTok challenge called *Devious Licks*. These pranks direct students to act out behaviors that cause damage to the school and potentially others. Please make sure to talk to your child about this challenge to help them understand that if they complete these pranks there will be consequences for their actions. All of these pranks are inappropriate, with many asking kids to break laws. Please help your child understand that social media can be used for good things and it can also be used to influence children to do harmful things. I encourage you to monitor your children’s social media accounts and have conversations with them about what they read and watch on the internet.

Thank you for partnering with us to help provide our students with a safe and healthy school environment. We truly appreciate the support that you have provided to our entire school community this year. Please read below for more information about opportunities to support our Holmes Student Council and our PTO.

Have a great weekend,
Mark Rasar,
Principal

Holmes Happenings

Math at Holmes

Sixth Grade: In sixth grade math, we just completed the Area and Surface Area Unit and now we have moved on to Ratios. The sixth grade teachers are so proud of our students' growth so far this school year. All students have been consistent with completing their iReady minutes and lessons as well as the practice problems at the end of each lesson. The teachers are covering two lessons each block period, and students are doing a nice job showing their evidence of learning in their Illustrative Math workbooks as well as conversing with their peers on their mathematical reasoning. Learning is happening, and we are seeing students' confidence in math improving!

In October, we will be focusing on Ratios and then moving into Rates and Percentages. Assignments are posted daily in Google Classroom and all students should come to class with headphones in order to hear the iReady instructions. If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher.

Seventh Grade: Over the past month, seventh graders have learned how to determine if a given set of data is proportional and how to find the constant of proportionality. We are proud of how well our students have been using their "quiet think time" and sharing their ideas with their partners and the whole class. During October, students will learn why the circumference of a circle is proportional to its diameter as well as other concepts related to circles.

Eighth Grade: Students have completed their first unit on Congruent Figures. Students can now describe a series of translations, reflections, and rotations to prove two different shapes are congruent to one another. In the coming weeks, students will explore Similar figures.

Algebra: Students have completed their first unit on one variable statistics. Given a set of data, students can calculate the mean, median, mean absolute deviation, and interquartile range of that data. They also can read and interpret box plots, histograms, and dot plots. In the coming weeks, they will learn about linear equations, systems, and inequalities.

We are proud of the grit, perseverance, and effort that our students have shown to start the school year.

Artistic Adventures

Sixth grade art students have been busy working on their kaleidoscope name drawings. These intricate designs are actually made using the letters of the artist's name! Students learned about contrast, emphasis, and radial symmetry as well as the names of their new classmates while creating these colorful projects. Several projects are on display in Holmes hallways.



5-Star Student

Students at Holmes can earn Hawks Bills for positive behavior as well as points for being a part of clubs, sports, and attending events. Students are able to exchange Hawks Bills for Holmes spirit wear. Holmes spirit wear includes grade level t-shirts, hats, head bands, socks, sunglasses, and sweatshirts. Students can track their points using the 5-Star website or app.



Athletics

Our seventh and eighth grade girls basketball is off to a great start. Due to the Holmes gym remodeling project, this year's teams are the true "road warriors", practicing at Forest View Elementary and playing all road games. Both the seventh and eighth grade teams have already notched victories. The sixth - eighth grade Cross Country teams have enjoyed the awesome weather this summer/fall. This tight knit group has had some awesome individual finishes in their early meets. The sixth - eighth grade boys soccer teams have also taken advantage of the beautiful weather and have played some great soccer under the leadership of Mr. Robledo, Ms. Soifer, and Mr. O'Connell.

Looking ahead, seventh grade boys basketball (Mr. Lang), eighth grade boys basketball (Mr. Mowery), and Poms/Cheer (Ms. Donovan and Ms. Ray) will begin at the end of October. Students must have an up-to-date physical and a parental consent form on file with the office to participate.



Student Council

Student Council will be sponsoring our first fundraiser on Wednesday, October 13 at the Chipotle on Golf Road from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

Please view the [Student Council website](#) for upcoming projects.

Community Events

Harper Experience Day

Register for in-person and virtual events - October 23-29, 2021

- [Flyer](#)

Des Plaines Elks Lodge Essay Contest

Americanism Essay Contest for 2021-22 - "What does it mean to love your country?"

- [Flyer](#)

Calendar Events

- **One Hour Early Dismissal** - 10/6
- **Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences** - 10/6, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences** - 10/7, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Non-Attendance Day - School Closed** - 10/8
- **School Closed - Columbus Day** - 10/11
- **Makeup Picture Day** - 10/12
- **Board of Education Meeting** - 10/12, 6:00 p.m.
- **Makeup Picture Day** - 10/13
- **One Hour Early Dismissal** - 10/13
- **One Hour Early Dismissal** - 10/20
- **End of First Quarter for Junior Highs** - 10/22
- **One Hour Early Dismissal** - 10/27
- **Report Cards Go Home for Junior Highs** - 10/29

[View Calendar](#)

Latest News

- [Board Update 9-27-21](#)
- [Board Update 9-13-21](#)

PTO Update

PTO Meetings

- Tuesday, November 16, 2021
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022
- Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Fundraiser at Burger Baron

Thursday, October 7, 2021, 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

132 E. Golf Road, Arlington Heights, IL

Phone: (847) 258-3736

- [Flyer](#)



A graphic for Teacher Web Pages featuring a stylized hawk head in profile, facing right, in a dark red color. The words "TEACHER" and "WEB PAGES" are written in a white, sans-serif font across the hawk's face and neck area.

