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HJMS Principal Weekly Message *September 13, 2019*

Character quote of the week

“A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is a reality.”
John Lennon

Good afternoon HJMS Families,

We have made it through our first full week of school! I hope your family is making a smooth transition back into school mode and establishing the evening routine is getting easier. At HJMS we began our first round of student tours of the construction site! Donning hard hats, our students got their first views of the auditorium from the stage! These tours are happening through TechEd classes and our plan is for all students to have the opportunity to experience a guided tour at some point during the year. Check out some of the pictures from the tours @hjmslions on Instagram.

Next week we will have our 7th Grade Open House. The program will begin in the gym on September 19th at 6:30. I will have a short opening presentation and then you will proceed to follow your child's schedule. Open house is such an important part of the school-year, as it is the kick off to a yearlong partnership you will have with your child's teachers; you will receive all the information you need to support your child this year. However, please also know that it is not the only opportunity to engage with your child's teachers. Please reach out any time you have a question or concern, as this is why we are all here. I look forward to seeing all of our 7th grade families next week! 8th grade families, please mark your calendars for October 2nd. We have our first PTC meeting next week on September 17th at 7:00. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, show your children that you are involved in their schooling, and learn more about our priorities at HJMS. I hope to see you there.

I am happy to announce that we have a new security officer to welcome to the HJMS family. Liz Maher, a familiar face to many HJMS staff, will be returning to HJMS! Officer Liz served as a police officer with the SPD for 20 years and even was our SRO several years ago. Officer Liz will be starting on Monday and is so excited to meet our students. Please help me give her a warm welcome back when you see her around the building!

Beginning Monday, 9/16, our first run busses (Salters) departing HJ in the afternoon will now leave at 2:16 pm; this is two minutes earlier than what students are used to. The reason for this is because the busses have been arriving late to the elementary schools, causing problems for those schools and families. In order to make this transition smooth, we will ring the bell at 2:15 daily to serve as the one minute warning, we have informed students of the change today during lunch, and will also remind them on Monday. Mrs. Belmonte and I will be monitoring this change throughout the week to fully assess the impact it may or may not have on our students. If your child takes one of the following busses please take a minute to talk with them about the importance of moving quickly from their last period class to their bus. (25, 26, 27, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 85, 88)

Finally, if you did not get the opportunity to come to HJMS to hear Lynn Lyons speak on the topic of anxiety last year, you have another chance! Ethel Walker School invites you to their campus on Monday, September 16, from

6:30-8:30 PM, for a presentation by their 2019 Margaret Huling Bonz Women of Distinction Speaker, Lynn Lyons, LICSW.

Have an awesome weekend!

Scott Baker

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Schedule for the Next Two Weeks

Monday, September 16 - M2
Tuesday, September 17 - T2
Wednesday, September 18 - F2 early release
Thursday, September 19 - B2-odd
Friday, September 20 - B2-even

Monday, September 23 - M1
Tuesday, September 24 - T1
Wednesday, September 25 - B1-odd
Thursday, September 26 - B1-even
Friday, September 27 - F1 modified schedule due to ADL assembly