

Henry County Middle School

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**New School Hours
for 2012-2013**
8:55am—3:55pm



**Save the
Date**

All Pro Dads

Friday, 8/24,
8am in Media
Center



iMoms
Friday,
9/14,

8am in Media Center

Annual Title 1 Curriculum Night



Thursday, 8/30
Dinner @ 5pm
Meeting @ 6pm

Upcoming Holidays

⇒ **Labor Day**
Monday, September 3rd

⇒ **Fall Break**
September
24th—28th

New for Students:
Club Day
3rd Friday of each month
Begins Friday, 9/21

**For all Sports forms, please
visit the ATHLETICS tab on
our homepage.**

The Hawk's Cry

Title 1 Newsletter

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Dr. Kimberly Anderson, Principal
Ms. Julissa Forbes, 6th Grade Assistant Principal
Mr. Lawrence Gwyn, 7th & 8th Grade Assistant Principal

HCMS STUDENTS WELCOMED BACK WITH OPEN ARMS BY FACULTY

New Assistant Principal Joins Ranks

Ms. Julissa Forbes, formerly of Eagles Landing High and Stockbridge Middle & High, came on board this year as the new 6th Grade Assistant Principal. Mr. Gwyn moved into 8th Grade, and both will share 7th Grade. Here is a message from Ms. Forbes: "As I begin week two at

Henry County Middle, I am impressed with what I see. I see the teachers with a desire to reach all students any way possible. I also see students who are happy to be here and seem enthusiastic about learning. With the combination of both, I see a strong year ahead full of

individual student growth and development, academically as well as physically. I am looking forward to a great year and feel truly blessed to be a part of the Henry County Middle School family."



New Faculty & Staff Ready for "The Best School Year Ever"

Summer brought many changes to HCMS. Several new staff and faculty members have joined the great team at Henry County Middle School, and others moved into new areas to continue bringing our students a quality education.

New Team Members

Jeremy Coto/7th Grade
Denee Allaway/6th Grade
Jarvis Banks/Spec. Ed., 7th Grade
Leah Brown/Spec. Ed., 8th Grade
Rachael Burden/Spec. Ed., 6th Grade
Lyndsay McMurphy/Spec. Ed., 7th Grade
Patricia Williams/Spec. Ed., 6th Grade
Karl Brown/MID Paraprofessional
Lloyd Towe/EBD Paraprofessional
Ruxamani Patel/School Nutritionist
Surekha Patel/School Nutritionist

Returning Team Members & New Assignment

Zokovitch/8th Grade
Masters/7th Grade
Kitchens/7th Grade
DeCesare/7th Grade
Coleman/6th Grade
Heyward/6th Grade
Brooks/STEM Class

Welcome!!



Counseling & Parent Involvement Team Up for Success

HCMS will be offering parent workshops in a new format this year. Each 9 weeks, a permanent menu of workshops will be offered. Parents will be able to attend 2-3 workshops in one night. Different workshops may be taken during the next quarter. Click the PARENT tab on the homepage, and choose Parent Workshops for more information.



HCMS Communicates with Parents Effectively

School to Parent:

1. Website (<http://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/hcm>)
2. Calling Posts (automatic telephone messages)
3. Email (Registrar needs current email address on file)
4. Newsletter (Sent home monthly via student)
5. Flyers sent home

Home to School:

1. Email to Teacher via Teacher tab on website
2. Telephone
3. Parent/Teacher Conferences on Mondays or Fridays (By Appointment)



September 2012

All HOME games are in **BOLD** print.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	HCMS Hawks
						8	Softball
2	3 Labor Day No School	4	5	6	7 Progress Reports Go Home		9/6 @ Luella
9	10	11 7th Grade Football VS. Luella	12 8th Grade Football @ Luella	13 School Council 4:30pm	14 iMoms	15	9/11 VS. Locust Grove
16	17	18 7th Grade Football @ Stockbridge	19 8th Grade Football VS. Stockbridge	20	21 All Pro Dads	22	9/18 @ Hampton
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	9/20 VS. ELMS
30	Fall Break/No School						

New STEM Connections Class Promises Bright Futures



One of the most important reasons that Connections classes exist is to help students connect their learning to the real world. This year, HCMS is pleased to be able to offer a new choice for its students. Mr. Thomas Brooks will be teaching the new STEM class, a unique opportunity for our students as only one other middle school in Henry County offers the same class.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It is a national program endorsed by President Obama to increase interest and tap into natural giftedness of mechanically, mathematically, and scientifically minded students. Over a period of 9 weeks, students will work with an idea from its inception to its production. Activities and studies will include robotics, dragsters, hot air balloons, cat-

apults, rockets, Google Sketch-up, and many other projects to encourage our students in new and exciting directions. Coursework will align in most cases to subjects of a similar nature at the high school level to provide experience for students who may wish to continue studies that would prepare them to enter college in engineering of the field of their choice.

World Travel Tour Experience Is Offered to HCMS Students

From March 26—April 3, 2013, HCMS students will have an unprecedented opportunity to travel London, Paris, and Rome with Education First Educational Tours. The \$3,000 cost includes: all transportation fees, 6 nights' accommodations, 2 meals a day, 6 tours, and a full-time EF tour guide. A \$95 deposit will allow a flexible payment plan to be set up. For more information, email Ms. Johnson at sheilatjohnson@henry.k12.ga.us



Infinite Campus = Parental Involvement



Click on Infinite Campus on the right-hand side of the Henry County Middle School homepage. A downloadable app is now also available. There is an instruction page on the PARENT tab under INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT INFORMATION. If you have any questions regarding Activation Codes, please contact the Counseling Office at 770.957.3945.