

Upcoming Dates!

- **November 22nd-24th-** Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences
- **November 22nd-23rd-** Schools close 3 hours early (12:30 pm) for students due to Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences
- **November 24th-** Schools Closed for Students due to Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences.
- **November 25th-26th-** Schools and offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- **December 15th** - Schools Close 3 Hours Early. No Half-Day Pre-K/RECC

New information is highlighted below.

Congratulations - It's a... GIRL!

We would like to congratulate the Golden Family on the birth of their new baby girl!

Caroline Marie

Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 12:01 pm

7lbs 13oz 19in

Mrs. Golden and Baby Marie are doing very well!

We love our new little Jaguar!



Parent Teacher Conference Support:

Thank you for scheduling a parent teacher conference with your child's teacher. Check your email from hcpss_notifications to review the scheduled daily conferences. If you have questions or need help accessing your conference, please access the link below. Thank you.

Monday, November 22 · 1:00pm – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mxy-bbtu-jfs>

Or dial: (US) +1 401-542-3122 PIN: 826 476 125#

Tuesday, November 23 · 1:00 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/goa-egjd-zup>

Or dial: (US) +1 567-316-0984 PIN: 464 659 260#

Message from the Media Center re: JHES Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that had an opportunity to support our book fair. We had a tremendous response and it was absolutely wonderful to see students excited about reading. If you didn't have a chance this time to visit the book fair, no worries, take advantage of our break this week and visit your local library. No matter where the books come from, remember, the more you read, the more you know. Special shoutout to Ms. Yi, Mrs. Kleinberger, and Mrs. Mizerak for a job well done during our book fair. Please note, for students and staff that ordered online, orders will arrive the first week of December. Contact Ms. Yi at (410) 313-6872 if you have further questions.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE re: Safety During Morning Arrival

If you are driving your child to school in a car, you need to be in the car loop--no exceptions. **At no time should a student be dropped off anywhere along Majors Lane.** We have witnessed potentially dangerous situations of students crossing Majors Lane during a very busy time. DO NOT drop your child off anywhere along Majors Lane. Please use the car loop for everyone's safety--students and staff. If students are walking to school, they need to use the designated crosswalk staffed with Howard County crossing guards at the intersection of Majors Lane and Tamar Drive.

This includes letting students out of the car in the NO PARKING zone on Majors Lane adjacent to the building near the stop sign. Parking in this area makes visibility difficult for cars to turn right out of the parking lot.

Young Author's Contest Grades 1-5

Does your child enjoy writing and want to showcase their work? Students in grades 1 through 5 can enter their **short story and/or poem** into the Young Authors' Contest. The story needs to reflect their creativity, use appropriate language, and story structure. If they would like to write a poem, it should be creative and has appropriate use of language and imagery. See the contest guidelines below, write and type up the original story and/or poem, have a peer or adult edit the work, fill out the cover sheet/entry form, and turn it in by January 10, 2022. **Best of luck to all and happy writing!** If you have any questions you can email renee_sanudo@hcpss.org, robin_barrett@hcpss.org, or jill_reynolds@hcpss.org.

Young Authors' Contest Rules

Who: Students in Grades 1 – 5

What: Write a poem and/or a short story

- Entries must be original work
- Use 12 point font in Times New Roman.
- Short story entry must range between 100-400 words (gr. 1-2) and 300-800 words (gr. 3-5).
- Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between 25-150 words (all grade levels).
- Entries must not include graphics.
- Each entry must include a completed cover sheet signed by the student author's parent.
- Entries due January 10, 2022

DIGITAL RULES: Save your entry to a WORD document. Also save the typed cover sheet electronically. School winners will be asked to email their story and/or poem to Mrs. Sanudo, Mrs. Barrett, or Mrs. Reynolds so that we can submit the winning story and poem to the county level contest. [YAC Cover Sheet](#)

Message from the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry

The OM Food Pantry needs your help! We are now serving an average of 80-85 families (almost 400 people!!) each month, which means our shelves are pretty much emptied each month. If you would like to pick up a few extra items while doing your shopping this weekend, we would be extra grateful. We are in most need of:

- pasta
- mac 'n cheese
- mashed potatoes
- stuffing
- gravy
- oatmeal

- snacks
- jelly
- ramen
- diapers (sizes 1-6)
- baby wipes

Donations can be brought to the front office of OMHS (9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD) during school hours. If you have a larger donation, please reach out to Ashleigh Magrin (ashleigh_magrin@hcpss.org), teacher at OMHS, so that we can arrange a time for you to drop off and we can come meet you with a cart. We also happily accept [monetary donations](#), which go towards purchasing fresh produce and bread each month. Also, if you prefer shopping online or have out-of-town folks that would like to help us, check out our [Amazon wish list](#).

The food pantry will be open for distribution next on Wednesday, November 17 from 3-5pm.

Thank you very much for your support!

Have you been missing emails and/or text messages from the school? Update your Family File TODAY to stay connected!

At this time, **60% of families have updated their Family File**. Help us reach our goal of a 100% completion of this critical information. Our front office staff is going to begin calling families who have not updated and/or completed their Family File. This is a time intensive process so please save us the call and update yours today for each child in your family.

You can access the Family File by logging into [HCPSS Connect](#) at www.hcpss.org/connect/. Once you have logged into the HCPSS Connect, select the Family File tab on the left-hand side, and then select the blue underlined "Family File" towards the center of your screen. Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide, update, or confirm the following information:

- Student Information
- Parent/guardian Contact Information
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical Information
- Media Release (photo approval)
- Data Confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA Directory

Please note, if the section you are looking at is not allowing you to move forward, then there is a question/checkbox on that page that may still need to be addressed. Please make sure

to read the prompts at the top of each tab, and click to expand each section. To access our quick help guides, [CLICK HERE](#).

Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the “Forgot Password” link on the sign-in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out the [Connect Help Form](#).

HCPSS Community News and Programs Site

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS’ new [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations.”

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit community-programs.hcpss.org for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.