



HMS Happenings

10/16/2026

Week At A Glance

Monday, Oct. 19 - Gold Day

HMS Book Fair open until 4:00

Anime Club starts 3:15-3:45 in Room 508

Boys Wrestling begins 3:05 - 5:00 ****Physicals must be turned into the office before practice**

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Maroon Day

HMS Book Fair open until 4:00

Boys Wrestling Parent meeting at 5:00

Wrestling Room

Girls Basketball Parent meeting at 5:30 Gym A

JAG K Installation and Induction Ceremony at 7:00pm in the HMS Lecture Hall - please enter through the main office entry doors

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Gold Day

HMS Book Fair open until 4:00

Thursday, Oct. 22 - Maroon Day

HMS Book Fair open until 7:30

Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:30

NO AFTERSCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP DUE TO PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Friday, Oct. 23 - Gold Day

Last Day to turn in Stuco Dodgeball forms

Last Day - HMS Book Fair open until 4:00

Upcoming Events

Oct. 26 - Red Ribbon Week Spirit Day - Camo Day "Hide Away from Drugs"

Oct. 27 - Red Ribbon Week Spirit Day - Decades Day "Leave Drugs in the Past"

Oct. 27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 - 7:30

Oct. 27 - No After School Homework Help due to Parent /Teacher Conferences

Oct. 28 - Red Ribbon Week Spirit Day - Superhero Day "Be a Hero, Say No to Drugs"

Oct. 29 & 30 - No School - Fall Recess

Nov. 2 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

Nov. 3 - Quiz Bowl Try-outs round 1 - 3:15 - 3:45 (Lecture Hall)

Nov. 5 - Quiz Bowl Try-outs round 2 - 3:15 - 4:00 (library)

Nov. 6 - Stuco Dodgeball Tournament

Nov. 9 - HMS Parent Tribe Meeting at 5:30 in HMS Library

Nov. 20-21 - Western Kansas Orchestra Festival

Nov. 25 - 27 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

What You Need to Know

****Thursday, October 22nd & Tuesday, October 27th from 3:15-7:30pm.**

- Translators will only be available on Thursday, October 22nd.

Please enter through the Gym doors. When you arrive, you will be given a map for the night, your child's report card & their FastBridge family report.

- Most teachers will be located in Gym A and all have their own individual table. You do not need to schedule a time with each teacher. These conferences are come and go as the teacher's table is available. There may be wait times at teachers' tables. We ask that you keep your conference with each teacher between 5 - 7 minutes to help keep wait times as short as possible.
- Special education teachers will be in their own classrooms.

Teachers will not be available during their scheduled dinner time. Those times are as follows:

- 5-5:30 Social Studies teachers & Mr. Lindenmeyer
- 5:30-6 Electives teachers
- 6-6:30 Math teachers & Mrs. Buller, Mrs. Johnson
- 6:30-7 English teachers & Mrs. Straub, Mr. Tillman

**** Check out the this edition of *Tribe Talk*.** This is a digital newspaper produced by students on the yearbook staff. It is a great way to see what students at HMS have been doing. https://aptg.co/pCK_vl

****The Scholastic Book Fair is coming October 19th - 23rd!** This can't-miss event gets kids excited about reading and earns funds for our school. It will be open in the mornings and after school until 4:00. On Thursday, October 22, the book fair will be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences until 7:30. Please see the following link, If you would like to preview the fair or set up an ewallet for your student.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/haysmiddleschool>

Stuco will be hosting Red Ribbon Week on October 26th-28th. We will have educational activities in Squad and spirit days to celebrate RRW.

Monday, October 26th- Camo Day: "Hide Away from Drugs"

Tuesday, October 27th- Decades Day: "Leave Drugs in the Past"

Wednesday, October 28th- Superhero Day: "Be a Hero, Say No to Drugs"

****Catholic Charities is offering an Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Program** to ensure that families in need can still experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season. Please see the following links for more information. English <https://aptg.co/zjpn0c> Spanish <https://aptg.co/N9lg45>

****Quiz Bowl tryouts are coming soon!** Quiz Bowl is open to 6th - 8th graders.

- Round 1, November 3, 3:15 in the lecture hall. Students will be done at 3:45.
- Round 2, November 5, 3:15 in the library. Students who qualify from Round 1 will need to attend. Students will be done at 4:00.
- Email jbraun@usd489.com or jdale@usd489.com if you have any questions!

****The annual Stuco Dodgeball Tournament will be held on November 6th right after school in the gym.** Students will form grade level teams of 8 (4 boys & 4 girls) and fill out the registration form available in the office. Each player will pay \$5 and turn in with the form to the office before October 23rd. Spectators are welcome to come watch- cost is \$1 entry fee OR a non-perishable food item. K-5 students are free. Player entry fees will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters and food items will be donated to First Call for Help. Concession stand will be available. More information is linked on the school website.

****Another new club is forming at HMS.** Anime Club will meet on Monday's from 3:15-3:45 in room 508 (Mrs. Straub) starting October 19th. No experience required. Just bring your love of anime!

Reminders

****Hays Middle School has a food pantry available to HMS families in need.** If you would like to request help, call the HMS office. 785-623-2450

****Watch www.hmsindians.com** for more information, dates and times for many different events and activities going on at HMS throughout the year.

****For upcoming community events, look for the community flyers page on the USD 489 website.**

<https://www.usd489.com/browse/239318>