

December Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5

8th Grade Registration

December 10

PLC / Early-out

Dismiss @ 11:45 a.m.

December 19

Orchestra/Band/Choir


Concert @ 9:30a.m.

December 20 – January 2

Christmas Vacation

No School





Dear Jaguar Parents and Students,

As we are getting into the holidays, it got me thinking about how incredibly busy we all are. There are so many details for parents and kids to be attending to, that sometimes kids can find themselves falling behind in school work. So I came across these helpful homework tips for parents from Kids' Health, and I thought I'd share them with you:

1. **Know the teachers- and what they're looking for.** Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies, and how you should be involved.
2. **Set up a homework-friendly area.** Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies-paper, pencils, glue, scissors- within reach.
3. **Schedule a regular study time.** Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and relaxation period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. **Help them make a plan.** On heavy homework nights, or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary-and take time for a 15 minute break every hour, if possible.
5. **Keep distractions to a minimum.** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call or text to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful).
6. **Make sure kids do their own work.** They won't learn if they don't think for themselves, and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions, but it is a kid's job to do the learning.
7. **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. **Set a good example.** Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. **Praise their work and efforts.** Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help.** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.

I just want you to know how much I love working with your children! We have an amazing group of students here at H.I.S., and I feel it is a privilege to work with such great kids. Please know that as counselors, we are here to help your students. If you ever have questions or concerns about your students, please feel free to contact us at any time. We are here for you and your children!!!

-Mrs. Shurtz, School Counselor

Spreading Hope to our Community

Sponsored by Student Council & Hope Squad

HOPE WEEK:
December 10-14

December 10th (Monday) :

Where's Waldo?-Get to know Squad

December 11th (Tuesday) :

Shine out Suicide-Photo Booth/Guest Speaker

December 12th (Wednesday) :

Spread Hope-Sticky Notes

December 13th (Thursday) :

Team against Suicide-Relay

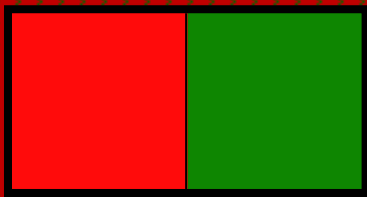
December 14th (Friday) :

Hold on to Hope-Life Saver Challenge



Christmas

Spirit Week



MONDAY (12/17/18)

CHRISTMAS COLORS

Come wearing Christmas colors!



TUESDAY (12/18/18)

PJ DAY

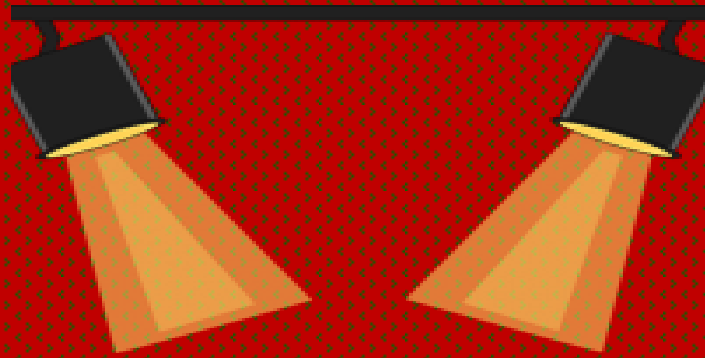
Wear your PJ's to school!



WEDNESDAY (12/19/18)

UGLY SWEATER DAY

Wear an ugly Christmas sweater to school!



Tracy Shurtz is our new 6th grade counselor. She has been an elementary counselor in our school district for 8 years, and most recently split her time between Hurricane and Riverside Elementary. This year, she is splitting between our school and Riverside Elementary. She and her husband love spending time with their family, and they have 5 kids and 3 grandchildren. She loves bicycling—her favorite places to ride are in Zion National Park, Teton National Park, and along the ocean and harbors in San Diego. She also loves everything Star Trek. She is very excited to get to know everyone at Hurricane, and to be working at the Intermediate.

JR. HIGH WRESTLING

REGISTRATION: November 14th-December 3rd

*\$10 late fee applies

COST: \$35 (includes T-shirt) <https://www.hurricanerecreation.com/youth-wrestling>

*Tournament/Travel costs are extra, and are paid by the individual

*Tournament fees are paid by the participants, and are not included with your registration. Tournament costs are set by the tournament host, and will vary from tournament to tournament. Participation in tournaments is not required, but is encouraged.

UNIFORM: Singlet is optional; shorts and T-shirt are okay.

JERSEY: T-shirt included

DIVISIONS: Grades 5-8

LOCATION: Hurricane High School Wrestling Room

PRACTICE DAYS: Tues, Wed, Thurs

*Practice starts Wednesday, November 28th

TIME: 5:30pm-7:00pm

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Each homeroom class is going to be participating in a Food Drive competition to help our community! The Food Drive will be held from December 10th-December 18th. Please send your donated canned goods/nonperishable items to school with your student.