

Good Morning HCS Families –

Now that the cold weather is upon us, please be sure your child has dressed appropriately. Everyone should have a hat, mittens, boots, and a winter coat. Classes will go outside for recess if the temperature is above 25. Also, please label your child's belongings with their initials or last name. This will help us make sure that things like lost gloves and mittens get returned to their owners!

We can use your help and wanted to remind everyone that pokemon cards and other games and toys should be kept at home. Thank you in advance for your help on this!

It is very helpful when students have headphones every day during school. Below are a couple of recommendations both equipped with microphones and perfect for educational and personal use. They both are powered with an audio cord that can be plugged right into the devices for easy setup and use.

Sony Series Stereo Headphones - *Please click "With Mic" when purchasing.*

[Amazon.com: Sony MDRZX110/BLK ZX Series Stereo Headphones \(Black\): Electronics](#)

Mpow Kids Headphones with Microphone

[Amazon.com: Mpow CH6S Kids Headphones with Microphone Over Ear, On Ear Headphones for Kids with HD Sound Sharing Function for Children Boys Girls, Volume Limit Safe 85dB,94dB Headset for School, Travel: Electronics](#)

This Friday, December 10th our school is participating in CCMC's annual PJ Day for the Kids. A special thanks to our HCS Student Council for coordinating this event! (See flyer below)

The Region 10 Stuff-A-Bus will be happening again on Saturday, December 11th. It will run from 9 AM to 1 PM in front of LSM. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, monetary donations, and non-perishable food. Proceeds will go to Friendly Hands Food Bank in Torrington along with the Burlington and Harwinton Food Pantries.

Families, please remember that if your child is a close contact to a person who tests positive for COVID 19, they are required to fully quarantine and are therefore not able to attend school. The state 'Screen & Stay' protocol only applies to COVID exposures that occur during the regular school day, it does not apply to activities outside of the school day, including before and after school care. If you are in doubt of whether your child is able to attend school due to a COVID exposure, please call Kristen Sullivan.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend!

Bob

Messages from our PTO:

The Husky Hustle is one of the most attended events it is truly one of the most memorable. This fundraiser is instrumental in raising the funds needed for many special school events and field trips. Because this event is so popular, it does require lots of willing volunteers to help make it happen! We are looking for 10 volunteers to step up and join the planning committee. The committee will meet several times over the next few months. This is a great way to get involved and help orchestrate a loved event here at HCS. Please consider signing up and be ready for some fun!

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2669834456219300112/false?popup=true#/invitation>

December (M,W,F) - Theme Days (see 12 Days of Cheer calendar below)

Friday, December 10th- Pajama Day (see flyer below)

Saturday, December 11- Stuff A Bus Toy Drive (info above)

Tuesday- Friday, December 14-17- Holiday Shop (more info to come)

Thursday, December 23 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students

December 24-31 – Winter break

Monday, January 3 – First day back from break

Friday, January 14 – 1:00 pm dismissal for students, teacher professional development

Monday, January 17 – No School, MLK Day

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Friendly reminder if your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call our school nurse to report the absence/tardy.

(860) 485-9029 ext. **12103**

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 and are quarantining for the required number of days

They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results

You screen them in the morning before school and they have any of the symptoms below:

- fever of 100.4 or higher
- chills
- a new uncontrolled cough
- difficulty breathing
- a sudden loss of taste or smell

If your family has traveled, we recommend testing upon returning. Please be vigilant and check for any symptoms daily for 14 days after travel. Even mild symptoms can be the first sign of COVID. If the traveler, family member or student, develops any symptoms, keep all family members home from school until the traveler has been tested.

In all cases, we ask that you always err on the side of caution. If your child has any signs of illness, please keep them home and contact our school nurse, Kristen Sullivan, sullivank@region10ct.org or by phone at (860) 485-9029 ext. 12103

Flyers:

HCS STUDENT COUNCIL

Pajama Day 2021

It's that time of year again! We are excited to raise money for Connecticut Children's Medical Center and get our name on the PJ Day map! We look forward to joining with other schools across the state to honor patients who must wear their pajamas for days, weeks, or longer while fighting cancer or other serious illnesses.

On **Friday, December 10th** - HCS will be participating in the CCMC Pajama Day! Students will be able to wear their pajamas to school to show support for the children staying at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. We encourage students to donate at least **\$1** to participate in this event. We hope you will consider making a donation to help us help kids who need it most! Together, we can make a difference for these courageous kids! If you would like to make a donation, please send in **cash only** with your child. Or you can donate online on our team page-

<https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/hcspjday>

Donations will be accepted up until the day of the event!

If you have any questions, please contact student council advisors, Miss Mattiello and Miss Morgan. They can be reached via email at,

mattielloa@region10ct.org and thulinm@region10ct.org.

Thank you for your support!

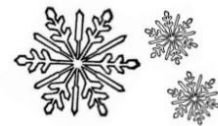
Sincerely,

HCS Student Council



12 Days of Cheer!

Sponsored by Student Council



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Let it Snow! Wear your favorite hat!	2	3 Flannel Friday Wear your best flannel!
6 Green Grinch Day Wear green!	7	8 Deck the Halls! Wear holiday accessories!	9 	10 Long Winter's Nap CCMC Pajama Day!
13 Red Rudolph Day Wear red!	14 	15 Tinsel Toes Show your crazy socks!	16	17
20 Winter Wonderland Wear white!	21	22 Sweater Weather Wear an ugly sweater!		



Regional School District 10 2021 Stuff-A-Bus Event

Where: In Front of Lewis Mills
High School

When: December 11th
Time: 9AM-1PM



Possible Donations:

- New Unwrapped toys
- Non-perishable food items
- Monetary donations



Donations Help Support:

- Burlington and Harwinton Food Pantry
- Torrington's Friendly Hands Food Bank





HCS Holiday Shop

DECEMBER 14-17
(DURING SCHOOL HOURS)*

STUDENTS CAN SHOP FOR
SMALL GIFTS FOR FAMILY &
FRIENDS

GIFTS WILL BE WRAPPED UPON
PURCHASE

*ASSIGNED CLASS SHOPPING TIMES WILL BE SENT
HOME WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

