

Important Numbers

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Points of Interest

Mar 5 — Talk Tues w/ Ms. Davis

Mar 7 — Spring Picture Day

Mar 7 — Conference Night, 4—7 PM

Mar 8 — Students Holiday Teachers 1/2 Day PD

Mar 10 — Daylight Saving Time

Mar 18-22—Hines Library Bookfair

Mar 22 -Career Fair for 7th & 8th Gr. 8:20 AM—1 PM

Mar 27 — Well Rounded Wednesday

Mar 29—1/2 Day Dismissal for Students, 11:30 AM

1/2 Day TWD afternoon

Apr 1-5 Spring Break Schools Closed

Apr 8 — TWD—Students Holiday

(more dates and activities located on page 3)

• Please Sign In at our main office upon arrival to HMS.



Everywhere you go, leave a glitter trail of KINDNESS behind you.

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Hines Herald

News from Hines Middle Home of the Spartans

March 2024

D.E.A.R.

February, even though it had one more day, went so fast that everyone is still asking "where did it go?". It did go fast and we had a calendar full of events!

We had three weeks of events celebrating Black History Month. One of those weeks overlapped with Kindness Week. Thank you to Ms. Smith and Mr. Mitnick for organizing these events! There



was also our February Sweetheart Dance that was enjoyed by an overwhelming number of students! A HUGE THANK YOU all who helped make our February events so successful.

Mrs. Small coordinated a Black History Month luncheon with staff. This has become an annual event at Hines. Staff brought in covered dishes and Mrs. Small and her faithful committee set up a classroom so all of our staff could have a relaxing nice unencumbered lunch. Another HUGE THANKS goes out to this committee!

Our Volleyball Teams played in one tournament game and even though it was not a winning season this year, all had a good time practicing and playing. Thank you to our Coaches and Parents for all of the time they devoted to our players!

Middle School Basketball begins with 2 games at the end of March and another new sport for middle school — Football, will begin just before Spring Break. WOW!! We are very excited to be able to support these athletic programs! The schedules are posted on page 6 of this newsletter.

We will have Student-Led Conference Night on March 7th from 4—7 PM. Parents do not need to make an appointment, just please come and see what your student has been doing at Hines. Our 6th grade teams will be in the Café, 7th will be in the Gym, 8th will be in the Library, and Related Arts will be in the Art Room. This type of conference builds accountability, self-confidence, and self-esteem; and also promotes communication and critical thinking. Please come out listen to your student explain how they are growing here at Hines!

We are continuing with our DEAR time twice a month at 2:40 PM. If you don't have a physical book to read, you can always read something on SORA thru your Clever app.

Your Hines Library will also be having the Scholastic Bookfair during the week of March 18-22. Please support the bookfair so they can get the books your students would like to read in the library.

There are lots of great things happening here at Hines — Picture Day, Career Day, Bookfair, PBIS Events, and More! You'll want to be here so you don't miss out! Please be present, turn in all assignments, look for and turn in overdue library books, remember to bring your charged Chromebook AND Charger to school EVERY DAY and come to school EVERY DAY!

> Keep Up the Good Work Spartans and Our Year Working Together Will Be AWSOME!

Because Hines Is Where The Heart Work is Done!





Connect 5 is the system that makes computerized phone calls to families about important events. Please provide regular updates of your email addresses, home and cell numbers to the main office so that you will receive Connect 5 communication.

E-mail

E-mail is an **efficient way** to communicate about your child's academic performance or for other reasons. Please allow 24 hours for a return e-mail from your child's teacher/school staff.

ParentVue



Parent Assist. Please sign up for this valuable tool in keeping up with your child success with ParentVue. There is also StudentVue for students to see their grades so they can keep themselves on task and up to date (building responsibility is a CCC Character Trait).

Conferences

Face-to-face meetings are requested by families and by the school. In addition to an individual meeting with your child's teacher, conferences are a great way to **assemble a group** of people to discuss your child's successes or areas of concern. Contact your child's teacher, counselor, or administrator to request a conference.

Letters/Post Cards



Letters and post cards are additional ways a teacher or school staff might communicate about a student's good behavior, academics, or citizenship. Letters **from Hines** will be sent home throughout the school year. Current addresses are requested; postage costs for undeliverable or returned mail add up!

Telephone Calls

We have telephones in our classrooms. When you call to speak with your child's teacher, you will be transferred to that teacher's voice mail or a secretary will take a message and give it to the teacher. **Please allow** 24-48 hours for a return phone call.

Facebook, Twitter, and Hines Home Page



Please visit our Hines Home Page. There is a wealth of information on this page. Please check Hines Facebook for announcements and get a visual image of good things happening at HMS. Find us on Twitter using the hashtag #HinesIsWhereTheHeartIs

Facebook

Safe line - See Something, Say Something



Our **See Something**, **Say Something** safe line is checked daily and our school staff works tirelessly in partnership with our students to ensure that HMS remains Safe. Please call **757** -283-7855 to anonymously report incidents of unsafe behavior including bullying occurring at school or on the bus.

Here Comes The Bus App



HERE COMES THE BUS

Here Comes the Bus allows families to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet or computer. See the location of your child's bus both before and after school. Confirm that your

child's bus has arrived at the bus stop, at school or both. For more information see the link on the NNPS Website under the Family and Students button.

LOST AND FOUND

NOTE: Lost and Found items will be donated on Wednesday, March 20th

Please check the lost and found located in the Bus Lobby for your items when you see they are missing.

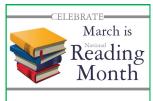


Hines Middle School Dates to Remember









Mar	2	National Read	Across	America Day	Dr.	Seuss'	Birthday	,
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Mar 4—7 Celebrate Me activities, students please see your Canvas page for activities

Mar 5 Talk Tuesday with Ms. Davis, 4-5 PM

Mar 7 Hines Spring Picture Day

Mar 7 DEAR Time, Drop Everything and Read at 2:40 PM

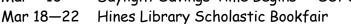
Mar 7 Parent Conference Night, 4—7 PM

Mar 8 Students Holiday — No School for Students

Mar 8 Teachers 1/2 Day PD

Mar 9 Flying Classroom, virtual event (see page 6)

Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins — Set Clocks FORWARD 1 Hour



Mar 22 Career Fair for 7th & 8th grades, 8:20-1 PM

Mar 23 March Mania 2.0 Basketball Clinic at Menchville H5, 10 AM—2 PM (see page 8)

Mar 25 DEAR Time, Drop Everything and Read at 2:40 PM

Mar 25 Hines Basketball vs EFMS at Hines, Girls play at 4:30, Boys play at 5:30, Admission \$3.00

Mar 27 Well Rounded Wednesday Event at the end of the day

Mar 27 Hines Basketball vs GMS at Hines, Girls play at 4:30, Boys play at 5:30, Admission \$3.00

Mar 28 MakerSpace Night at Brooks Crossing (see page 5)

Mar 29 1/2 Day Dismissal for Students — 11:30 AM

1/2 Day TWD afternoon

Mar 30 Hines Football vs EFMS at Woodside HS, 11:00 AM, Admission \$3.00

Apr 1—5 Spring Break — Schools are Closed

Apr 8 Students Holiday

Teacher Planning Day





HMS Notes and Reminders

- Students are welcome to enter the building at 7:55A.M. daily. Please avoid picking your children up before school dismisses at 2:55 P.M. ID is required for all student pick-ups. Safety is first!
- Please access our <u>Hines Herald</u> school newsletter @ http://hines.nn.k12.va.us/newsletter.html
- Please join our Facebook site (http://www.facebook.com/HinesMiddleSchool) for updates and announcements.







What is Happening in your Library?

Welcome to your Hines Library Media Center where students come to learn, read, and participate in fun learning activities. There is always something going on at your Hines Library!

Mrs. Farley likes to do contests to get students involved in the library. February's contest was guessing how many Conversation

Hearts were in the jar. No one guessed the actual count that was 431. She pulled the top 10 closest guesses: Ja'myra Taylor, Isabella Joseph, Cassidy Kincaid, Keona Hunt. Bailey Davis, Kyle Scott, Cheyenne Hartless, Xavier Jenerette, Andrew Keatts, and Ms. McCarty Wilson! Ms. Tucker pulled the winning ticket— Xavier Jenerett WINS! Congratulations! He received the candy and chose a free book.



Mrs. Farley collaborated with 7th grade social studies teachers on a project using Canva to make a social media post about The New Deal. Mr. Elkins and Ms. Griffin's classes came to the library and learned about several features and how to submit their completed Canva projects to their teachers in Canvas.





Spartans are able to use Beanstack to record their reading minutes and participate in the monthly challenges. Our February Challenge was Black History Month. Spartans who completed the Challenge

are:. Amiyah Wynne, Channelle Ware, Cassidy Kincaid, Chloe Maclean, Jacob Buszard, MaKylie Collins, Kyle Scott, Constantine Bueltmann-Prok, Michael Wang, Chriseana Pettaway-Davis, and Ms.

Lee. Don't stop reading Spartans, as our new challenge for March is:





We will have 2 DEAR Days (Drop Everything And Read) in March. We will DEAR at 2:40 PM on March 7th and March 25th.

March is Reading Month so we hope you are finding some good books that you like to read — Whether you Read for FUN or Read for KNOWLEDGE, there is something for everyone in the Hines Library. Your Library Staff are Mrs. Farley School Librarian and Ms. Lee, Library Media Assistant. Their desire is for you to be successful in your reading quests for knowledge and pleasure.

Enjoy Reading!

Club Activities

Recognizing the social nature of middle school students and capitalizing on their need to move and do, Newport News middle schools offer a variety of enrichment activities that expose students to higher level thinking, real world application, and fun. Students are encouraged to become actively involved in establishing agendas and goals, recruiting and organizing its activities. Every club and activity offers students numerous opportunities to develop and hone their leadership skills, and explore and develop new talents to highlight their strengths. Most clubs and activities are held after school, twice a month. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate, bus transportation is provided for all activities.* (*Excerpted from the NNPS Middle School brochure.)

We encourage all Spartans to participate in an activity. Even though clubs have started meeting you may still sign up for Clubs and Activities!

Please make sure to know which day/days that your club or activity is meeting. Activity buses are numbered A-G and the stops may be different from your regular bus. These afterschool activities are 3:30-5:00 PM.

Spartan Academy meets Monday thru Thursday afterschool from 3:15-5:30 PM. This program focuses on English and Math with tutors available.



&Wallet

The Bookfair Is Coming to Your Hines Library!

Your Hines Library will be hosting the Scholastic Bookfair this month. You may want to set up an E-Wallet account for your student so they don't have to worry about having cash. Fliers should be coming home soon!

STEM NIGHT!

Mark your calendar for this event!



Meteorologist Taylor Stephenson will be here at Hines for a STEM Night on Wednesday, March 20th from 6:30—7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of Family Fun At Brooks Crossing on March 28th:



Go Guardian for Parents

Go Guardian for home is now available for parents. The parent app allows parents the same abilities that teachers have while students are at home. Parents are able to set parameters and get reports and see what their student is doing online at home.



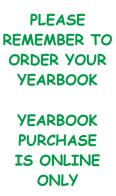


From YOUR PTA/PTSA

PTA membership is \$8.00 per person so please join our Hines PTA. Your PTA is also selling Hines Spirit Wear at sports events.

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SRCU Student-Run Credit Union



Join the credit union by going to their website.
Once students join the credit union as a member they may begin using their account.
Students may make deposits to their savings accounts at school during lunch on the Wednesdays listed on this chart.
HAPPY SAVINGS!

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Middle School Athletics Basketball Schedule Spring 2023-2024 SY

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ELLA FITZGERALD
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HINES

Schools in BOLD are designated as the HOME TEAM (SITE)

Practice Start Date: March 11 Entry Fee: \$3

DATE	NORTHERN DISTRICT	SOUTHERN DISTRICT		
	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30	Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30		
Monday, March 25	Passage vs Gildersleeve	Huntington vs BTW		
Wonday, Waren 20	Ella Fitzgerald vs Hines	Crittenden vs Achievable Dream		
Wednesday, March 27	Huntington vs Passage	BTW vs Crittenden		
vvcanesaay, maren =:	Gildersleeve vs Hines	Ella Fitzgerald vs Achievable Dream		
Wednesday, April 10	Passage vs Ella Fitzgerald	Achievable Dream vs BTW		
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Monday, April 15	Crittenden vs Passage	Hines vs Achievable Dream		
	BTW vs Gildersleeve	Ella Fitzgerald vs Huntington		
Wednesday, April 17	Hines vs Passage	Gildersleeve vs Crittenden		
77	BTW vs Ella Fitzgerald	Achievable Dream vs Huntington		
Monday, April 22	BTW vs Hines	Huntington vs Crittenden		
111011001,7101112	Ella Fitzgerald vs Gildersleeve	Passage vs Achievable Dream		
Wednesday, April 24	Crittenden vs Ella Fitzgerald	Passage vs BTW		
	Achievable Dream vs Gildersleeve	Hines vs Huntington		
Wednesday, May 1	TOURNAMENT PLAY	Quarterfinals – Higher Seed		
Monday, May 6	TOURNAMENT PLAY	Semi-Finals – Higher Seed		
Wednesday, May 8	TOURNAMENT FINALS	SITE – Warwick HS		

Huntington home games at Gethsemane Baptist Church-5405 Roanoke Ave.

11-2-23

Middle School Athletics Football Schedule Spring 2023-2024 SY

SOUTHERN DIVISION

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HUNTINGTON

CRITTENDEN

NORTHERN DIVISION

ELLA FITZGERALD

GILDERSLEEVE

PASSAGE

HINES

Schools in BOLD are designated as the HOME TEAM (SITE)

Practice Start Date: March 4

DATE	Northern District	Southern District		
	11:00 am unless noted	11:00 am unless noted		
Saturday, March 30	Passage vs Gildersleeve (@DHS)	Huntington vs BTW (@ MHS)		
Saturday, march 50	Ella Fitzgerald vs Hines (@WoHS)	Crittenden vs Achievable Dream (@ HHS)		
Saturday, April 13	Huntington vs Passage (@ DHS)	BTW vs Crittenden (@ HHS)		
Saturday, April 25	Gildersleeve vs Hines (@ MHS)	Ella Fitzgerald vs Achievable Dream (@ WoHS)		
Saturday, April 20	Passage vs Ella Fitzgerald (@ WoHS)	Achievable Dream vs BTW (@ HHS)		
Saturday, riprii 20	Crittenden vs Hines (@ MHS)	Gildersleeve vs Huntington (@ DHS)		
Saturday, April 27	Crittenden vs Passage (@ DHS)	Hines vs Achievable Dream (@ HHS)		
Sataraay, April 2	BTW vs Gildersleeve (@ MHS)	Ella Fitzgerald vs Huntington (@ WoHS)		
Saturday, May 4	Hines vs Passage (@ DHS)	Gildersleeve vs Crittenden (@ MHS)		
Saturacy, may	BTW vs Ella Fitzgerald (@ WoHS)	Achievable Dream vs Huntington (@ HHS)		
Saturday, May 11	BTW vs Hines (@ MHS)	Huntington vs Crittenden (@ HHS)		
Julia day, May 11	Ella Fitzgerald vs Gildersleeve	Passage vs Achievable Dream (@ DHS)		
	(@ WoHS)			
Saturday, May 18	Semi - Finals	Todd Stadium – 12:00 pm/ 3:00 pm		
Friday, May 24	City Champ Game	Todd Stadium – 6:00 pm		

The top 2 seeds in the North/South will advance to the Semi-Final Play Offs South 1 vs North 2 and North 1 vs South 2

1-8-24

Flying Classroom

Ms. Cagle is our Point of Contact for the Flying Classroom Saturday Academic and Enrichment Program. This is an opportunity to engage in literacy, math and STEM activities at no cost, right from home on select Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

Your classroom teachers should have posted this information on your classroom Canvas page so that you have access to all of the information. The first Saturday for this activity is March 9th. Please sign up if you are interested in attending these sessions. Again, these sessions are Virtual from Home. Enrollment is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible.





We had a lot of fun with the different activities held at Hines in celebration of Black History Month. Here are a few highlights!

2/12-2/16 - OPERATION KINDNESS WEEK

- Monday Serve Others/Black in Sports Day: Dress as your fav athlete
- Tuesday (Sweethearts' Dance) Make Others Matter/Wear Red or Pink
- Wednesday-Include Others/ Shades of Brown Wear shades of brown to celebrate the many shades we come in
- Thursday Love Others/Black Artist Day Show love to your fav music artist by dressing like them or wearing something in reference to that artist
- · Friday- Encourage Others/Black Pride Wear positive affirmations/Black pride graphic tees







- Tuesday- BET Awards Day- Students dress as if heading to the BET Awards (Formal/Semiformal)
- · Wednesday- HBCU/College Paraphernalia Day Wear college gear
- Thursday Family Reunion-Wear any family reunion gear or Spartan gear
- Friday Soul Train Awards Dress from the 70s





2/26-2/29 - BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPIRIT WEEK 3

- . Monday Throwback Day Dress like a historic figure
- . Tuesday- Black Excellence- Dress to impress attire
- . Wednesday BHM Trivia in the cafeteria
- Thursday Pan African Flag Day- Each grade level wears a color of the Pan African flag:

6th-yellow, 7th-green, 8th red, (and black is also welcomed)





Dress for Success and Dress for the B.E.T. Awards

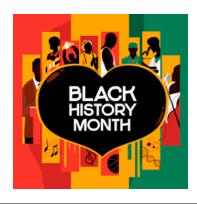




Soul Train—Throw Back to the 70's



Dress as a historical figure — Welcome Ms. Rice as Bessie Coleman







I AM PETERMINED. I AM UNSTOPPABLE.

WRITING COMPETITION

We invite all Middle School students in the **TIDEWATER** area to enter and compete in our writing competition. We believe in the importance and power of literacy and would like to encourage self expression through original, creative pieces of work.

Official Rules

- All work must be original and must be inspired by our 2024 theme: I Am Determined. I Am Unstoppable.
- Any of the following styles are acceptable: Poem, Song, Narrative, Short Story or Essay.
- * Entries may not exceed 1,500 words.
- * Only one entry per student is permitted.
- * Use of copyrighted material is prohibited and will be disqualified.
- * Please visit movingforwardreachingback.org to submit your entry.
- Your entry is complete once you have your parent/guardian submit the permission slip google form.
- Entries must be submitted by April 20, 2024 by 11:59pm.

The winner will be announced on May 15, 2024



NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MARCH MANIA 2.0 A FREE EVENT FOR ALL PRE-K TO 12TH GRADE NNPS STUDENTS SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. BASKETBALL MENCHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 275 MENCHVILLE ROAD · NEWPORT NEWS Join us for a day of fun with math activities, vendors, food trucks, door prizes, friendly competitions, NNPS preschool registration, financial workshops and more! There will be activities for the whole family! Basketball Clinics Basketball Invitationals Grades K-2: 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. High School Female Students vs. NNPS Female Staff Grades 3-5: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Grades 6-8: 12:15 - 1:00 p.m th Exhibition Explore interactive math station High School Male Students egistration will be open 15 minute vs. NNPS Male Staff and games. Take home math activities. prior to each session 12 - 1 p.m. Prizes and more! Chess Clinics NNPS Allstars vs. NNPD 1 - 2 p.m. Grades K-2: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m Grades 6-8: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. **FOOD** MATH Adults are welcome to join TRUCKS DOOR EXHIBITION **PRIZES** Universal Family and Community Engagement MATHNASIUM

7th Grade Science Visits Virginia Living Museum



Ms. Campbell's 7th grade science students went to visit the Virginia Living Museum on February 26th and 27th. (Just an FYI, Science teachers have A-Day students and B-Day students, so they didn't spend 2 days at the museum.)

They had several hands-on opportunities to investigate and learn why the Chesapeake Bay and our waterways are such an integral part of our ecosystem.







NEIGHBOR2NEIGHBOR

Temple Baptist Church is one of our Hines business partners. They will be providing a place to pick up free produce, fruits and vegetables, provided by the Peninsula Food Bank at these times during March.

First-time guests will be asked to register upon arrival. Shopping bags are provided by the church.

March 16th and March 30th

10 AM-Noon

Located at:

Temple Baptist Church Social Hall (park in the back) 235 Harpersville Road, Newport News, VA 23601

If you have questions please call Coleman at 757-596-7203





Family Fun & Fitness Night

FACE—Family Engagement and Support — held a Family Fun and Fitness Night at Hines on February 27th. Thank you to our supporters who came to set up a booth and those teachers, parents and students who came our for some family FUN!





















