

**Principal's Weekly Update**  
**Mrs. Janiece Dilts**

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It**

**Baseball This Season:** Due to some adjustments in scheduling for baseball in middle schools, I would like to request your feedback regarding our upcoming spring season. We have the option of having our baseball team compete against one other local team during the season and just repeat that opponent, or to share with all interested athletes of a local club baseball program that has a local Holly Springs team play sixteen other club baseball teams in the surrounding area. These teams are divided by which middle school they attend, but they are not sponsored by WCPSS. In order to gain your feedback about this decision, I have included a brief [survey](#) and ask that you complete it by **Monday, September 30**.

**ELA Resource for Parents:** On our school website, information has been placed for parents about EL Education. It's an overview of Middle School ELA for families with students in grades 6 - 8. The forms can be found under Parents - HW Resources - [Grade 6/Grade 7/Grade 8](#).

**Board Advisory Council Parent Rep for HGMS:** The Wake County Board of Education Policy 2231 (available at [wcpss.net](http://wcpss.net), click on Board of Education, then Board Policies) provides for Board Advisory Councils. Each of the 9 school districts must have an advisory council made up of Principals, Parent Representatives, and at-large members. They meet at least 4 times a year with the district board member as outlined in the policy. Highlights of the expectations for members are as follows:

- Be aware of Board Policy 2231.
- Be passionate about quality education for children.
- Be committed to serving (1) your school, (2) District and (3) Wake County as a whole.
- Serve for up to 3 years.
- Post BAC meeting dates at school.
- Attend the scheduled meetings.
- Communicate: (1) with PTA, parents, and staff regarding board-related issues and forward emails of weekly Board meetings, (2) feedback solicited by the Board on longer-term issues.
- Participate in discussion during meetings.
- Engage in educational activities (such as studies, research, or other meetings) as directed by the board member.
- Keep abreast of school issues. Provide input to the Board of Education on issues affecting school policies and procedures.
- Express ideas appropriately on educational matters based upon active participation in activities.

**Fall Picture Packages, Tracks 2 & 4:** Picture packages were sent home on Tuesday, September 11, 2019. If you purchased a picture package on picture day (8/07/19) and did not receive a package, please check with your child's homeroom teacher, they have a list of packages received and distributed. \*reminder, for fall pictures, if you did not bring money on picture day, you should not expect a picture package.

**Fall Picture Retake/Absentees, Tracks 2 & 4:** Will be taken on September 25th at 8:15am. Your child can report for a picture/retake if:

- Return a full picture package for a retake
- Absent on picture day (8/7/19)- will have a picture label for these students
- New Enrolled after 8/7/19
- Bring money to purchase a package on 9/25; even if their picture was taken on 8/7/19, if they bring money to purchase a package on 9/25, they will be permitted to report for another photo.
- \*\*If student did not purchase a package on 8/7/19 and is not purchasing a package on 8/25/19, a retake **cannot** be taken.

If your child needs a retake, please be sure they are here by 8:15am.

*Retakes for Tracks 1 & 3 will be held on October 16th.*

**Student Holiday:** Monday, September 30th is a Student Holiday; Our building will be closed for training.

**Walk for Water Community Service Project:** Our National Junior Honor Society has partnered with [Water Mission International](#) to sponsor a Walk for Water on Saturday, September 28, from 8-11:30am.

Students and faculty can sign up to walk using [this link](#) (posted on the HGMS website under Walk for Water and on the posters around the building). We ask each walker to commit to raising a minimum of \$10 in donations in order to walk with us.

Once a walker is signed up to participate, s/he will receive a collection envelope. The link to donate directly to Water Mission is [here](#) and on the collection envelope. We are encouraging online donations so we don't have to handle cash!!!

Here is a video that was played last Monday during homeroom to give you more information; you can find it [here](#). This project is new to the advisers and is **90% student driven**. We're trying to develop leadership skills in our NJHS kiddos and appreciate your patience as many navigate LEADING for the first time.

**School Dance:** Our first dance will be **Friday, September 27**, at 3:30-5:30 p.m. Students will receive permission forms on Friday, September 20, that need to be returned to their homeroom teacher by Friday, September 27, at 8:15 a.m. and must include their \$6 (exact change) payment either with cash or a check made out to HGMS PTSA. The permission form is full of information about pricing and procedures. All students who are tracked out **DO NOT** require a permission form, and we will collect their \$6 entrance fee upon their arrival. [Here](#) is a copy of the form in case you need to print it.

**Instructional Spotlight:** Students in 7th grade math have been working at dilations. Please ask them to share with you how to create another shape to scale based on these dilations.