



THE FALCON CRIER

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From the Principal

“Building” A Positive Environment

One of the goals of the North Harford Middle School community is to build a positive climate where students can feel comfortable, safe and can learn effectively. We decided to work on building the character traits that can facilitate the attainment of such a goal, while having fun at the same time.

So we have decided to “build” this positive environment somewhat literally in the lobby of the school. As you enter NHMS you will notice a fenced in “construction site”. Within the white picket fence there is a platform where we have started building the school with Lego pieces. Each Lego piece represents a recognition of students demonstrating positive character. We are focusing on the following five character traits:

- Scholarship
- Stewardship
- Benevolence
- Self-Respect
- Citizenship

As teachers and staff observe students demonstrating positive examples of these character traits, they are recognizing the students who demonstrated them by awarding them a coupon and a Lego piece. Students are adding their Lego piece to the building

and the coupon enters them for a chance to win in a monthly prize drawing.

We have already seen the excitement in the students as they participate. We have set an ambitious goal of 10,000 pieces being added to our structure. The next time you are in the lobby at NHMS, take a moment to check out the progress of our building.

*Karl Wickman Ed. D.
Principal, North Harford MS*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Next NHMS PTSA meeting is

October 3, 2017 at 9:30 am

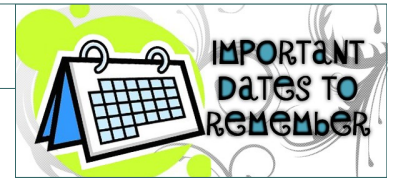
Location: NHMS Conference Room

2017-2018 PTSA

Executive Board:

President: Carla Manzo
Vice President: Sandra Monaco-Burton
Secretary: Ora Cummings
Treasurer: Christy Collins

OCTOBER CALENDAR



Check out Edline for updates to the calendar.

You can also email the PTSA at nhmspts@gmail.com with any questions.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 9:30-10:30am PTSA Meeting NHMS Confer- ence Room	4 6-7:30pm Mag- net Program Information Mtg NHMS	5	6	7
8	9	10 6-7:30pm Mag- net Program Info Mtg Edge- wood High	11 6-8:30pm HCPS College & Career Fair HCC APGFCU Arena	12	13	14
15	16	17 6-7:30pm Magnet Pro- gram Info Mtg Aberdeen High	18	19 3 hour early dismissal for all schools	20 MSEA Conven- tion—Schools Closed	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

PTSA COMMITTEE NEWS

BOX TOPS HOMEROOM COMPETITION!!!

Keep bringing in those Box Tops! Your homeroom could be rewarded! See page 5 insert!



FALCON PRIDE WALK-A-THON

The North Harford Middle School PTSA is sponsoring The Falcon Pride Walk-a-Thon on Tuesday October 10, 2017. See page 6 insert!

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL

Dear NHMS Community,
Your student government advisors are Ms. Taylor and Ms. Grace. We would like to welcome you to the NHMS 2017-2018 school year. We are looking for responsible, enthusiastic students to join the Student Government Association this year. Your child can find an application in the main office or from one of us during the school day. Our school theme for October is "Begin with the mind in End". We will be sponsoring a can food drive during the month of October to end hunger in the state of Maryland. Please help by donating non perishable food items. If every child just brings in one item we would have close to 1,000 items. Please feel free to contact us at kelly.taylor@hcps.org or lauragrace@hcps.org if you have any questions about the food drive or for more information about the student government.

Sincerely,
Kelly Taylor
Laura Grace

2017-2018 NHMS PTSA Committee Chairpersons

Box Tops/Labels: Paula Mackey

Corporate Rebates: VACANT

Eighth Grade Activities: Ora Cummings, Carla Manzo, Tesha Wright

The Falcon Crier: Andrew Collins

Faculty Basketball Game: Laura Coyne

Falcon Walk: Karen Bowser, Ora Cummings

Hershey Park Tickets: Julie Harvey

Membership: Lisa Pfeiffer

Reflections: VACANT

Spirit Wear: Julie Harvey

Staff Appreciation: Tesha Wright

Volunteers: VACANT

Website/Facebook: Sandra Monaco-Burton

If you have questions regarding the PTSA, or specific questions for an officer or chairperson, please email nhmspts@gmail.com and it will be directed to the appropriate person for follow-up.

SHOW YOUR FALCON PRIDE WITH

SPIRIT WEAR

Check out our Spirit Wear online store with new items from sweats to tee shirts, plus a lot more. We will also be offering items from Under Armor at a great price. Spirit Wear makes for a great **Christmas gift.!**

The latest Spirit Wear is displayed in the school lobby. You can also see it on our PTSA Facebook page.

Order forms for NORTH HARFORD crew socks are at the office.

\$11.50 PER PAIR!!

OR

2 for \$20

NO TAX!!

AVAILABLE ONLINE SEPTEMBER 29th - THRU - OCTOBER 17th

GO TO: <http://northharfordmiddle.itemorder.com>



Box Tops



Homeroom Contest

October 2nd - 13th

Did you know that the PTSA receives 10 cents for every Box Top submitted, and can earn thousands of dollars for our school each year?

During the month of October, from the 2nd through the 13th, the PTSA is having a homeroom Box Top competition. The homeroom that turns in the most Box Tops by October 13th will receive a special treat.

Box Tops can be found on many non-perishable food items including cereal and snacks, as well as household and cleaning items, including Kleenex, Lysol products and Ziploc bags.

Start collecting Box Tops today! There will be a collection envelope in each homeroom starting October 2nd.

FALCON PRIDE WALK-A-THON

Dear Parents and Friends of North Harford Middle School:

The North Harford Middle School PTSA is sponsoring The Falcon Pride Walk-a-Thon on Tuesday October 10, 2017. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to fund programs and materials to benefit our students. Some of these programs and materials include field trips, technology and a variety of other vital learning tools and experiences.

Your support is critical to the success of our event. In order to reach our goal we are asking for cash donations or donations that can be used as prizes for students. Cash donations will be used to purchase larger items for the top earners.

Your contribution is tax deductible (Tax ID #52-1642181). There isn't a donation that is too small, and we appreciate anything that you are willing to give.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Ora at coww816@gmail.com. We kindly ask all donations be given by October 2, 2017. All sponsors will be recognized on social media, throughout the school bulletin boards, and on flyers.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the future of our students and community.

Sincerely,

Ora Cummings and Karen Bowser

Falcon Pride Walk-A-Thon Co-Chairs

The North Harford Middle School PTSA



NHMS

Student Government Food Drive

Help the Hungry!!
October 2th through
October 27th



One lucky school in the county that collects the most food by pound will receive \$100 in books. The top school in the state receives \$650 and second through 5th in the state will receive \$300 in books. Boxes will be located in each cluster for collection.

