



Family Newsletter

January 31, 2026

HELLO HPJH FAMILIES!

I hope everyone is staying warm through these very cold days! There are only 49 days until the first day of spring!

iReady TESTING

Today was the last day for iReady testing! Students were given their scores and grade levels from the beginning of the year and set goals for their mid year testing. We see a lot of growth and are very proud of our hard working students!

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Our Student Council is planning a Valentine's Dance! The dance will be Thursday, February 12 from 3:00-4:30. Tickets are \$7 each. Students can also buy candy grams to send to friends! Sales are February 5-10 at lunch time.

DISMISSAL

Please do not pick up your students in the center of Otis. Cars back up substantially and people become very impatient. Also, please do not park along the north side of Otis. There is no parking on that side of the street. It makes it very unsafe for students to cross Otis to get to the cars parked on the south side of the street. We would much prefer everyone come through the parking lot and drive thru, and wait until they get to the sidewalk for their child to enter your vehicle. We must do better to keep everyone safe!

PICK UP TIME

Please understand that school dismisses at 2:55 on full days of school and 11:05 on half days. If your child is not attending any after school activities, they need to be picked up on time. If they are enjoying any of our many after school activities, they need to be picked up when that activity ends.

NO COMBS WITH METAL PICKS AT SCHOOL

Please do not allow your child to bring a metal hair pick to school, whether it has one metal pick or multiple metal picks. Here are some examples.



TISSUE PLEASE

If you can, we would appreciate donations of boxes of tissues for classrooms and the office. Thank you!

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP

It's not too late to sign up for the Washington DC trip! The closing date is in February. The flyer is below for more information!

CURRENT AND UPCOMING AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- **POSITIVE PLAYERS CLUB**
 - Meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00
- **JOURNALISM CLUB**
 - Meets every Monday from 3:00-5:00
- **DRONE CLUB**
 - Meets every Thursday from 3:00-5:00 in the choir room
- **WRESTLING TRYOUTS**
 - Will be in February
- **ASL CLUB**
 - 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 3:00-4:00, Room 214
- **CULINARY CLUB**
 - Meets every Wednesday October 15 through April 29.
- **HOMEWORK CLUB**
 - Homework club meets Monday through Thursday in room 105. It runs from 3:00-4:00.
- **LIBRARY CLUB**
 - The schedule for the library club is in the flyer below. They meet in the cafeteria after school and walk over to the Hazel Park Library. Parents pick up at the library at 4:15. For more information, your child can seek out Ms. London, in Pod A. The dates are listed in the flyer below.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Here are some important dates to get on your calendar!

2-9 thru 2-13		Valentines and Spirit Week
2-11-26	3:05-4:05 6:00-7:30	Dance Webb Talent Show at HPJH
2-13-26	7:55-11:05	Half Day
2-14 thru 2-22		Mid Winter Break
3-2-26		Talent Show Tryouts
3-4-26	6:00-7:30	Literacy Night
3-12-26	Until 7:00	Half Day for Students, Conferences
3-18-26		Rising 6th Grade Students Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45-10:15 - Hoover and Webb• 1:00-2:30 - United Oaks• 6:00-7:00 - Parent Information Night
3-27-26	7:55-11:05	HALF DAY - spring break begins
3-28 thru 4-5		Spring Break
4-6-26		NO SCHOOL - Institute Day
4-6 thru 4-30		8th Grade PSAT Testing
4-7-26		Classes Resume
4-16 thru 4-30		MStep testing - all students

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie Kaminski, Sheila O'Kane, Ed.S., Bobby Kiger

HELPFUL LINKS

[Hazel Park Junior High School Calendar, 2025/2026](#)

[Hazel Park Junior High School website](#)

[Hazel Park Schools Student Handbook, 2025/2026](#)

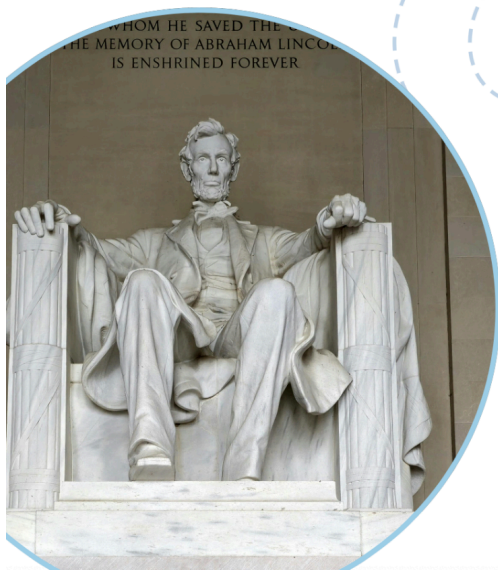
[Hazel Park Vikings Gear](#)

[Hazel Park Junior High School Gear](#)

AFFORDABLE PAYMENT PLANS

- Only a small deposit required to sign up
- Remaining balance spread out into smaller monthly installments
- Payments can be auto-deducted from your account

Advantage payment plan also available! Sign up by October 31st 2025 and pay \$199 a month until trip balance is paid in full! A minimum deposit of \$115 is required, and you must call Customer Service to enroll.



CONTACT US

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Hazel Park Junior High

EXPLORE WASHINGTON D. C.

WJTH US

MAY 5 - MAY 8, 2026

OUR TRIP DETAILS

Trip Dates: May 5th- 8th, 2026

Price: Students:\$1,255.
Adults in a double room: \$1,443

Deposit: \$115.00 required to secure your spot!

Our Registration Deadline is: 9/30/25

Trip ID: 224670

Full Refund Protection Plan: \$185.00

Provides a full refund of all monies paid to WorldStrides (minus the cost of the FRP program and any other non-refundable fees) should you have to cancel for any reason.

8TH GRADERS YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS



OUR TRIP INCLUDES

Rooming Cost per adult or student

- 4 days/3 Nights in DC: \$1,255 for students in a quad room
- Two adults in a double room: \$1,443
- One adult in a single room: \$1,632.00

This price includes:

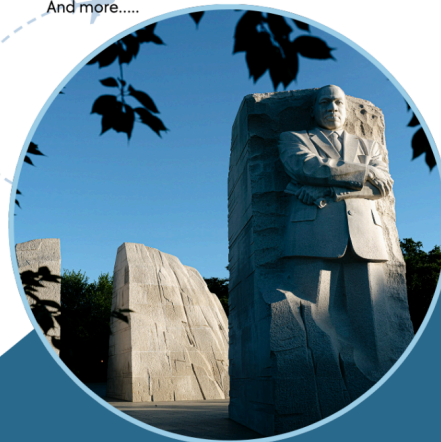
- Round-trip bus transportation to and from DC
- 3 hotel nights
- 3 breakfast meals, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- A trained educational course leader
- On site hotel coordinator
- Medical advisor in case of an medical emergency, such as sickness.
- Night time security
- Includes tips for the coach driver and course leader

PLACES WE VISIT

What is included in the cost of the trip.

- Natural History Museum
- American History Museum
- Guided Capitol tour
- Arlington National Cemetery
- The People's house – A white house experience.
- September 11th Memorial @ the Pentagon
- Iwo Jima Memorial
- MLK/FRD/Jefferson Memorials
- WWII Memorial
- Lincoln/Korean/Vietnam memorial
- Holocaust Museum
- Ford's Theater and Peterson house
- Mt Vernon

And more.....



Library Club

Permission Slip

Who

All HPJH Students

What

Visit the library with other HPJH students, chaperoned by Ms. London (6th grade English teacher) to read, study, and more!

When

Every other Tuesday (*some exceptions), 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM
Club leaves from Junior High at 3:05 PM

(Sep 23, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 11, Nov 25, *Dec 9, *Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24, Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, May 19, June 2)

Where

Meet in the HPJH cafeteria at 3:00 PM and walk 0.3 miles with Library Club to the Hazel Park District Library (123 E 9 Mile Rd, Hazel Park, MI 48030)

Need a Library Card?

Complete the attached Library Card application. It must be filled out neatly and include a parent/guardian's Driver's License Number. Yes, School of Choice students are eligible for a library card!



- Books, including
 - eBooks
 - Audio books
- Movies and TV Shows
 - DVDs
 - Downloadable content
- Downloadable music and CDs
- Library of Things, including
 - Drones
 - STEAM kits
- Maker's Space, including
 - 3D Printers
 - 3D Scanners
 - Cricut machine
- Podcasting, vlogging, and video production space
- Historical newspapers
- Quiet study-pods
- Computers and internet access

Please detach the following permission slip and return to the Main Office or Ms. London in Room 105

Hazel Park Junior High Library Club Permission Slip

Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Following meetings (at 4:15 PM), my student will be

_____ Picked up from the **Hazel Park District Library**, NOT Hazel Park Junior High

_____ Walking to their next location

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____