



# PUMA BLAST



FOR THE WEEK OF: SEPTEMBER 9 - 13

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

9/9 (DAY 1)  
9/10 (DAY 2)  
9/11 (DAY 1)  
9/12 (DAY 2)  
9/13 (DAY 1)

IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT ATHLETE, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PICK THEM UP FROM PRACTICE ON TIME EVERY DAY.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

PARENTS, COME MEET YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS!

9/17 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY @ 6:30

9/24 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE @ 6:30

## Summer Reading **Due Dates**



**We hope your child found some great new books and authors over the summer! Summer reading is due to English teachers no later than September 16 (Day 2) or 17 (Day 1). Make sure your child submits both his/her daily weekday reading log AND detailed summary/reflection for each text/novel. [Click Here](#) to access the SPMS Reading Log.**



## Powerschool

Access schedules, bus info, and student grades throughout the year. (grades will begin posting on 9/16)

[Parent Portal PowerSchool](#)



## Schology

- Schology is the HCPS learning management system
- It is available for PARENTS NOW!
- Parents and Student can log in: [Henrico.Schology.com](http://Henrico.Schology.com)

## PTA Reflections Art Contest



We know there are a lot of creative Pumas out there! Now is your time to shine by entering this year's PTA Reflection contest. This year's theme is 'Look Within' and we hope you will take some time to reflect on the theme and create art, music, dance, photographs, writing, or videos to show your skills. Submissions will be due in October 2019. Please click into this link to see all the rules and details for each category:

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

Questions? Contact the PTA Co-Chairs Kim Berselli and Joanne Rosel

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### NEW THIS YEAR...SHORT PUMP NOW HAS A SCHOOL STORE!

Need a pencil, folder, notebook paper? Just head upstairs to the library to purchase needed supplies. Our school store is stocked with all the required supplies from our grade level supply lists. School store hours will be daily from 8:05-8:35.



Interested in joining the Deep Run Marching Band as a musician or color guard (flags) next season?

All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders zoned for Deep Run or interested in the IT center are invited to our Middle School Invitational Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

For more information: [Click Here](#)



### Traffic Update:

**We are working with our SRO, Officer Duke, to review and possibly restructure our morning drop-off pattern to ease traffic on Pouncey Tract Road.**

**More information coming soon!**

## HCPS DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress neatly and not wear clothing that may be considered distracting. The following items are noted:

- Dresses, skirts, shorts or athletic shorts, and other similar clothing that are shorter than thumb length, even when worn with leggings, are not acceptable.
- Swimwear and sleepwear are not acceptable for school
- Tube tops, halter-tops, halter-top dresses, strapless dresses or tops of dresses with spaghetti straps (shirts must be at least two inches wide at the shoulder).
- Clothing that reveals the midriff while sitting or standing is not acceptable.
- Waist bands on shorts or skirts may not be rolled down.
- Hats, hoods, face masks, bandanas or other head coverings, unless worn for religious observance, are not permitted.
- Pants are to be worn on the hips. This includes oversized pants. Belts may be required.
- Clothing that is see-through, revealing, or resembles undergarments is not allowed.
- Clothing with inappropriate wording or pictures is not acceptable.
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
- Spiked jewelry, chains, and items which could cause injury are not allowed.
- Athletic/basketball jerseys or shirts with low arm holes must be worn with a t-shirt beneath.

\*\*For complete Dress Code see page 8-9 in HCPS Code of Student Conduct 2019-20

[CLICK HERE](#) To access the  
2019-2020 parent/ student  
handbook!

**CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET AND  
HELP OUR SCHOOL RAISE  
MONEY!**

**CLOTHING TO CASH  
COLLECTION PROGRAM**

**LOOK FOR THE LARGE WHITE  
COLLECTION BIN IN THE  
SCHOOL PARKING LOT.**

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO



## WHAT ABOUT BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL?

**Student Drop Off/Pick Up**→ School hours are from 8:05-3:15. **Students should not be dropped off before 8:00 am.** In addition, students should be picked up no later than 3:30 pm.

**Staying late for a school sponsored event**→ Students must have a **parent permission note**. Notes should be given to the first block teacher. Students who do not submit a parent permission note in advance are welcome to return for the event **with a parent escort.**

**Riding an Alternate Bus**→ To ride a bus other than the one assigned, students need to submit a **parent permission note** to their first or fifth block teacher. The note should indicate the child's name, alternate bus number, and the full name of the student they are accompanying home.

**Bus Schedules** → Are available on [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

### SAVE THE DATE!

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to school night: 9/17
- Athletic Meeting 9/19
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to school night: 9/24
- Student ½ Day: 9/30
- NWEA Testing 10/3 Math
- NWEA Testing 10/8 Reading
- Student Holiday: 10/14
- Student ½ Day: 10/28
- Student Holiday: 11/5
- Student ½ day: 11/18
- End of Marking Period One: 11/4
- AM Parent Teacher Conferences: 11/5
- PM Parent Teacher Conferences: 11/12
- Thanksgiving Break: 11/27-11/29
- Student ½ Day: 12/9
- Winter Break: 12/23-1/3
- Martin Luther King Holiday: 1/20
- End of MP 2: 1/24

**Teacher Supply  
Lists for  
2019-2020**  
[Click Here](#)

