

Week Ending October 30, 2020

Quarantine Release

Highlands students, who were notified that they should quarantine on October 23, will be returning to hybrid learning on Wednesday, November 4.

Social Justice Week

Our staff and students learned a lot during our Social Justice Week (10/19-10/23). To conclude our SJW activities, students had an opportunity to sign our "No Place for Hate Resolution of Respect" during advisory. They also had a chance to email their reflections about the film and the week in the form of a selfie. While these activities are not mandatory, if your child hasn't gotten a chance to participate and would still like to do so, please refer them to the following

link:  [SJW Reflection.pptx](#)

Just Mercy

We also hosted a successful Just Mercy Community Panel Discussion on Thursday, October 22nd. Our sincere thanks to our community leaders Police Chief Joseph Castelli, Maria Imperial (YWCA CEO), Cayne Letizia (BOE member), Justice Diane Renwick, and Mayor Tom Roach for driving this important and thoughtful discussion! Thanks as well to all the families, staff, and community members who were able to attend. In case you missed it, a recording of the discussion can be found on our school website or at the following link: [Just Mercy Community Panel Discussion](#)

Election Day- Tuesday 11/3 will be a remote learning day for all students. School will begin at the regularly scheduled time of 7:35 and will end at 12:35. All classes will meet remotely.

Schoology - Highlands has mailed home parent access codes to your child's Schoology classes. Through this account you will have access to your child's Schoology information and work.

School Photos – Pictures are available to view and purchase after October 23. Please have your child's ID number when ordering. To order pictures, please go to:

<https://www.cassidaystudios.com> – Order Photos – Enter School Code: 050.

A date for retakes has yet to be determined.

iPAD Reminder

Please remind your child to continually charge their iPad during the school day. Students should not opt out of learning to charge an iPad.

Planners

Please make sure your child has purchased a planner for this school year. They are available in the Main Office or Attendance Office. The cost is \$5.00 – exact change preferred. Parents can also come to the building between 8:00-10:00 and 12:00-2:00 to pick one up.

From the PTA:

Joint PTA/Guidance Meeting

Please join us [on Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m.](#) via Zoom for a joint Middle School PTA meeting and guidance night. The middle school guidance staff will be providing workshops on digital citizenship, academic success in the middle school years and bullying awareness. The goal of the workshops is to provide you with insight and tools to support your child's academic and social-emotional success during the middle school years.

English Zoom link:

https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/92792881052?from=msft<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_lhric-2Dorg.zoom.us_j_92792881052-3Ffrom-3Dmsft&d=DwMFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpnVfiiMM&r=SU-UGO00azqYm51Pip17AKk7t5_YQ-LniZ-YCEy5oQ&m=615R2U9diN9oRyofLj-aMxAHiSEPeLxvMbYtwNTzwI&s=Eqw9hFyLobNtL3xz5fJctahr_sQCj3rr6j3o5IM80uw&e=>

Meeting ID: 927 9288 1052

Passcode: 813111

Spanish Zoom link:

https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/98862972383?pwd=QVRIVjc5SmowMlVDMTBKRFUva2ZEUT09<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_lhric-2Dorg.zoom.us_j_98862972383-3Fpwd-3DQVRIVjc5SmowMlVDMTBKRFUva2ZEUT09&d=DwMFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpnVfiiMM&r=SU-UGO00azqYm51Pip17AKk7t5_YQ-LniZ-YCEy5oQ&m=615R2U9diN9oRyofLj-aMxAHiSEPeLxvMbYtwNTzwI&s=8zv8rXYFjQzdSVw97B0XuCWs2sepI8d1c8sC7CKkuU8&e=>

Meeting ID: 988 6297 2383

Passcode: 043270

We hope you will be able to join us!

Join the PTA

Please JOIN the White Plains Middle School PTA and support our strong and diverse community. For the safety of our children, staff and volunteers, PTA Membership will be 100% online ONLY this school year! Visit the link below to Join today.

https://wpms.memberhub.store/shopping/categories/1381<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_whiteplainspublicschools.us19.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3Db8eac781b3a5588d1cc9c5da5-26id-3Ddb42113122-26e-3Dc7a55de256&d=DwMFAQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpnVfiiMM&r=6qwQtB82Fx2s_4q-LCtWco9REomR-kjQP8utu8TDmwk&m=rvnH_mAGXPq_TVfscLJfpoSFjVVu6NA AeZdR8IUihE&s=Dw1QC sS4XiiaB9EXkOHinRM6qK7OifQHh_Yry8p6PD0&e=>

Other ways to support the PTA

Origami Owl

Would you like to shop for the holidays and support the PTA? Shop online

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Keep in Touch!

Follow us on Facebook at WPMS PTA and join the WPMS PTA Forum to connect with other Middle School families.