Dear Haviland Middle School Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the halfway point in the school year. This is a natural moment to pause and review this year’s progress. Parents/guardians should take the time to review your child’s report card and comments for each class. As essential partners, it is important for you to have a good understanding of where your children are in their learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact their teachers or their counselor with questions.

In December of 2019, under a new accountability system Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA), our school was notified by the New York State Education Department that we are a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school. Haviland is designated a TSI school as a result of some our students are not meeting progress on the New York State assessments in English Language Arts, math and science.

Over the past four years our administrators, faculty, and students have demonstrated what it means to RISE Above! I am pleased to share that our accountability status with the NYSED department is now in good standing for all of our students. With this news, we will continue to engage the continuous school improvement process supporting all students.

It is important that our students take advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, know and are able to do on the State assessments. These tests are the marker for our school’s success under the ESSA regulation. We have seen a decline in refusal rates in the past few years and it is my hope that this trend can continue.

Looking ahead, the second half of the year will, if you can believe it, move faster than the first. Students already began new half year encore classes, the academic rigor of our core classes continues, and extra-curricular events are in full motion.

As we start the second semester, we have begun our scheduling process for the next school year. For our 6th and 7th-grade families, enclosed in this mailing you will find information on the options and criteria for accelerated, honors and regents classes. For our 8th (cont. on page 2)

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**HMS Supports Hyde Park**

Pictured to the left: HMS Student Government Donates to the Hyde Park Food Pantry.

In preparation for the Holiday Season, the Haviland MS Student Government under the direction of Mrs. Zolotas provided donations to the Hyde Park Food Pantry this past Fall.

Thank you to all of the students, parents, guardians and caregivers who were able to support our community through your food donations.

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**Issue at a Glance:**

- Family-School Partnership
- Review Report Cards
- Good Standing Status
- NYSED Assessments
- Scheduling Honors and Accelerated Classes
- HMS Supporting our Community
- PTA Events
- Dates to Remember

**Helpful Information:**

- Student drop-off and pick-up is in front of the historic steps.
- For all attendance issues call the Attendance Office at ext. 2803
- Computer Based NYS ELA Assessment - 4/10 & 4/11
- Computer Based NYS Mathematics Assessment - 4/29 & 4/30
- Computer Based NYS 8th Grade Science Assessment 5/7
grade students, they have completed their scheduling form with their high school counselor and have been given a copy for review. Please take the time to read this information together with your child.

Our HMS PTA is at it again, hosting upcoming events for our students in February and March. In mid-February, the PTA will be hosting our second Honor Roll breakfast for each grade in celebration of academic achievement. Additionally, the PTA will be hosting a fun-filled evening with their annual winter fest and a pizza and movie night. Please pay attention to our announcements for more information. If you have not done so, please take a moment to support the PTA by becoming a member.

Thank for taking your time to read all of this important information and I wish everyone a successful second half of the school year.

Sincerely,
Mr. Shaw, Principal

Pictured Below: HMS Welcomes our new Haviland Hawk Mascot with some of our modified girls basketball team players. Be on the lookout for the Haviland Hawk at upcoming events!

Pictured Above: On November 30, 2024, our 6th grade students were visited by author Gregory Mone, who wrote The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers’ Adaptation as part of the Mid Hudson Library’s Big Read.

Important Telephone Contact Information:
Haviland Middle School Main Telephone Number (845) 229-4030

Guidance Dept.: Secretary, Ms. Smalls - ext. 2861
Guidance Counselors:
6th Grade: Mr. Myers - ext. 2864
7th Grade: Mrs. Boughton - ext. 2863
8th Grade: Mrs. Hathaway - ext. 2862
Social Workers: Mrs. Russo - ext. 2867, Ms. Sherman - ext. 2115
& Ms. Dunlop - ext. 2874

Psychologist: Mrs. Kemnitzer - ext. 2865
Mrs. Macklin - ext. 2866

Nurses Office: Secretary, Mrs. McGill- ext. 2869
Nurses: Mrs. Cerulli - ext. 2870 Mrs. Welz - ext. 2868
Main Line - ext. 2871

Assistant Principals’ Offices:
Secretary, Ms. Di Stefano ext. 2815
Mrs. Wilber, Grades 6 and 7 (Morse) - ext. 2812
Secretary, Mrs. Cody - ext. 2813
Mrs. Walton-Henry, Grades 7 (Mills / Vanderbilt) and 8 - ext. 2814

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program: A big thank you to Stop and Shop and our HMS families for using the program. HMS receives an annual check as part of your participation in this program. This money supports the work of our PBIS Team. Sign-up information is in the PTA pamphlet.