



Student Achievement

- We are pleased with our first screening! Initial FAST screening of 6th – 8th graders in as of 9/23/21 indicate that students have progressed toward the Fall benchmark. We are still screening students who were absent, so more information will come during October's Board Worksession.
- Fall STAR screening will be administered through October 8th to monitor growth and progress in reading and math.

Using the data from FAST, STAR, attendance/grades, and teacher feedback will help us determine how to power up our students with interventions and enrichment.

Professional Development & Programs

- Several of our HMS Building Leadership Team members are part of a Standards-Based Grading pilot to begin implementing standards-based grading practices at the middle school. Kudo's to Jolonda Mihalovich, Shawna Jacobsen, and Krishna Carlyle for being part of this team! This will be a multiyear journey of improvement which fits with our building and district plans for improvement.
- In partnership with our Centerville Police Department, we will be conducting ALICE Training during our October 11th PD day with our entire staff. With new staff and a few years since we were able to review our active shooter/intruder drills, it is important to train and refresh ourselves on protocols.

Family & Community

- Our HMS 8th grade Exploratory with Mrs. White has been exploring COMMUNITY and how they can become actively involved and responsible citizens. From recycling information to learning about the impacts of 9/11, our students are engaged!
- HMS Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Oct. 21 & 26, 4:00-7:30 pm in face to face or virtual sessions. (Zoom and phone)



Culture

- Howar Middle School students are gaining confidence and experience in a highly collaborative culture while becoming responsible citizens. Teachers, staff, parents, and our community make a difference! We are telling our story & sharing good news through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/howarMS . Check it out! #RedTgthrHMS

