

**August 5, 2019**Mrs. Morgan R. Davis,  
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Counselor**Upcoming Events****August 30: PBIS Celebration and T-Shirt Money Due!****August 30: Memorize and Recite *The Indian Creed*****September 2: Labor Day-NO SCHOOL!****September 3: HMS vs. CMS Football Game (Home)****September 9-13: Mid-Term Testing****September 12: Progress Reports Go Home****September 17: HMS vs. UMS Football Game (Home)****September 27: PBIS Celebration****September 30-October 4: Nine Weeks Testing****HMS Expectations****R-Respect****A-Academic Focus, Accountability, and Achievement****I-Integrity****S-Self Determination and Self Discipline****E-Engage**

# The Indian Times

Welcome back! Within the next several days, we will open our school doors to welcome scholars to the new year at Hazlehurst Middle School – Where Excellence is the Only Option! The expectation of Hazlehurst Middle School will be one of EXCELLENCE as we focus on enhancing school culture and climate, improving academic achievement via building teacher capacity, and engaging all stakeholders so that our scholars are given the opportunities to experience success! Our goals are to ensure that Hazlehurst Middle School exemplifies sheer excellence in ALL capacities because **Excellence is the Only Option!** It is imperative that our scholars are college and career ready when they leave the Hazlehurst City School District and we ALL play a major role in their success!

**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL AND ARRIVES ON TIME EACH DAY!**

My expectations are vastly high this year – expectations for myself, assistant principal, teachers, HMS scholars, and parents. It is the expectation that ALL scholars are present and on time every day. Classroom instruction will begin promptly at 7:35am, and it is important that scholars are here on time, prepared for school, and ready to handle academic business! School attendance is the first step to ensuring that our scholars are college and career ready. The Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards are very rigorous and can be challenging for scholars, so it is necessary that they are present every day on time, on task, and on target.

Our school day begins at 7:35am and ends at 3:15pm. Our school doors will open at 7:00am for breakfast. The breakfast line will close promptly at 7:25am. Please plan to have your child(ren) report to school no later than 7:15am to receive a nutritious breakfast.

**HAZLEHURST MIDDLE SCHOOL 2019-2020 SCHOOL GOALS:**

*We expect each scholar to do their ABC's:*

**Attendance:** Maintain 96% attendance rate for the year (less than 7 absences for the year);

**Behavior:** Follow school rules and display proper conduct at all times; and

**Coursework:** Achieve at least 85% mastery in all content areas via class, homework, and tests (these students tend to be ready for high school and beyond if they can maintain this average year-round).

Educationally yours,

Morgan R. Davis, Principal



Where Excellence is the Only Option!

# Info to Know!

Parents, we need your support! Did you know that your child's success is greatly dependent upon the positive relationship that you have with your child's teacher? Your involvement is crucial! Please read these research statements and understand the role that YOU play in your child's success in school!

- ◆ Students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school (*Research Review and Resources*, 2006).
- ◆ When parents are involved at school, the performance of all children at school, not just their own, tend to improve. The more well-planned the partnership between school and home, the higher the achievement (*A New Generation*, 1995).

# The Indian Creed

The Indian Creed is the code that our HMS staff and scholars live by. It is a set of beliefs that will guide our daily work at HMS. Through these eight habits of mind, the expectation is *EXCELLENCE* in everything that we do. We are RAISE(ing) our level of expectations, so we can expect greater success from all!

**R is for Respect! We will show kindness and support one another at all times!**

**A is for Academic Focus, Accountability, and Achievement! We will work to the best of our abilities each day, holding each other accountable to perform at the highest possible level attainable!**

**I is for Integrity! We will intentionally practice doing the right thing!**

**S is for Self-Determination and Self-Discipline! We will work hard and persevere continuously!**

**E is for Engage! We will actively and fully engage ourselves throughout the teaching and the learning process!**

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Mrs. Tanner

**Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I may re-  
member, involve me, and  
I learn.**

**-Benjamin Franklin**

Core Trait of the Month

# WISDOM

Using good judgment and sound decision-making based on past experiences and knowledge

## Homeless Students

According to federal law, homeless students include those who lack fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. If you have or know of any child that fits this definition, please contact the counselor.

## Guidance Lessons

School year 2019 is underway! Classroom lessons will focus on strategies for school success to assist students with getting back in the school routine! Topics will include goal-setting, conflict resolution, time management, and many others.