



**THUNDERBOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1 Early Release, 1:00 p.m.
December 6 PTAC Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
December 7 Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.
December 8 Early Release, 1:00 p.m..
December 9 Winter Sports Pictures.
December 14 Band Concert, 6:00 p.m.
December 15 Early Release, 1:00 p.m.
December 16 Spelling Bee, 3:00 p.m.
December 20 School Board Mtg, 6:00 p.m.- D.O.
December 22 Early Release, 1:00 p.m.
December 23 NO SCHOOL
December 26-January 6 WINTER BREAK



**NO SCHOOL
December 23rd thru January 6th**

REPORT CARDS

Second quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, January 11th. If you have any questions or concerns please email your child's teacher directly.

We encourage you to utilize ParentVue to monitor your students' grades online consistently throughout the year. If you need assistance with logging in and creating your account, please contact our

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

- Students may not wear their own jacket inside the building, they must wear an LHUSD standardized hooded sweatshirt or layer clothing.
- Pants and jeans cannot have any rips, frays, or tears above the fingertip.
- No pajama bottoms or pajama lookalikes.
- No slippers.



SPELLING BEE

The Thunderbolt Spelling Bee will be held on December 16th in the cafeteria beginning at 3:00 p.m. Participants of the Bee must check in between 2:45-2:55 p.m. Transportation is not provided. Parents are encouraged to attend. Come and show your support for your friends and family.

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NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Invitations to complete a Candidacy Packet will be sent in January. At the middle school level, a full semester of grades are required according to national guidelines. Students meeting the following prerequisites will be invited in January to complete a candidate profile form. Students are eligible to become candidates if they:

Maintain the minimum GPA of 3.5 each quarter (potential candidates selected from those with 3.5 GPA in both Q1 and Q2).

Exemplify good citizenship. Must receive a Satisfactory grade in all classes. No N's or U's.

Exemplify good attendance. Students should have less than 8 unexcused absences for 1st semester.

No disciplinary concerns or referrals.

After we receive first semester final grades, citizenship, attendance and behavior information, the qualifying students will receive forms to complete. This will hopefully occur the 2nd week of January. They will have approximately one week to complete and return them.

The Candidate Profile Packets are assessed according to the NJHS ideals of scholarship, character, service, citizenship, and leadership. Candidates are selected and formally inducted during 3rd quarter and participate in individual and charter related service activities.

THUNDERBOLT PTAC (PREVIOUS BOOSTER CLUB)

The Thunderbolt Booster Club is in the process of changing it's dynamics to a PTAC—Parent Teacher Advisory Council. This group consists of staff and parents whose goal is to help support our school wherever there is a need to enhance the educational process. This is also an opportunity for parents and staff to share our celebrations, challenges, and concerns. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**We have our next meeting on
Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m.
in the Thunderbolt Library.
We hope to see you there!**



Choir Concert

December 7th

6:00 p.m.

Thunderbolt Gym

Band Concert

December 14th

6:00 p.m.

Thunderbolt Gym

**DIRECT LINE TO OUR
ATTENDANCE OFFICE IS
854-7277**



Counselor Corner

Enjoying the Holidays with your Tween

Holidays are a time of enjoyment and fun for all. However, with more guests around the house and older siblings arriving for the holidays, things can be stressful at times. Middle School children love to be with the family but they feel stress too. Here are some helpful tips to help everyone during this time of year.

- **SPACE** - Give your tween space to regroup. Their brain is still learning and developing and they need time to rewind, adjust and figure out things for themselves. Their older brother or sister that returned from college has grown into a young man or woman that may be different to them. Grandparents are getting older which may change the family dynamics. They need to figure out what they are feeling and not be told how to feel.
- **FOOD** - Let them have a say in where you are going for dinner, or what you are making. Now that they are maturing, it is a good time to let them help with fixing a dish to share. It helps build self-esteem.
- **GIVE** - Tweens are self-absorbed; that is the nature of a tween. That is okay but for them to grow, teach them to give back. They can do something easy like donate clothes or old toys to Goodwill. Have them make cookies for a neighbor or friend. Some of their friends may be alone while their parents are working, have them invite them over for dinner. Remind your child they receive when they give.
- **TECH** - Too much time on technology can keep a tween away from their family and friends. Have them use it in moderation. You can use as a reward and it can be helpful to keep track of them. One suggestion is to limit time, always. Check Instagram, snapchat and see what your child is looking at, talking to and what they are posting. The holidays are a good time to let your child start a photo journal of family gatherings. Then they can share it with the family and friends.
- **HUMOR** - Remember you were a tween once. The best modeling you can do is to laugh at yourself and teach them to laugh. Life can be serious as a tween; peers are hard on them. Teach them to find the humor in most situations. If you do it yourself, they will learn from you. Help them to find the humor in situations if they get upset.

Enjoy the season, and enjoy your tween. You will look back someday and wonder, “When did my little one grown up?” You helped to form that mature young person and should be proud of the person they are becoming.



PLEASE keep your student home when he/she is sick!

Cold/Flu/COVID season has hit us early this year!

Tips to keep your student healthy:
Drink plenty of water
Have nutritious meals
Dress appropriately for the weather
Plenty of sleep
Limit screen time, particularly at bedtime.
Frequent hand washing
Stay away from others that are ill



Please have a back up plan if your child needs to be picked up and you aren't available.



Should I keep my child home or send him or her to school?

School policy requests a child stay home if he or she:

Has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher.

Keep your child home until his or her fever—100.4 or higher—has been gone for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Has been vomiting or has diarrhea without a fever.

Keep your child home 24 hours after the last vomiting or diarrhea episode.

Has symptoms that keep him or her from participating in school, such as:

Very tired or lack of appetite.

Cough that he or she cannot control.

Shortness of breathe or difficulty breathing.

Moderate to severe headache, body aches, or earache.

Sore throat—a minor sore throat is ok for school, but a severe sore throat could be strep throat, even if there is no fever.

New loss of taste or smell.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact your school nurse

BOYS BASKETBALL

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>OPPONENT</u> | <u>H/A</u> | <u>SITE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 12/1/2022 | TH | Telesis | H | TBolt | 5:30 |
| 12/6/2022 | T | Mohave | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 12/7/2022 | T | Desert Star | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 12/12/2022 | M | Needles | A | Needles | 4:00 |
| 12/13/2022 | T | Fox Creek | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 12/21/2022 | Wed | Kingman Middle | A | KMS | 4:30 |
| 1/9/2022 | Mon | Wallace | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 1/12/2022 | Thu | Wallace | A | Parker | 4:30 |
| 1/18/2022 | Wed | Needles | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 1/24/2022 | Tue | White Cliffs | A | White Cliffs | 4:30 |
| 1/26/2022 | Thu | Telesis | A | Telesis | 4:30 |
| 1/31/2022 | Tues | Fox Creek | A | Fox Creek | 4:30 |
| 2/2/2022 | Thu | Kingman Academy | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| * games are subject to change | | | | | |
| 1/14/2022 | Sat | B Team Tournament | A | Lee Williams | TBD |
| 2/4/2022 | Sat | A Team Tournament | A | MALC | TBD |

GIRLS BASKETBALL

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>OPPONENT</u> | <u>H/A</u> | <u>SITE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| 12/1/2022 | TH | Telesis | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 12/6/2022 | T | Mohave | A | Mohave | 4:30 |
| 12/12/2022 | M | Needles | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 12/13/2022 | T | Fox Creek | A | Fox Creek | 4:30 |
| 12/15/2022 | Thu | Desert Star | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 12/21/2022 | Wed | Kingman Middle | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 1/9/2023 | Mon | Wallace | A | Parker | 4:30 |
| 1/12/2023 | Thu | Wallace | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 1/18/2022 | Wed | Needles | A | Needles | 4:00 AZ |
| 1/24/2022 | Tue | White Cliffs | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 1/26/2022 | Thu | Telesis | A | Telesis | 4:30 |
| 1/31/2022 | Tues | Fox Creek | H | TBolt | 4:30 |
| 2/2/2022 | Thu | Kingman Academy | A | KAOL | 4:00 |
| *games are subject to change | | | | | |
| 1/14/2023 | Sat | B Team Tournament | A | Kingman High School | TBD |
| 1/28/2022 | Sat | A Team Tournament | A | MALC | TBD |

TOYS FOR TOTS

We are an official Toys for Tots collection site. Please send in a NEW, UNUSED, UNWRAPPED toy between now and December 2nd to support local families who may be struggling to provide gifts for their children this holiday season. We appreciate your donation and support for our community.



THUNDERBOLT WATER & ICE TUESDAYS

EVERY Tuesday, Megan & Erik's Water & Ice is having Thunderbolt Tuesdays at both of their locations in the Basha's and Smith's plaza. Show a picture of this ad or have your student wear their Thunderbolt Shirt and we will receive 15% of each purchase. I scream, You scream, we ALL scream for Ice Cream!



**SHOP AMAZON SMILE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
AND ALL YEAR LONG
TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL!**

Do you shop Amazon?

An easy way to earn money for our school that doesn't cost you anything is by using Amazon Smile for your on-line shopping needs. Just go to www.smile.amazon.com

If you have ever shopped on Amazon.com you know how convenient it is and how much you can find. You will continue to shop the exact same way that you always do. The only difference is that when you first log on, it will ask you to choose a charity to donate to. Choose **Thunderbolt Booster Club** and that's it! A percentage of your total will be donated directly to the school. Once you bookmark the page, you won't have to ever remember to do anything again. You can also continue to use your current account if you already have one.



The Majik Milkshake food truck will be on our campus from 4-6:00 p.m. on December 6th during our home basketball games. Come and check it out for some deliciousness!



*National Junior
Honor Society*



MAJIK MILKSHAKES

Thunderbolt Middle School

December 6th

4pm-6pm



Help us raise money for NJHS
Induction costs and more!

NJHS Cookie Dough Fundraiser

November 17th - December 22nd

NJHS Members will be selling
Cookie Dough to help raise
money for our induction costs.
Please help support our efforts by
purchasing cookie dough from a
member of NJHS!



TAX CREDIT

The Tax Credit Program Keeps Tax Dollars in Havasu

When you make a tax credit donation, you get a DOLLAR for DOLLAR subtraction from your State Income Tax and your tax dollars stay in Havasu at the school of your choice and for the program of your choice. You may donate up to \$200 if you are single or up to \$400 if you are married and get the tax credit. Save your receipt for tax time and it may either reduce the amount you may owe or increase your refund, depending on your personal circumstances.

You don't have to have a student in order to donate. This is available for any tax payer in the state of Arizona.

Pay on-line at www.lhusd.org or payments can be made in the Thunderbolt office by cash or check.



CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S THUNDERBOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

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Upcoming Winter Events

Community Dinner

The annual free Community Dinner will be held on Friday, December 9th at the Aquatic Center in the Relics and Rods Hall. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. for the first dinner at 4:00 p.m. Second seating doors will open at 5:45 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. dinner. This is free of charge and everyone is welcome. Santa will be on site for children to visit with. Havapic photo booth will be set-up courtesy of Anderson Auto Group.



Winter Break Camp

Winter Break Camp is designed for children currently enrolled in K-6th grade. Participants enjoy group activities in a supervised, structured manner. Winter Break Camp will be offered at Jamaica Elementary School December 27th – 30th and January 3rd – 6th. Camp will be available from 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Participants will need to bring their own breakfast and lunch. Field Trips will include bowling, movies and swimming. Registration is limited and will begin on Tuesday, December 6th online at <https://register.lhcaz.gov/>. Cost is \$41/1st child; \$32/each additional child in same family per week.

Sledding with Santa

Snow is coming back to Lake Havasu City thanks to Anderson Auto Group and Lake Havasu City Parks & Recreation. Sleds for the snow hill will be provided for participants 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16th. Winter Wonderland photo opportunities, hot cocoa, and a Christmas craft area will also be available.



Pancakes and PJs with Mrs. Claus

Join Mrs. Claus on Sunday, December 18th 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a pancake breakfast, story time, and a holiday craft in your favorite holiday PJs! Cost is \$10/child. This event is for ages 5 and up and children are asked to be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and can be completed 11/21-12/14 online at <https://register.lhcaz.gov/> or at the LHC Aquatic Center.

Little Delbert Days

Little Delbert Days will be held at SARA Park Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 28th and Sunday, January 29th. Cost is \$15 per person 16 years of age or older. 15 and under get in free. Registration for sheep and calf riding will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. first come basis. There is \$10, cash only fee for the riding events with limited spaces available. If you plan on riding bring your own mouth guard. For more information visit www.havasurodeo.com

