

October 27, 2023 - STEM School Info 10/27

Parents/Guardians,

Happy Fall Friday! Here are some items of note as we come to the end of October.

Spirit Week – Oct 30 through Nov 3

Next week is STEM Spirit Week, hosted by the House Committee. Each day has a dress-up theme that students and staff are encouraged to participate in. Check out the days chosen this year by your House Heads!

Monday 10/30 - Country Club vs Country- choose to dress in your best country fair outfit or your most preppy Country Club outfit.

Tuesday 10/31 - Barbenheimer (Barbie and/or Oppenheimer)- select your best Barbie or Oppenheimer outfit or a mix of both

Wednesday 11/1 - get creative with Rhyme Without Reason (Examples: Nemo and Emo, James Bond and Legally Blonde, Post Malone and Traffic Cone

Thursday 11/2 - Decades Day -Dress like a blast from the past from your favorite decade

Friday 11/3 - House colors + Anything but a backpack- come dress ready for Friday's House Competition and bring something to carry you school items as long as it's not a backpack.

Reminder: Each day's theme is optional for all students. Students who choose not to participate need to be in the normal STEM uniform.

STEM Jam – Nov 3

STEM Jam is STEM's version of hanging out and getting together for STEM students. Some schools host a school dance, we host STEM Jam! It is an opportunity for STEM students to play games, eat food, and hang out with friends outside of the school day. This event will only happen once this year, so don't miss out! This year's STEM Jam will also include a Haunted Hallway. The Haunted Hallway is the STEM School version of a haunted house. It is designed and hosted by STEM students, featuring a few of your teachers sprinkled in... enter at your own risk. Mwahahaha.

The STEM Jam is also used to raise funds for our Robotics Team. The cost to attend is \$10 per student. Tickets can be purchased from Ms. Kirby during Phase 1 lunch, Mrs. Johnson in the afternoons, and at the door the night of the event. The STEM Jam will occur on Friday, Nov 3, from 5:30pm to 8pm. Only STEM students are allowed to attend.

What will STEM Jam feature? Music, Costume contest, Pizza, Snacks, Drinks, =Super Smash Brothers Competition, Cornhole, Haunted Hallway, Photo booth and A WHOLE LOT more. Still have questions? Email Mrs. Johnson at JOHNSON_KENZIE@HCDE.ORG

The STEM Jam is seeking donations of candy for the event- no nuts, individually wrapped. Candy donations can be dropped off at the front of the building through next week.

PLT Lunch

Special shout out to the PLT for hosting yet another fantastic meal for the staff. The staff truly appreciates the time and talents our families bring to the monthly luncheons.

Reminder for Flu Season Items: Kleenex and Clorox Wipes

As we enter Flu Season, any donation of extra Kleenex or Clorox wipes would be appreciated and given out to staff for their classrooms.

Electric Car Club

Congratulations to our Electric Car Club who placed 2nd in their tournament last week.

Student Led Conferences – Nov 6 and 9

At the STEM School, we do not have traditional Parent Teacher Conferences where the parent comes in and a teacher talks about all the things your child is doing. Instead, our conferences are focused on the student leading a conference with parents and a faculty member. The reason for doing so is because it is vitally important for the student to take ownership in his/her progress, be able to communicate what he/she has learned, and be able to communicate at what level of understanding and mastery he/she is performing. We will have Student Led Conferences during the evenings of Monday, November 6 and Thursday, November 9. All parents are expected to participate.

To accommodate parents and students to make the conference as convenient as possible for you, all conferences will be held virtually through Zoom. Each parent and student will be sent an email from their House faculty advisor inviting the parent to the SLC. Parents will have the opportunity to email with the House faculty advisor to set up a time between 6pm and 8pm for the conference. The House faculty advisor will share a Zoom link with the parent and student for the meeting. Parents and students are expected to participate in the SLC. The student will be sharing information during the SLC. If you do not see the email from your student's house faculty advisor by Wednesday, Nov 1, please let us know. We can help connect you.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 6 and 9: Student-Led Conferences

Nov 8: Half Day at STEM (9:30am-1:00pm)

Nov 22-24: Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday-Friday)

Thank you,

Jim David

Principal

October 20, 2023 - STEM School Info 10/20

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Happy Fall Friday! Here are some notes as we get moving in quarter two of the school year.

Parent Email- Sibling Preference

The choice lottery application for the 2024-25 school year will be available November 13, 2023 – January 31, 2024. If your current STEM student has an eligible 8th grade sibling who plans to apply to STEM for next school year, please complete a preference form by clicking [here](#) and scrolling to page 2. The completed form should be emailed to Amy Robinson at robinson_amy@hcde.org no later than Friday, December 8, 2023. Sibling applicants **must also** complete the choice lottery application online for admissions and sibling preference granted. The application link will be made available beginning November 13.

Sibling Preference Form

Sibling Preference Form - Spanish version

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Thank you for your support!

Jim David

Principal

October 6, 2023 - STEM School Info 10/06

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Hard to believe, but the first quarter has ended! Thank you to everyone for a fabulous start to the school year!!! Please note that the STEM School will be closed next week, and staff will be on fall break. Emails, calls, etc. will be returned the week we return (Oct 16-20). The next STEM Info email will also take place on Oct 20.

STEM 101 and Math Night

Thank you to the many families who attended the STEM 101 and Math Night on Monday night. For those who were unable to attend or interested in learning more about STEM 101 and Math Homework items, we've got some good news. All the STEM 101 activities and information are on our website for you! Everything parents did with their student is at the following link: [STEM 101 site](#). Also, here is the worksheet that parents and students worked through together: [STEM 101 Worksheet](#). If you have questions about any of the information, you are always welcome to contact our lead teacher in grades 9 and 10 – Ms. Kirby (Kirby_Jennifer@hcde.org).

Fall Break Information

Fall Break for Hamilton County Schools takes place from October 9 through October 16. Fall Break for Chattanooga State takes place from October 2 through October 6. These breaks impact our students as follows. STEM School Classes: There are no STEM School classes during the Hamilton County Schools Fall Break. The STEM School will be closed during this time. The last STEM School class day for the first quarter will be Friday, October 6. STEM School classes will resume on Tuesday, October 17. Chattanooga State Classes: There are no Chattanooga State college classes during the Chattanooga State Fall Break. The last Chattanooga State class day for the first term was Friday, September 29. Chattanooga State college classes will resume on Monday, October 9. Students with college classes should make sure they know and understand the above break schedules. For example, if a STEM student has

a Chattanooga State college course that meets on Tuesday each week, the student is expected to attend the college class on Tuesday, October 10 (even though the STEM School is closed on this date).

Thank you,

Jim David

Principal