

# BULLDOG BULLETIN

## HANCOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL



January 2023- Middle of Trimester 2

We are mid-way through Trimester 2 and getting to that long, dreary, part of our winter where the days are grey, the snow keeps coming, and we seem to have no breaks from school (although this year, the snow doesn't seem to be coming as much). It also means it's the time of year where we ramp up the energy in the MS and the planning for our annual Middle School Month in March is under way. Currently our Student Council is working on planning activities, dress up days and other events to help us get through the month of March!

We have had a change in the schedule, so the last day of Trimester 2 will now be March 10, rather than March 17. This means exams are one week earlier, as is the half-day, when compared to the schedule that came out at the beginning of the year.

On Saturday, Jan 28, I will be getting married, so my last name will change from Impola to Asiala. If you see a different name, know it's still the same person in school!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help your student!

Sincerely,  
Hannah Impola - Hancock Middle School Principal

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES IN TRIMESTER 2:

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:**  
EARLY DISMISSAL

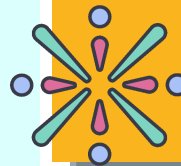
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17:**  
NO SCHOOL  
AREA-WIDE TEACHER INSERVICE

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20:**  
NO SCHOOL  
MID-WINTER BREAK

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1:**  
EARLY DISMISSAL

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9:**  
EXAMS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10:**  
EXAMS  
HALF DAY SCHOOL  
LAST DAY OF TRIMESTER 2



### Advisory Winners:

**Name That Tune: Holiday Edition**  
Mrs. Meyers's Advisory  
**Granny Basketball Shoot-Out Champs**  
Mrs. Meyers's Advisory  
**Over/Under Football Extravaganza**  
Mrs. Pelty's Advisory  
**Musical Chairs:**  
Mr. Mishica's Advisory

### PBIS

In the Advisory we have been discussing Responsible Decision Making. Areas we have addressed specifically are Being Reliable, Using Appropriate Language, Using Appropriate Humor, Communicating Honestly, Reporting Inappropriate Behavior, and Prioritizing Problems.

In early February, our PBIS team will be meeting and looking at the data we have been collecting in school since the middle of October. We set goals in improving attendance and lowering minor referrals. We are looking forward to seeing if our emphasis on character lessons in Advisory and promoting positive behavior is making an impact in our behavior referrals and attendance.



**Absences**  
**Add up!**

**#SCHOOLEVERYDAY**  
Missing just 2 days a month  
means a child misses 10% of the  
school year.

**Congrats to our District Spelling Bee Champs**

**6th Grade:**

1st Place: Adelyn Pietila  
2nd Place: Maya Ylitalo  
Alternate: Alexander Svanidze

**7th Grade:**

1st Place: Romey Koskela  
2nd Place: Brandi Ollanketo  
Alternate: Teddy Brown

**8th Grade:**

1st Place: Austin Gajewski  
2nd Place: Jolenna Clifton  
Alternate: Les Simonson

Hancock will be hosting the Regional Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Feb 14. The top two winners from our school will be competing against students from Calumet, Dollar Bay, Houghton, Lake Linden, Stanton, and Chassell to become Regional Champions!



On Dec 20, Student Council planned an Activity Day for the school. The morning was filled with outdoor activities and hot chocolate breaks to warm up. The afternoon had indoor activities and fun for all!



**Quote of the Month:**

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

-- Maya Angelou

