

April 29, 2022 – STEM School Info 04/029

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April 8, 2022 – STEM School Info 04/08

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April 1, 2022 – STEM School Info 04/01

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Happy April 1! Today is a big day for our staff. We have a House competition day that includes the staff vs student basketball game. Why so big? The staff has never lost, and we look forward to keeping that streak alive! Here are some items of note for you as we start into April.

Math and ELA Support Labs – Before and After School

We are excited to have offered the Math and English Language Arts support labs this year. Students participating have been able to receive assistance directly from certified instructors during this time. Here are the remaining dates, times and locations for the end of this year. Any student can attend any lab. No signup is needed.

Math is in Mr. Christopher's, Mrs Jaynes' or Dr Williamson's rooms.

English is in Mrs. Bolus' or Mrs Brockelbank's rooms.

Week of April 4-8

---Math - before school from 8:30 - 9:15 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

---English - after school from 4:30 - 5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday

Week of April 18-22

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Week of April 25-29

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Week of May 2-6

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Discipline Oversight Committee

As part of our efforts through the student senate and the school culture and diversity committee to continue to promote a positive and purposeful school culture, we have formed a discipline oversight committee. The committee will review discipline situations as requested by students, parents or

staff. The goal is to review items addressed, procedures and make recommendations for improvement where needed.

If you have been following Hamilton School Board meetings, a topic that continues to re-surface is bullying and harassment issues. The county has guidelines and procedures for students who are disciplined to request an appeal. However, for victims there is no formal appeal for review. Our Discipline Oversight Committee is a step we are pursuing at STEM to see if we can develop a formal process for those impacted to request a non-biased group to review the situation. Our committee will be made up of three teachers and three students who will review administrative procedures, results, and interventions applied. Ultimately, we hope this process will provide us the opportunity for additional accountability and feedback to continually improve our school. In addition, create a model that can help Hamilton County.

Yearbooks

The STEM 2021-22 Yearbooks are on sale now for ONLY \$31.08! Yearbooks must be purchased through the TreeRing website, and please remember that we do NOT order extra books for sale at the school. ONLY the books purchased through TreeRing will be printed and delivered.

---Yearbooks can only be purchased online through your TreeRing account - Use your HCDE email and password to sign in: [link to TreeRing sign in](#)

---Once purchased, students can create 2 personalized pages for FREE that will only print in their personal yearbook!

---The deadline for purchasing Yearbooks, purchasing/creating personal ads, and creating your personalized pages is May 6th.

If you have trouble accessing your account or have any questions, please email Ms. Bolus at bolus_lisa@hcde.org for help. (If you are a new 10th, 11th, or 12th grader this year, email Ms. Bolus to create your account.)

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