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## Board Meetings

For agendas, exhibits and more information, log onto [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or call 410-588-5203.

- Monday, August 8, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 12, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 26, 2011 – Board Business Meeting -- A. A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m.

**Board meetings can be viewed at anytime from our website [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org)!**

- **New!** The Rainbow Graduation will be held tomorrow, Friday, August 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Students who completed their formal high school education during the 2011 Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) summer school session will receive their high school diplomas during a ceremony held in the Aberdeen High School auditorium. The students will be dressed in caps and gowns from their home schools as they march across the stage to receive their dipomas, hence the name Rainbow Graduation.
- **New!** HCPS Superintendent, Dr. Robert M. Tomback, will attend a bus ride along with students on the first day of school, Monday, August 29, 2011! Driver of bus #755, Mr. Brit Owen, which services Deerfield Elementary School, will provide the transportation this year. The trip will begin and end at Deerfield Elementary School. If you plan to meet at the school to board the bus, you MUST be there by 8:30 a.m. The school will have ample parking available for your vehicles. Please contact the Communications Office at 410-588-5203, if you plan to attend or for more information.
- **New!** To view the press release regarding the 2011-12 bus schedules and routes, click here. School Bus Safety Educational Tools from the HCPS Transportation Department, as well as the 2011-12 bus routes, can be found on the HCPS website by clicking here. For more information, contact the Transportation Department at 410-638-4092.
- **New!** The Open House and Back to School Night schedules for HCPS elementary schools, middle schools and high schools are available on our website. For questions, please contact the Elementary Education Department at 410-588-5207, the Secondary Education Department at 410-588-5228 or the specific school.
- **New!** The economic downturn has impacted many in Harford County. To help ease the burden on families, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) has made available the 2011-2012 Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals before the official start of classes on August 29, 2011. Households that feel they may be eligible for meals at a free or reduced price are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible. Applications for the new school year may be mailed or faxed (410-638-4201) directly to HCPS Food and Nutrition Services, 101 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050, or dropped off at any school location. Applications may be submitted anytime throughout the school year. Families can obtain an application from their child's school office or on the school system's website at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org). Questions regarding the program or application process may be directed to HCPS Food and Nutrition Services at 410-638-4078.
- **New!** HCPS Magnet Program informational presentations set! In an effort to disseminate information to Harford County eighth graders and their parents about educational opportunities for high school, HCPS will be hosting a series of evening informational presentations within the county beginning in September. The objective of these meetings is to allow parents and students to take an introductory look at the magnet programs, located at four specific schools, that are available to students throughout Harford County. The Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate

Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School, the Natural Resources and Agricultural Science Program (NRAS) at North Harford High School, and the 19 career programs at Harford Technical High School (HTHS) in Bel Air will be showcased. The schedule for the evening presentations is as follows:

Sept. 14th, Aberdeen High School  
Sept. 21st, Harford Technical High School  
Sept. 27th, North Harford High School  
Oct. 6th, Edgewood High School

Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and students may choose to attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area.

Open Houses for each of the magnet programs will be held as follows:

Oct. 19th - Science & Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Oct. 26th - Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program at North Harford High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Nov. 2nd - Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme at Edgewood High School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Nov. 8th - Harford Technical High School, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance at the open house is not required for application or admission to any magnet program. Applications to each of the magnet programs will be available at [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org).

- Churchville Elementary School will celebrate its 80th birthday with an open house on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact the school directly at 410-638-3800.
- Southampton Middle School will celebrate the grand opening of its Ben Carson Reading Room on September 28, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

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