

HA MIDDLE SCHOOL- January 2026

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference



From the Head of Middle School:

Happy New Year!

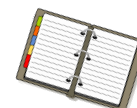
As we begin a new year, many people take time to reflect, set goals, and reaffirm commitments. This year, our theme is **“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”**

Moving into the second half of the school year, I encourage students to resolve to remain positive, be helpful to others, and stay grateful for the opportunity to be part of this wonderful community.

As we move through the winter season, I would like to share a quick reminder regarding the school uniform policy. The weather in Dothan can change throughout the day, so please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate outerwear to remain comfortable. The administration will declare and communicate any **Cold Weather Days**, which will be designated as **Raider Days**. Please note that middle school students are not permitted to wear boots of any kind on these days. For additional clarification, please refer to the ***Middle School Handbook*** available on the school’s website.

Finally, with the start of the new semester, students will receive updated class schedules. Some class sections have changed due to elective changes, while others will remain unchanged. Students will receive a hard copy of their schedule during Advisory on Tuesday, January 6. Although this will be the first day of the new semester, we will begin on **Day 3** of the rotation schedule.

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming Events:



1/6 First day of Quarter 3

1/7 House Shirt Day

1/19 No School - MLK Day

1/20 MS Scholar’s Bowl State-Troy University- Montgomery campus

1/20 6th-grade field trip Notary Meeting 3:00-4:30 pm

1/27 Kids for Christ 7 am

Shout Outs:**PTO**

Thank you to Lydia Kirkland and Lydia Wright, and all of the parents who helped out with the Middle School Holiday Party and sock exchange. We had a great time.

The sock collection for the homeless was outstanding. I was able to drop off 2 full big totes and 1 box full of socks for Dothan Rescue Mission. They were so thankful for Houston Academy's generosity and thoughtfulness.

**MS Scholars Bowl**

Sending good luck to the MS Scholar Bowl members who will compete at the State Competition in Montgomery on Tuesday, January 20th. Mrs. Sara David will be taking the following students to represent HA: Jackson Necessary, Samantha Podloski, Webb Coale, Bradley Graham, and Quinn Nelson.

