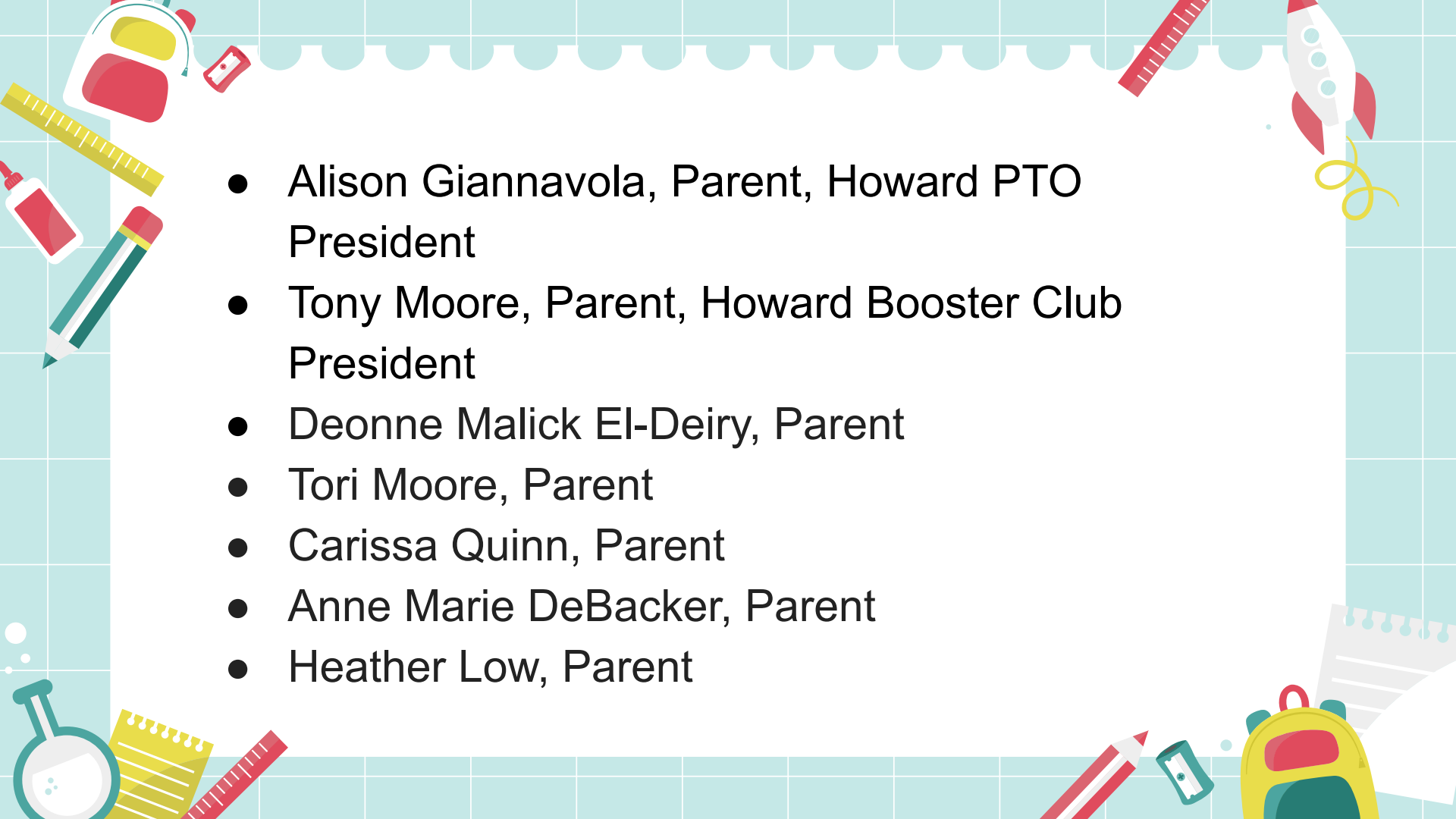
A decorative border surrounds the central text, featuring various school supplies. In the top-left corner, there is a red and white alarm clock, a yellow ruler, a red pencil, and a red eraser. In the top-right corner, there is a red ruler and a white rocket ship with red fins and a yellow trail. In the bottom-left corner, there is a round-bottom flask with a stopper and a white substance inside, a yellow spiral notebook, and a red ruler. In the bottom-right corner, there is a red and white pencil, a green eraser, and a yellow backpack with a red top and a green bottom. The background is a light blue grid with a white scalloped border at the top.

INFORMATION ABOUT
DAVID T. HOWARD
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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- Alison Giannavola, Parent, Howard PTO President
 - Tony Moore, Parent, Howard Booster Club President
 - Deonne Malick El-Deiry, Parent
 - Tori Moore, Parent
 - Carissa Quinn, Parent
 - Anne Marie DeBacker, Parent
 - Heather Low, Parent

PATIENCE AND GRACE

Transition to Middle School: It's a giant disruption from what they are used to

- A change of routine: school starts & ends later than elementary
- They are wondering what others think of them, getting lost, who will they sit with at lunch, will middle school be more challenging
- Different workload: 6 teachers who are asking them to do things with certain criteria
- This is the time where they learn to plan and be organized
- You may think “why didn’t you do that” or “why wasn’t it done” - they may not know how to manage their time, don’t automatically assume they know these things
- **TIP: Work with your student to devise a plan to help them stay organized**
- **TIP: When kids are talking, be an active listener - you get way more information when you are quiet**

ACADEMICS

Schoology

- Used at Midtown HS—Principal Hollis introduced to Howard this year
- Similar to Google Classroom
 - Section in Schoology for each subject
 - Curriculum, assignments, general class info is here
- Students & Parents can access
- **TIP: Parents can set up routine emails from Schoology to get updates on assignments**

The screenshot shows the 'Courses' page in Schoology. The top navigation bar includes 'COURSES', 'GROUPS', and 'GRADE REPORT'. The main content area displays a grid of course cards for the following classes:

- Mathematics: Accel Mathematics 6/7A H (00.20012042 133 Accel Mathematics 6/7A H)
- Advisement: Advisement 6th Grade (00.20000016 52 Advisement 6th Grade)
- 95 CHORUS: Beginning Chorus (Grade 6) (54.0130002 2 Beginning Chorus (Grade 6))
- Beta Club: Beta Club 2023-2024 School Year (54.0130002 2 Beginning Chorus (Grade 6))
- HELLO FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR: Counseling Grade 6 (40.0640002 131 Earth Systems)
- WELCOME TO EARTH SYSTEMS: Earth Systems (40.0640002 131 Earth Systems)
- 6th Grade ELA: Lang Arts 6 (23.0110002 34 Lang Arts 6)
- Social Studies 6: Social Studies 6 (45.0070002 62 Social Studies 6)
- 6A VISUAL ART: Visual Arts 6 (50.0110001 3 Visual Arts 6)






The screenshot shows the course page for 'Accel Mathematics 6/7A H: 27.0212042 133 Accel Mathematics 6/7A H'. The page is titled 'You are viewing Adlyn Durhams course' and includes the following sections:

- Materials:** Updates, Grades, Members, BrainPOP, Camia for Education, DeltaMath, Discovery Education, Flip, Formative, Google Classroom Imp..., iXL Learning, Kami, MakeMusic Cloud, Nearpod.
- Classroom Information:** All Materials
- Learning Units:**
 - 6A.3 Arithmetic in Base Ten
 - 6A.4 Rates and Ratios
 - 6A.5 Rational Numbers
 - 6A.5 Expressions, Equations, Inequalities
- Projects:**
- Assessments:**
- Parent Corner:**
- ASYNCHRONOUS ASSIGNMENT:** Asynchronous Assignment
- Upcoming:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024. 6A.6 Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities Quiz. 1 Admin.
- Calendar:** January 19th 11:00

ACADEMICS

Infinite Campus

- Grades for assignments, quizzes/tests, final exams, etc. are posted here
- **TIP: Review grades proactively—don't wait for report cards to come home**

Recent Updates: Last Two Weeks		
Assignment Scores (5)	Grades (3)	Attendance (2)
 Geologic Processes Test Earth Systems Updated: 02/28/2024 at 2:39 PM		86.44/100 (86.44%) >
 Large Group Performance Evaluation Beginning Chorus (Grade 6) Updated: 02/28/2024 at 11:52 AM		100/100 (100%) >
 Geologic Processes Study Guide Earth Systems DROPPED Updated: 02/28/2024 at 11:36 AM		95/100 (95%) >
 PBL-Plotting the Evidence Earth Systems Updated: 02/28/2024 at 11:36 AM		100/100 (100%) >
 Homework 3-6: Latin America Today Social Studies 6 Updated: 02/26/2024 at 3:54 PM		100/100 (100%) >

Show Less ^

ACADEMICS

- Howard encourages students to take the lead in communicating with teachers
- **TIP: Tell your child to speak to the teacher first, then follow up via email**
- **TIP: Teacher - Grade Level Counselor - Grade Level Principal - Principal Hollis**

HOW TO EMAIL A TEACHER

- 1 Subject Line**
Your subject line should be a short summary of your email (2-6 words)
EXAMPLE
Missing Assignments
Technical Difficulties
Late Work
- 2 Say Hello**
Just like you would do so in person, say hello first.
EXAMPLE
Good morning, Mrs. Gracey
Aloha, Mr. Ellis
Greetings from above!
- 3 Why?**
Tell the teacher why you are emailing them. Include details.
EXAMPLE
I am emailing because...
I can't find...
Can you please help me with...
- 4 End Your Email**
Close your email with a simple goodbye.
EXAMPLE
Thank you for your help.
Have a nice day.
See you in class.
- 5 Include Your Name**
Names are important, including yours! Let's use it.
EXAMPLE
Pat Momes
Geno Smith, English 2
Mina Caines, SID#100257

TIP: DON'T SHOUT!
Use sentence case when writing emails.

I NEED TO RETAKE MY TEST.

New Message

To: myteacher@myschool.org
Subject: Missing Assignment

Good morning,

I am emailing you because I have already turned in my book report. However, it still shows that I am missing the assignment in the grade book. Can you tell me if you have received it?

Thank you for checking on this.

Tommy Smith

Send

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RESPONSIBILITY

Middle school is a stepping stone to high school. We are teaching students self-advocate, specifically to be responsible for their own learning.

6th graders should be encouraged to:

- ✓ **Check their own grades and missing assignments in Infinite Campus (*they access this through MyBackpack*)**
 - **Parents can have IC access too! (“Parent Portal”)**
- ✓ **Write their own emails to teachers regarding their assignments or other questions they may have (*all students have an APS email address*)**

ACADEMICS

Tutorials

- Time before and after school where students can get help from teachers
- Each subject/teacher has a schedule for when Tutorials are held
 - Students can attend any Tutorial—they are not limited to only their teacher
- Students sign up for Tutorial themselves via Google Forms

6th Grade TUTORIAL DAYS & TIMES

Academics - Students should be escorted outside by the teacher and to the gym to walk through the Evolv machine.

Music – Students should be escorted to the cafeteria by the teacher using stairwell 2 or stairwell 3 to walk through the Evolv machine.

Afternoon tutorial on Tuesday is unavailable due to faculty/vertical meetings.

● **AM - 8:00 am - 8:40 am (Admittance in building ends at 8:15 am)**

● **PM - 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm**

ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
Mitchell Mon AM Hurt Wed AM Miller Wed PM Cason Tues AM Poindexter Thurs AM	Jimenez Fri AM Quarles Wed PM Jackson Mon AM Riddle Thurs PM Irby Tues AM	Ford Thurs AM Cadle Tues AM Hughes Mon PM Lopez Wed PM Williams Wed AM Science Tutorial	Howard Thurs AM Taylor Wed AM Dougherty Mon PM Anglin Thurs AM Social Studies Tutorial Sign Up
ELA Tutorial Sign-Up	Math Tutorial Sign-Up	Earth Systems Tutorial Sign Up	

SCHEDULE

- 8:50: Doors open
- 9:15: School starts
- 12:01-12:31: 6th lunch
- 3:30: Early dismissal ends
- 4:15: School ends

Snake Schedule



- Advisory (homeroom) = purple
- Core 1 = red
- Core 2 = green
- Core 3 = blue
- Core 4 = yellow
- Connections = orange

Term Q1 (08/01/2023-10/06/2023)					
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A/B Semester Connections

A connections - M, W and every other Friday

B connection - T, Th every other Friday

A Day in the Life

- Snake Schedule
- RGBY
- Connections (A/B)

6th Grade Schedule 2023-2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:05 - 9:15	Arrival (Locker)	Arrival (Locker)	Arrival (Locker)	Arrival (Locker)	Arrival (Locker)
9:15-9:35	Advisory 🟡	Advisory 🟡	Advisory 🟡	Advisory 🟡	Advisory 🟡
9:38-10:45	Red	Green	Blue	Yellow	Red
10:48-11:58	Green	Blue	Yellow	Red	Green
12:01 - 12:31	LUNCH 🍷🍉🍔	LUNCH 🍷🍉🍔	LUNCH 🍷🍉🍔	LUNCH 🍷🍉🍔	LUNCH 🍷🍉🍔
12:33-12:36	Locker Break	Locker Break	Locker Break	Locker Break	Locker Break
12:37-1:46	Blue	Yellow	Red	Green	Blue
1:49-2:59	Yellow	Red	Green	Blue	Yellow
2:59-3:02	Locker Break	Locker Break	Locker Break	Locker Break	Locker Break
3:05-4:15	Connections A	Connections B	Connections A	Connections B	Connections A / B
4:15	Dismissal 🚪	Dismissal 🚪	Dismissal 🚪	Dismissal 🚪	Dismissal 🚪

OTHER

Breakfast

- Available in the cafeteria - menus are on the homepage
- 9:05 breakfast is stopped

What to Bring Each Day

- Water bottle
- Backpack with school supplies - it should be able to fit into the locker
- Once assigned, bring charged devices everyday - many classes don't have textbooks and are online

Lockers

- They are \$7, pay for this in My School Bucks
- 3 locker breaks a day, each is 3 minutes
- They cannot carry their backpacks with them throughout the day
- **TIP: Get a combination lock this summer so your student can practice**

OTHER

Cell phones are “Away for the Day”

Apple watches

- Students are allowed to wear them
- Students won't be able to have them during testing

ATHLETICS

Booster Club

- Supports our student athletes and makes sure that every eligible child has an opportunity to participate

APS vs. Club Sports

- APS sports are mostly funded by the district
- Club sports are completely funded by parents

APS

- Sideline Cheer
- Boys Contact Football
- Girls Softball
- Varsity Basketball
- Girls Flag Football
- Soccer
- Track & Field

Club

- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Lacrosse
- Tennis
- JV Basketball
- Dance
- Swimming
- Baseball
- Golf
- Competition Cheer

ATHLETICS

Dragonfly

- Used to register student for sports and provide documentation
- **TIP: Get your student's sports physical this summer so you have it on file**
- Dragonfly How To:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m-spz02lvsYgZYAZHtl8CpZasCjX2Sq_6z5dWWRMIkY/edit

TeamSnap

- Team-specific communication including practice schedule, game schedule, roster, messages from the coach, parents, etc.

Additional Platforms

- Some sports have additional communication platforms like SwimTopia for the Swim Team

HELPFUL LINKS

[Howard Website: Rising Rams](#)

[School Registration](#)

[Class of 2027 Facebook Group](#)

[Rising Rams Tour](#)

[Howard Activities Facebook Group](#)

[PTO](#)

[Rams Report](#)

[Booster Club](#)

Sign up for [Remind](#) messages: @2e7a68

[Foundation](#)



Upcoming Rising Ram Events

Fun on the Field

April 26th, 2024

5:00-pm - 7:00 pm



Summer Bridge

July 16th & 17th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Summer Bridge Program

