



Haverford Middle School Newsletter

Week of June 29th

Welcome to the first summer edition of the Haverford Middle School Newsletter! We will keep you connected to what is happening in our district and school through the summer with versions of the Haverford Middle School Newsletter sent home every other week.

Planning for 2020-2021

Preparing for the 2020-2021 school year at Haverford Middle School will be challenging and exciting this summer. We are educating ourselves on guiding documents shared by state and local educational and medical governing bodies to help ensure that our staff and children remain safe and have an excellent educational experience. We have a wide range of options to consider at this point, and over the next two weeks will begin to focus on what would be best for our staff, students, families, and community. We will continue to keep you apprised of our progress and direction. We have to be mindful of this evolving situation and appreciate your support and flexibility.

We finished the school year with an intensive and informative week of professional development with our teachers and administrators. The week consisted of a strategic plan focused on using the online learning platform Canvas as a vehicle to deliver instruction. Our content area teachers explored using Canvas, collaborated to plan lessons, and discussed their role as we prepare to move into the 2020-2021 school year.

We are excited that our school board supported the purchase of a personal Chromebook computer for each middle school student and the online tool Canvas as our common learning platform to be used by students at home and in school. Both the Chromebook and Canvas will help us deliver the type and level of instruction that we all expect for our children.

Please help us throughout the summer by staying informed on what you can do to protect our community. Social distancing, wearing a mask, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and proper disinfection of surfaces are all things that can be done to protect our community. If we protect ourselves and the community now, then the likelihood that

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6th Grade Teams

6th-Grade Webpage

Beluga Whales

Polar Bears

Sea Lions

Arctic Fox

we can get back to the school experience we all want for our children will be more of a realization than a hope.

Things will be different when we return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Please be prepared to be flexible as we embark on this endeavor to provide the best educational experience we can for our children.

Summer Reading & Math

Please direct your child to be informed of our summer reading & math programming. The summer math & reading information is posted on the main page of our website at ----->

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/departments/curriculum-instruction/summer-curriculum-resources>. The programming offered we are offering is manageable and engaging for students and will position them well for when we return to school.

7th Grade Teams

7th-grade Webpage

Giant Pandas

Iberian Lynx

Peregrine Falcons

Komodo Dragons

Rising 6th Grade Announcements

Orientation

We will share a virtual orientation for rising 6th-grade families and students with you soon.

Canvas

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School supplies

The traditional school supplies that we share with families and students can be found on the link below. The supply list details items that could be used at home or in school to organize school materials and be used for assignments.

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Gmail

Please have your child check their email weekly on Fridays, beginning on Friday, July 10th. The grade level administrator will be sending a brief message to students to help them prepare for the school year. The primary purpose of this communication is to build relationships.

8th Grade Teams

8th-Grade Webpage

Asiatic Cheetahs

Bengal Tigers

Gray Wolves

Snow Leopards

Important School Information:

[Athletics Information](#)

Rising 7th Grade Announcements

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Rising 8th Grade Announcements

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General Announcements

2019-2020 Yearbooks

The 2019-2020 yearbooks are scheduled to be delivered this week! We will designate two separate days when families and students can pick up their yearbook.

- Students and families can drive through the main entrance driveway where the flagpole is to pick up their yearbook. Do not park or get out of your car. We will come to you and place the yearbook where you direct us to.
- Our former 8th-grade students and families will pick up their yearbooks on the first day we make them available.
- 8th-grade students and families will also have the first opportunity to purchase a yearbook if they have not purchased one already. This will be on a first come - first served basis as we only have a few extra yearbooks.
- Yearbooks cost \$35.00. Only cash will be accepted.
- Our former 7th and 6th-grade students will be invited to pick up their yearbook on the second day designated to pick up yearbooks.
- Any remaining extra yearbooks will be available to purchase on a first come, first-served basis.
- We will provide specific dates and times for pick up when the yearbooks arrive.

Social & Emotional Support

Our administrative team is available throughout the summer to support you and your family. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your child should need support.

Food Insecurity

The School District of Haverford Township recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. If you and your family are experiencing any food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, then please contact the building school social worker, Jocelyn Drucis, at jdrucis@haverfordsd.net or at (610) 853-5900 Ext. 5552 for local food resources and assistance. The school district social workers have been coordinating their efforts with local organizations to help families within the community.

For additional COVID-19 Food/Internet/Housing/Unemployment Resources, please click on the links below:

Food/Internet/Housing/Unemployment Assistance Information:

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/covid19/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/guidance-resources>

Food Pantry Information:

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/covid19/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/food-pantry-information-covid-19>

PIAA Sports - 7th & 8th Grade

Physicals

In order for a student to participate in PIAA sports in the fall (Girls' Volleyball, Football, Cheerleading, Girls' Field Hockey, Girls' Soccer, Boy's Soccer), all students must have a PIAA physical on file before tryouts. [Click on this link to print the PIAA packet.](#) Sections 1-6 need to be completed.

6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students are all eligible to participate in cross country. Physicals are not required for this club.

There will be an information meeting during the 1st week of school to review expectations for the fall season and meet the coaches.

Clubs & Activities for All Students

[Click on this link to review HMS Clubs/Activities Page.](#)

6th-grade students will participate in an activities fair during the 3rd week of school. We encourage all students to participate in extracurricular activities outside of the classroom.

