

HMS Parent Newsletter

AUGUST 26, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HMS Families:

We are looking forward to seeing our HMS students at orientation on Monday (6th) and Tuesday (7th and 8th). At Orientation, your family will be able to pick up your child's schedule, take a tour, get your student's ID card and have your photo taken, and get your questions about HMS answered. Make-up pictures will be offered on October 11 for students who will be unable to get their picture taken at Orientation.

Below is some additional information about next week's Orientation events. HMS families can save time (and skip an orientation line) by making online payments and purchases before the Orientation event. Please see the Online Payments section below for more information on how to purchase Assurance coverage for your child's Chromebook, yearbooks, and ASB cards.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news with you all. This year, HMS will have a half-time assistant principal, Caleb Millay. Mr. Millay will be here to support students, address student discipline, and oversee school safety. We are excited to have him on board. You can read more about Mr. Millay below.

We are so excited to welcome back students for the school year on Wednesday. We will be running a modified first-day schedule to allow each student to spend some extra time in their HomeBase class getting to know their HomeBase teacher and classmates and learning about our school. (On your child's schedule, HomeBase is listed as their period 3 advisory class.) Our regular bell schedule for the year is below.

We'd like to extend a huge 'thank you' to our PWT volunteers and student leaders who are helping us start the year off right. Our PWT has a new website. If you are interested in volunteering for school events and learning more about ways to get involved, please check out

our PWT page at <https://hockinsonpwt.ptboard.com>. We are also excited to announce that HMS spirit wear is now on sale. Information on purchasing HMS gear is below.

Our office staff is here to help you with any questions or concerns. Please give us a call at 360-448-6440 if we can be of help.

Thank you for your support!

~ Meredith

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A NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

I hope you all had a great summer! I am excited to be joining the HMS team in what I expect will be a much more defined role this coming school year. I will be splitting time as HSD COVID manager and HMS Associate Principal. I will also be returning as Athletic Director.

I am a native to the Vancouver area, grew up in Brush Prairie and even played youth soccer under Coach Beth Tugaw for a number of years. I attended undergrad university in Idaho and earned a BA in secondary education. After graduation, I remained in Idaho and taught middle school social studies and math, coached high school sports (basketball and football) and was a program director in Idaho for five years. I attended grad school at Boise State and earned an MA and principal endorsement in Educational Leadership. I am passionate about supporting students and teachers.

My wife, Rhiannon, and I have two children: Fenix, who is in 6th grade, and Asher, who is three months old. As a family we enjoy traveling and being outdoors. We love watching movies and playing board games on the weekends (Wingspan is our current favorite board game). Personally, I am an avid reader, sports fanatic and runner.

I am excited to work with HMS students and families this year!

ORIENTATION EVENTS

Hornet Academy - 6th grade (Monday)

Please plan to drop your student off some time between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. Students will pick up their class schedules when they arrive. Students will then run through a shortened version of their school schedule so that they get some practice moving between classes. In each class, students will complete a different orientation activity such as checking out their school

Chromebook, picking up their spirit wear t-shirt, and taking a school tour. Students will enjoy a lunch break in the cafeteria as well (We will provide a small snack). Students will finish the day with our school leadership team and have a brief pep assembly.

Parents are welcome to join us at HMS from 11 - 12. We will hold a class on how to access Schoology in our computer lab from 11:00 - 11:30 and again from 11:30 - 12. Parents can also stop by the office to make payments for ASB cards and yearbooks, and stop by our PWT table to learn about volunteering for school events or to make a PWT donation.

Students can be picked up in the front driveway at 12 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade Orientation (Tuesday)

Orientation for our 7th and 8th graders will be held on Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

This is a drop-in event and your family can come at whatever time works best for you.

Students will pick up their schedules, get their photo taken and ID card printed, and check out their Chromebook.

SKIP THE LINE AT ORIENTATION

All students **must** have a Chromebook Assurance form completed online prior to checking out a Chromebook. You can opt to purchase Assurance protection or decline coverage online.

You can also purchase a yearbook and ASB card online and avoid the line at Orientation.

Please see the directions for making online payments below and feel free to call our office at 360-448-6440 if you need any assistance.



How to pay fees online.pdf

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STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be distributed at Orientation on Monday (sixth grade) and Tuesday (seventh and eighth grades). All schedules will also be available on Skyward Family Access on Tuesday morning.

Student schedules are created based on the forecasting information submitted by students at the end of the prior school year. Class placements are considered final. Schedule changes will only be made if:

1. the student is missing a class (i.e. has no English Language Arts class)
2. the student has duplicate classes (i.e. two period of math)
3. The student is missing a prerequisite class (i.e. is placed in French 2 without having taken French 1)

Please see the [Hockinson School District class change policy](#) for additional information.

Thank you for your understanding.

HMS 2022-23 BELL SCHEDULE

Regularly Scheduled Classes					
Regular Day - 52 Minute Classes					
PD	6 th Grade	PD	7 th Grade	PD	8 th Grade
1	8:50 - 9:42	1	9:50 - 10:42	1	9:50 - 10:42
2	9:45 - 10:37	2	10:45 - 11:37	2	10:45 - 11:37
3 / HB	10:40 - 11:02	3 / HB	10:40 - 11:02	3 / HB	10:40 - 11:02
4	11:05 - 11:40	4	11:05 - 11:57	4	11:05 - 11:57
5	11:45 - 12:10	5	12:00 - 12:35	5	12:00 - 12:35
6	12:35 - 1:00	6	12:35 - 1:00	6	12:35 - 1:00
7	1:05 - 1:30	7	1:35 - 2:00	7	1:35 - 2:00
8	2:05 - 2:30	8	2:05 - 2:30	8	2:05 - 2:30

Bell Schedule: 2022-23

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THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On the first day of school, students will be welcomed to campus by our student leaders. All students will have a modified schedule so that they spend one hour in their Home Base class. HomeBase teachers will lead a school tour, explain safety protocols, and get to know the students. Students will then continue with their regular class schedule for 35 minute periods. All sixth grade students, will have student leaders escort them to the bus of parent pick up area at the end of the day. Just a reminder, the first day of school is a one-hour early release and students will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m.



BUS INFORMATION

Bus route information is now available on the HSD webpage. You can view your student's bus route, pick up/drop off locations, and times on the Busing Information page.

<https://www.hocksd.org/Content2/busing-information>

Directions:

Step 1: Identify Your Bus Number

Click on the map for the school that your child will be attending and look for the area where your home is located to see what bus your student will be riding.

Step 2: Look for Your Bus Stop

Once you determine your student's bus number, you can look up bus stops and schedules by clicking on the link below the map.

Please note there are tabs at the bottom of the route spreadsheet you can click on.

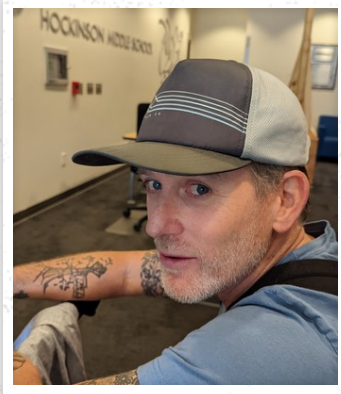
If you have questions, please contact First Student Transportation at (360) 846-2922. Click here to learn more about First Student.

<https://www.hocksd.org/News/hsdbusing21...>

NEW HMS STAFF

You can read more about our new HMS teachers on our [Facebook Page](#).

Not pictured are: Kyle Ebersole - School Psychologist, Lauren - Speech Language Pathologist,



SHAUN SPADOLINI

Science Teacher



EMILY SEASTONE

Learning Support Teacher



JUSTIN HAMIL

Social Studies Teacher



FALL SPORTS

Seventh and Eighth grade students are eligible to participate in school sports. Our Fall sports are: cross-country (co-ed) and volleyball (girls). Registration information can be found [here](#). Practice for cross-country and try-outs for girls' volleyball begin on 8/29.

Please contact our HMS Athletic Director, Caleb Millay, or Athletic Secretary, Karen Johnson, at 360-448-6440 or caleb.millay@hocksd.org with any questions.

Go Hornets!



SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

Keeping our students safe is a key priority. Our Hockinson Middle School COVID Safety plan can be found [here](#). This safety plan was developed using the Department of Health and Clark County public Health guidelines for COVID safety.

If you have any questions about our safety plans, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Our HSD COVID Safety Manager, Caleb Millay, can be reached at 360-448-6440.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

We look forward to seeing HMS families at our Back to School Open House on September 5 from 6 - 7 p.m. At the Back to School event, parents can meet their child's teachers, find out about what their student will be learning in each class, and learn about class policies. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29: Hornet Academy - 6th Grade Orientation - 8 - 12

August 30: 7th and 8th Grade Orientation - 8 - 12

August 31: First Day of School - early release (2:20 p.m.)

September 5: Labor Day - No School

September 6: Open House - 6 - 7 p.m.

September 17: Constitution Day

October 14: No School - Statewide Teacher In Service Day



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