

HOCKINSON SCHOOLS

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Summer 2023 Newsletter

CLASS OF 2023 HAWKS SOAR!

On June 9, Hockinson High School graduates gathered to close out their high school career at the annual graduation ceremony. The Class of 2023 has laid the foundation for future success by building a positive culture of kindness, determination, and hard work. We look forward to seeing the great things that these Hawks accomplish!

This fall:



68% are heading to 2- or 4-year college



4% are entering the workforce



4% are going on a mission



13% are attending a trade school or apprenticeship



2% are entering the military



2023-24 Student Orientations

All Hockinson Schools will welcome new and returning students at the following 2023-24 school year orientation sessions:

HOCKINSON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

Back to School Community Fair
August 24 • 5-7 pm

HOCKINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Orientation
August 28 • 8am-12pm

7-8th Grade Orientation
August 29 • 8am-12pm

HOCKINSON HIGH SCHOOL

10-12 Grade Orientation, August 28

12th Grade: 9-10:30am
11th Grade: 10:30am-12pm
10th Grade: 1-2:30pm

9th Grade Orientation, August 29

Orientation: 9:30-11:30am
BBQ: 12:30-1:30pm

ABOVE: Eighth grade students at the HMS 8th Grade Promotion ceremony.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

HSD has great school leaders in new roles for the 2023-23 school year: Meredith Gannon, HHES Principal; Michael Olson, HHES Assistant Principal; Bess Colpron, HMS Principal; and Josh Robertson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.



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Class of 2036 graduates from Transitional Kindergarten

On June 13, students in Transitional Kindergarten at Hockinson Heights Elementary School made a big step toward their bright futures. TK students and families gathered in the commons to celebrate entering kindergarten in the year ahead.

Transitional Kindergarten is a full-day preschool program, preparing four-year-old students for a successful kindergarten year. TK students are immersed in reading, writing, math, art, music, and physical education while practicing early social skills.

Kindergarten enrollment is open now!
Visit our website for more info.



Superintendent's Message

Hockinson Community,

The end of a school year is an opportunity to look back and set our goals moving forward.

Thanks to your levy support, hundreds of Hockinson students pursued their interests in arts, sports, and activities this year. I'm grateful for community involvement that makes all this possible. I am also appreciative of our parent volunteers who fundraised nearly \$40,000 this year for classroom experiences and field trips.



Next school year, we're excited to place an increased emphasis on student-centered learning. This aligns with a long tradition in Hockinson of putting students first, and extends beyond the classroom with levy-funded extracurricular activities shown to proactively support student achievement and higher attendance and graduation rates.

In the Parent Perception Survey last summer, families voiced a need for greater consistency in academic expectations in Hockinson classrooms. We're excited to welcome Josh Robertson to the district office next school year as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction to align practices across the district. Thank you to all who filled out the survey last year; your input helps to shine a light on where we can improve. Please check your school messages for a link to this year's survey.

Education has a huge return on investment. Thank you for all of the ways you invest in our kids.

- Steve Marshall

Mark Your Calendar



The first day of school is Wednesday, August 30.
Have a fun and safe summer break!

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