

**SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE**

Back-to-School Edition

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all had a nice, relaxing summer and are energized for the many exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. It has been another busy summer in the school district as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. Just as our world is constantly evolving, we too are constantly evaluating the effectiveness of how we educate our students. The work force we are preparing them for is much different now than it was even ten years ago, and the skills our students need to succeed must evolve as well.

This past Spring, a group of community and district constituents formed the Portrait of a Golden Tiger. The design team consisted of parents, school board members, business owners, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, and community members. The team was tasked with identifying the competencies that we feel, as a district and community, are necessary for our students to possess in order to be a successful and contributing member of society after graduation. Chosen competencies include adaptability, communication, analytical thinker, citizenship, integrity, and perseverance. The Portrait of a Golden Tiger will serve as our north star as we evolve our educational system to be more future-focused and student-centered, thus achieving our district mission of maximizing the growth of each individual.

**The new school year will begin for all students on Thursday, August 24, 2023.** Our teachers, administrators and staff have been working hard to prepare for another rewarding school year. We urge you to get involved in your child’s education by attending scheduled orientations, open houses, meet-the-teacher nights, parent advisory/PTO meetings, extra-curricular activities, performances, and other district events. Take full advantage of all that our district has to offer.

Hollidaysburg Area School District has a long-established tradition of academic excellence. It is our goal to continue that tradition by meeting the needs of all students and providing them with a quality education that will prepare them for success in whatever career path they choose to pursue.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Gildea*

Robert J. Gildea, D.Ed.  
Superintendent

**BUILDING INFORMATION**

<b>Building Times</b>			
	Report at	Tardy at	Dismissal at
SH	7:23	7:31	2:44
JH	7:32	7:42	2:50
FOT	8:50	9:00	3:30
FKS	8:50	9:00	3:30
CWL	8:50	9:00	3:30

<b>Marking Periods</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period.....	October 26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period.....	January 18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period.....	March 25
4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period.....	May 31
<p>Report cards are posted on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal under Documents. Any days lost due inclement weather will change the scheduled end of the marking period.</p>	

<p>The Hollidaysburg Area School District complies with the rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and rights contained in the District Record Policy, which is available at the District Office.</p>
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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Aug. 21, 22 & 23	No School for Students	Act 80 Teacher in-service
Aug. 24		First Student day
Sept. 4	No School for Students	Holiday
Sept. 29	Early Dismissal: SH-12:30, JH-12:40, Elem.-1:30 Lunch will be served	PM Teacher in-service
Oct. 27	No School for Students	Teacher in-service
Nov. 7	No School for Students	Teacher in-service
Nov. 10	No School for Students	Holiday
Nov. 21	Early Dismissal: SH-11:00, JH-11:10, Elem.- Noon / NO LUNCH	PM Parent conferences
Nov. 22 to 27 inclusive	No School for Students	Holiday
Dec. 22	Early Dismissal: SH-11:00, JH-11:10, Elem.- Noon / NO LUNCH	PM Teacher in-service
Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 inclusive	No School for Students	Holiday
Jan. 12	Early Dismissal: SH-12:30, JH-12:40, Elem.-1:30 / Lunch will be served	PM Teacher In-service
Jan. 15	No School for Students	Holiday
Feb. 16 to 19 inclusive	No School for Students	Holiday
March 15	Early Dismissal: SH-12:30, JH-12:40, Elem.-1:30 / Lunch will be served	PM Teacher In-service
March 28	No School for Students	Teacher in-service
March 29 to April 1 inclusive	No School for Students	Holiday
April 23	No School for Students	Teacher In-service
May 24	Early Dismissal: SH-11:00, JH-11:10, Elem.- Noon / NO LUNCH	PM Teacher in-service
May 27	No School for Students	Holiday
May 31	Early Dismissal: SH-10:00, JH-10:10, Elem.- 11:00 / NO LUNCH	Last Student day/PM Teacher in-service

Note: Any days lost due to inclement weather will be made up as follows:  
February 16, April 1, June 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

**BUILDING CONTACTS**

BUILDING	TELEPHONE	BLDG. PRINCIPAL	BLDG. COUNSELOR
Foot of Ten	695-1941	Jaime Hartline	Kyle Brown
Frankstown	695-4961	William Madden	Alyson Miller
C. W. Longer	695-4431	Brian Keagy	Allison Herbaugh
Junior High	695-4426	Kenneth Krott	Keely Jones, 7th Christina Neri, 8th Kathleen Gracey, 9th
Senior High	695-4416	Maureen Letcher	Kim Hutsky, 10th Hully Hoover, 11th David Herncane, 12th
HASD Cyber Academy	695-4426	Justin Arthur	

The Hollidaysburg Area School District is an Equal Opportunity Education institution and will not discriminate in employment or the provision of programs and services to students based on race, color, gender, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap/disability as required by Title VI, IX, and Section 504. For more information regarding civil rights grievance procedures, and Title VI and Title IX, contact Ben Caldwell, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Human Resources at 814-695-5585. For issues pertaining to handicapped provisions and facilities that are accessible, contact Jonathan Nihart, Coordinator for Section 504 and Director of Physical Plant at 814-696-9185. The human resources office is located at the HASD Administration Building, 405 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The physical plant office is located at HASD Junior High School, 1100 Union Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

## SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

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CHILD FIND - Screening to identify students who may require special programs and services is ongoing and includes teacher observation, group tests, individual tests, state assessments, vision and hearing screening, speech and language screening, review of cumulative files, large and fine muscle screening, and support and monitoring by the child study team. All information is confidential and is available only to school staff working with a child and to his/her parents. More information on any aspect of special services is available from building principals or the office of the Special Education Director at 814-695-5659.

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY (IDEIA) - The Hollidaysburg Area School District offers programs to students in need of support for a variety of emotional and academic concerns. Parents who believe their child needs special services should call the building principal at the school their child would attend or the office of the Special Education Director at 814-695-5659.

CHAPTER 15- ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS – In compliance with state and federal law, the Hollidaysburg Area School District will provide to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student’s abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for “protected handicapped students” are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs. For further information on the evaluation procedures and provisions of services to protected handicapped students, please contact Special Education Director at 814-695-5659.

GIFTED EDUCATION (CHAPTER 16) - The district has programs to meet the educational needs of identified gifted students who require gifted education. Educational programming could include acceleration, enrichment, or both, as appropriate, according to each child’s intellectual and academic abilities and needs.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS - Your child’s records include all the information kept or used by the school officials that relate directly to your child. This information includes basic physical information, attendance and tests, and achievement scores. The records also include special education information such as Evaluation Reports, psychological testing, IEPs and NOREPs, and other assessments. Law mandates that your child’s records be kept confidential by school officials. Records generally cannot be released to anyone outside the school system without your consent or the consent of a student if over 18 years of age. Please contact school officials if you would like to review your child’s records.

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS (IDEIA) & NOTICE OF PARENTS RIGHTS (GIFTED EDUCATION) - State and federal laws outline your rights and the safeguards to be followed in providing a free appropriate public education. School officials must give you written notice whenever they want to evaluate or re-evaluate your child or whenever they want to make any significant changes in your child’s IEP/GIEP or placement. School officials must provide you with written notice when they refuse to do something you have asked them to do. These notices explain your rights, including your right to utilize the Dispute Resolution System when there is a disagreement between the school district and parent. The notice also lists agencies from which you may be able to get help or services for your child. School districts are required to educate students in need of special education with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

EL SCREENING - Students are screened if English is indicated as a secondary language. Please contact Dr. Sarah Palazzi, ESL Coordinator, at 814-695-5584.

## **ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Hollidaysburg Area School District provides an extensive program of standardized assessment. Group tests are also administered to secondary students for career and diagnostic math and reading. PA state assessment in English Language Arts and Math are administered in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, with Science in grades 4 and 8. The Keystone Exams in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature are administered to secondary students. Other tests are administered to individual students only when professional staff need special diagnostic or achievement information. Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) will be used in the following grade-levels and or classes: at the Junior High, Grades 7 & 8 Mathematics, Algebra 1, Grade 8 Science and Biology; at the Senior High 10<sup>th</sup> grade English classes, CB Biology 1, Biology 1B and Algebra 1. A list of the district's Assessment Options, which is updated yearly, is available and you may request a copy of the list by calling Dr. Sarah Palazzi at 814-695-5584.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

The HASD encourages and invites you to become partners with us in your child's education. You will be invited to attend school activities, meetings, and conferences. There are opportunities for parents, grandparents, and community members to volunteer in the schools.



The junior and senior high schools have established Parent Advisory Committees. The JH Parent Advisory Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM in the JH library. The SH Parent Advisory Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM in the conference room at the senior high school.

All elementary schools have active Parent-Teacher Organizations.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

Three certified school nurses along with health room assistants provide health services among the five district schools and three nonpublic schools. In the event that a child becomes ill, the school nurse may find it necessary to contact parents to pick up your child. We ask your cooperation in such instances. Please have updated contact information on your child's Infinite Campus page.

It is also important that the nurse be aware of any health problems that a student may have or special accommodations that need to be made. Please contact the building nurse to notify her of such problems or to make arrangements for any medications which must be administered during the school day.

## **CONCUSSIONS**

Concussions can have a major impact on students in the school setting. If your child is diagnosed with a concussion, please contact the school nurse in the appropriate building. The school nurse will provide the student with a concussion form to be completed by the attending physician. The school nurse can help coordinate necessary program changes for your child as he/she recovers. If you have any questions about concussions, please refer to [www.cdc.gov/concussions](http://www.cdc.gov/concussions).

School nurses and the buildings they cover are:

Christine Snyder, RN, CSN	Junior High, St. Patrick's, Blair Christian School, homeschool students
Wendy Lieb, RN, CSN	Frankstown, Foot of Ten, Penn Mont
Erin Fogle, RN, CSN	Senior High, C. W. Longer
Jill Furry, RN	Foot of Ten
Karen Nihart, RN	C. W. Longer
Colleen Moore	Float Nurse

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

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The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Act provides that certain “directory information” about public school students is public information and legally available to individuals or agencies who may request it. Directory information consists of the student’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Typical requests for such information might be made by military recruiters, businesses that wish to include students on their mailing lists, or by trade and technical schools that might wish to recruit high school graduates.

As a parent, you have the right to deny your child’s directory information to agencies or individuals requesting it. Simply fill out the form below and mail it to your child’s school office by September 22, 2023.



**STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION ACCESS DENIAL**

If any individual, business, or other agency should request directory information on Hollidaysburg Area School District students, please do not include my child’s name and directory information.

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Student Name

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Parent Signature

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Grade/Building

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Date

## **CAREER CONFERENCES**

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Students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10, along with their parents, are invited to the school in the spring of the school year to meet with a guidance counselor to plan for the child's college, career or workforce readiness. Results of interest inventories, academic records, and test results are some of the items used in the discussion and planning process. Helpful resource information will also be available at this time.

## **ALTERNATE READING ASSIGNMENTS**

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The Hollidaysburg Area School District recognizes that the content of certain literature selections might be objectionable to some individuals. In the event that a child receives a reading assignment which parents find objectionable, the classroom teacher should be contacted. If appropriate, the teacher may provide an alternative reading assignment. As in the past, parents have the option of reviewing course materials. Parents should contact the building principal to review course materials. Inquiries can also be made to Dr. Sarah Palazzi, Director of Curriculum.

## **INSURANCE FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**

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All students in grades 7-12 who participate in sports, including cheerleaders, majorettes, and band members, will be covered by accident insurance at no cost to parents. This insurance policy is a secondary benefit plan with parent coverage as a primary plan.

Should your child sustain an injury during practice or competition, he or she is required to report it to the coach and/or athletic trainer immediately. If your child participates in sports, cheerleading, or band and incurs an injury that is not related to these activities, this insurance coverage will not pertain. As in the past, the district will also offer optional accident insurance, for purchase by parents, to all students. Information concerning this coverage is included as an attachment in this email.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE**

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Students entering the 10th grade are required to have a standard HASD gym uniform. All NEW uniform sales will be purchased out of the Senior High School Store, The Jungle. The old-style gym uniform will still be used in grades 9-12, and will eventually be phased out. Moving forward, all uniforms will be purchased from the school store, The Jungle. If you have any questions regarding gym uniforms, please contact the building your student attends.

Senior high students beginning in 10th grade are required to take a swimming class. Students must provide their own swimsuits. There is not a standard-issue swimsuit that all students wear. Girls swimsuits must be of a one-piece design to properly cover the body. Slits up the side, open areas on various areas of the suit, and suits that are low-cut at the bodice or high-cut in the legs are not acceptable. Boy's swimsuits should be modest. Cut-offs or shorts are not acceptable.

## **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

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Proper behavior of students on a school bus is important to the safety of everyone. *Improper behavior will result in suspension of a student's bus privileges.* The district uses video cameras on buses that record audio and video to help maintain safety, but there is nothing more effective than parents encouraging their children to follow common sense rules of good behavior and safety. The district seeks parent support in helping us to maintain safety on school buses.

The district operates a full day kindergarten. Kindergarten students will ride the same bus as elementary students in the AM and PM. HASD requires that a parent or adult guardian be present at the bus stop when a kindergarten student is dropped off. As in the past, the district will review requests for changes in bus stops for special child care arrangements. Such requests can be considered only if a child care provider, or babysitter, is located in the same elementary attendance area as your child, the requested stop is on an existing bus route, and there is space on the bus.

Fullington Autobus Company is the district's transportation contractor, located at 240 Patchway Road, Duncansville and managed by Linda Hodge. Questions or concerns regarding late buses or driver job performance should be directed to Fullington Autobus at 814-693-7630. Questions regarding babysitter accommodations, bus assignments, or stop locations should be directed to Linda Conway, Transportation Secretary at 814-695-5585. Discipline matters should be directed to the building principal. Questions regarding change in bus routes should be directed to Ben Caldwell, HASD Transportation Director, at 814-695-5585. Please visit our website for additional transportation info at [www.hasdtigers.com](http://www.hasdtigers.com) (click on "Transportation"). HASD bus numbers are in white and are on the bus window.

The following is a partial list of transportation safety tips for students:

1. Always look both ways before crossing a road when getting on or getting off a bus.
2. After getting off the bus, move away without delay and make sure that your driver sees you. Go directly home.
3. Stay out of the danger zone – the area outside of the bus where the driver can't see you (directly in front of and behind the bus.)
4. In the winter, do not stand on a snow bank near a bus stop.
5. Always remain in your seat, facing forward.
6. Use the bus handrail when getting on and off.
7. Never put any part of your body outside a bus window.
8. Do not wear headphones when traveling to your bus stop or when waiting at the stop. You need to be aware of traffic sounds.
9. Parents – make sure your students know your emergency contact phone numbers; have a plan for early dismissals, have a plan if your child gets home and is locked out.
10. Parent or adult guardian needs to be at the bus stop for kindergarten students.

## **ATTENDANCE AT THE GREATER ALTOONA CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

All vocational technical students must report to class on days that the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center (GACTC) has scheduled classes when classes are not scheduled for HASD\*. Bus transportation from Hollidaysburg Area Senior/Junior High School to GACTC and back will be provided for AM students at 7:45 AM. Students must arrange for transportation to the senior high school by 7:35 AM, and to the junior high school by 7:40 AM. Buses will be available for transportation to and from the GACTC.

**\*NOTE:** Policy is outlined in the student handbook covering this type of situation as well as when HASD is in session and the GACTC is not.

## COMMUNITY AGENCIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Throughout the year, the need may arise for the use of a community agency which could provide families with specific support services. Listed below are several available agencies. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sarah Palazzi at the Administration Building at 814-695-5584. Questions regarding services should be directed to these agencies.

AGENCY	PHONE	AGENCY	PHONE	AGENCY	PHONE
UPMC Behavioral Health Services (Crisis – 24 hours/day)	814-889-2141 Option 1	UPMC Behavior Health Services (Access Center)-outpatient/non-emergency	814-889-2289	American Rescue Workers	814-695-0762
Blair County Children, Youth & Families	814-693-3130	White Deer Run Treatment Network	855-553-0154	Blair Senior Services	814-946-1235
Childline Abuse Hotline	800-932-0313	Catholic Charities	814-944-9388 814-241-4819	Amtran	814-944-4074
Blair Co. Community Action Agency	814-946-3651	Pyramid Healthcare	888-694-9996	Food for Families St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen	814-944-6302
Blair Co. Mental Health & Disability Services	814-693-3023	UPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies	Kids: 814-946-0261 Adults: 814-943-0414	Blair County Assistance Office	866-812-3341
Hollidaysburg Area High School Student Assistance Program	814-695-4416 Ext. 7520	Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries Counseling Services	814-696-4500	PeopleOne Health (free clinic)	814-201-2835
Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School Student Assistance Program	814-695-4426 Ext. 6520	Family Services (Main Office)	814-944-3583	Women's Health & Wellness	814-889-2012
C. W. Longer Elementary Student Assistance Program	814-695-4431 Ext. 3520	Family Services Hotline (Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence)	814-944-3585	PA Careerlink of Blair County	814-940-6200
Foot of Ten Elementary Student Assistance Program	814-695-1941 Ext. 4520	State Health Clinic of Blair Co.	814-946-7300	Teen Shelter (Family Services)	814-941-0975
Frankstown Elementary Student Assistance Program	695-4961 Ext. 5520	Family Services Emergency Shelter	2-1-1 (PA 211)	Contact Altoona Helpline	814-946-9050
Housing Assistance	2-1-1 (PA 211)	Blair Co. Drug & Alcohol Partnerships	814-381-0921		

## CAFETERIA

Please join us daily for breakfast and lunch in the school cafeteria! Our meals are planned to appeal to our students and provide variety while meeting the nutrition standards established by the National School Lunch Program. We are proud to offer fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy choices. We make daily efforts to address the Nutritional needs of our students and look forward to serving you!

### 2023-2024 Meal Prices

**FREE - Elementary Breakfast**  
**\$2.25 Elementary Lunch**

**\$0.60 Milk**

**FREE - Secondary Breakfast**  
**\$2.50 Secondary Lunch**

Students from households that meet income guidelines or receive SNAP or TANF are eligible and should apply for FREE or REDUCED priced meals. From your phone, you may apply, submit and track your application through the School Café App (available at the Apple App Store or on Google Play), or online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/HOLLIDAYSBURGAREASD>. A printed version of the application is available at all school offices and the food service office. Mail the completed application to: HASD Senior High School, Food Service Dept., 1510 N. Montgomery St., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. All information is confidential. If you have any questions concerning school meals or the meal application, please contact the Food Service Office at 814-695-7537.

Dedicated to supporting the educational mission of the HASD, the Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation (HASDF) awards grants each school year allowing our teachers and students the unique opportunity to apply new and innovative programs in their classrooms and buildings. HASDF helps broaden the teaching and learning opportunities of our teachers and students.

The HASDF is fortunate to be a registered Educational Improvement Organization which allows us to accept donations from businesses enrolled in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. For more information on how to donate to the Foundation through this program, please contact us.

Please consider supporting the HASDF. Your tax-deductible gift will benefit the many students in the Hollidaysburg Area School District. We appreciate your support. Together we are making a difference! For additional information please contact Dawn Summerville at 814-696-4454 x1126 or email [dawn.summerville@hasdtigers.com](mailto:dawn.summerville@hasdtigers.com).

## **HASD FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

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### 2023-2024 Season Ticket Prices

#### *All Sports Passes-Season Passes*

Student (Grades 1-6)	\$20
<small>(Must be accompanied by an adult)</small>	
Student (Grades 7-12)	\$30
Adult	\$60

#### *Varsity Football- Season Reserved Seat Tickets*

\$36 per reserved seat (6 home games @ \$6 per ticket)

#### *Individual Sports Passes*

Football	\$35
Volleyball	\$35
Boys' Soccer	\$35
Girls' Soccer	\$35
Boys' Basketball	\$35
Girls' Basketball	\$35
Swimming	\$20
Wrestling	\$20

#### *Individual Ticket Prices*

##### **Varsity Football**

Adult - \$5 / Student - \$3 in advance, \$5 at gate

##### **JV Football**

Adult - \$4          Student - \$3

##### **All other senior high sports**

Adult - \$5          Student - \$3

##### **All junior high sports**

Adult - \$3          Student - \$2



## **DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

The Dual Enrollment program provides an opportunity for a smooth and successful transition to college by offering the students in some classes the opportunity to be exposed to college work while still in high school. After successfully completing the course work and exams prepared in cooperation with the university, the student will receive college credits and a grade recorded on a regular college transcript. Costs incurred are the responsibility of the student. We currently have cooperative programs with the University of Pittsburgh, Saint Francis University, Mount Aloysius College and Juniata College.

## **INFINITE CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

Hollidaysburg Area School District will use the Infinite Campus Student Information System this school year. With this system, parents and students can view grades, assignment details, homework and attendance online 24 hours a day. Report cards are also posted on the Parent Portal under Documents. It allows parents to access contact information to make communication with teachers.

Log-in information is the same as last year. If you forget your login and password, you can use the auto recovery features, or contact [icparentsupport@hasdtigers.com](mailto:icparentsupport@hasdtigers.com) or call 814-695-4426, Ext. 6147.

Parents can request changes to their home phone number, cell phone numbers, work numbers, and also update, remove, or add non-household emergency contacts via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Once the request is made, it has to be approved on the school end. The Infinite Campus Parent Portal is deactivated in early July and reactivated two (2) weeks before the start of school.

Changes to addresses still need to be completed at the Hollidaysburg Area School District Administration Office by calling Linda Conway at 814-695-5585, along with providing the appropriate paperwork listed on the Infinite Campus Portal (proof of the new residency). Proof of residency is mandatory before any changes can be made.

## **SCHOOL MESSENGER PARENT NOTIFICATIONS**

The Hollidaysburg Area School District uses School Messenger to communicate with parents throughout the year. The system will alert you when your child is absent from school and when there are early dismissals, delays, other emergencies and weather notifications. Principals use the system to email newsletters and other event notifications to parents.

Within School Messenger, the Secure Document Delivery system allows important student specific information to be sent to you via email. This will require you to click on a link and enter a password to obtain the document(s).

Annually, you should log into School Messenger and verify your account. To do this you would go to <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/hollidaysburg/>. If you have forgotten your password, please click “forgot your password” and follow the prompts.

If you have not set up your account, use the web address listed above, click “sign up” and follow the instructions.

Please call 814-695-5690 or e-mail [icparentsupport@hasdtigers.com](mailto:icparentsupport@hasdtigers.com) with any questions.

## **MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2024**

Successful completion of a formal resume and cover letter and a formal mock interview. The mock interviews are scheduled for March 25, 2024 – April 5, 2024.

	<b>C. W. Longer</b>	<b>Foot of Ten</b>	<b>Frankstown</b>	<b>Junior High</b>	<b>Senior High</b>
<b>Meet the Teacher Night</b>	August 22, 2023 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	August 22, 2023 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	August 22, 2023 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	August 21, 2023 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	August 17, 2023 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
<b>New Family Orientation</b>	August 9, 2023 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	August 17, 2023 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	August 17, 2023 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	N/A	N/A
<b>Kindergarten Orientation</b>	August 14, 2023 Group A-5:30-6:15 p.m. Group B-6:30-7:15 p.m.	August 15, 2023 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.	August 16, 2023 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	N/A	N/A
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	August 21, 2023 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	N/A

## **2023-2024 TESTING CALENDAR**

### **PSSA Administration**

English/Language Arts Test Window – April 22 – 26, 2024 / Grades 3-8

Mathematics Test Window – April 29 – May 3, 2024 / Grades 3-8

Science Test Window – April 29 – May 3, 2024 / Grades 4 & 8

Make-up Window – April 29 – May 10, 2024

### **Keystone Exam Administration**

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