

# Hudson Middle School

## 2024-2025 Welcome Newsletter

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### HMS Registration Information - for all HMS students

*Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!* We look forward to seeing how our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have grown, and meeting our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and students who are new to Hudson. Before you know it, we will be off to an incredible year of learning and fun. In this newsletter, you will find pertinent information for a successful school year beginning!

### HMS Registration Days, Open Building Days, and the PTO Supply Sale for 2024-2025 will be held as follows:

Friday, August 9:	Community Postings in Home Access Center (HAC): 4:00pm
Wednesday, August 14:	Registration & PTO Supply Sale, Open Building "Walkabout": 12:00pm-3:00pm OR 5:00-7:00pm
Thursday, August 15:	Registration & PTO Supply Sale, Open Building "Walkabout": 12:00pm-3:00pm OR 5:00-7:00pm
Friday, August 16:	New Student Orientation* for newly enrolled students in Grades 6, 7, 8: 10:00am - 11:30am; Open Building "Walkabout": 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Monday, August 19:	Make-up Registration: 1:00pm-4:00pm; Open Building "Walkabout": 1:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday, August 20:	Building closed to prepare for first day of school
Wednesday, August 21:	First day of school!

### Prior to HMS Registration Days:

- **Sign-Up Genius:** Please use this [HMS Registration Sign-Up Genius link](#) to select your Registration date/time. This will help streamline everyone's visit, allowing us to keep lines at a minimum.
- **Final Forms:** To reduce your wait time, [Final Forms](#) are to be completed before Registration. If not completed, this will result in a longer wait time during Registration. Once parents/guardians have completed Final Forms, students will receive a Final Forms email to complete *their* forms (school gmail account can be accessed from any device at home).
- **Final Forms Update:** **New forms were added at the end of July**, so PLEASE confirm once more that your child/children are "green" in Final Forms, if you already completed them in July.
- **School pictures** are taken on Registration Days. **All students must have a picture taken for the yearbook**, although no purchase is necessary. Picture orders are available online at this [Venditti Studio link](#), and should be placed prior to Registration. You will need your student's school ID (this 5-digit number can be found in Final Forms or HAC). **If you have a Venditti account from last year:** you can simply login upon opening the link. School dress code applies.
- **iPad Return or Optional Purchase** for returning 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: ALL HMS students will receive a NEW touch-screen Chromebook at Registration this year, along with a protective case and stylus. You may choose to purchase or return their iPad.
  - To **PURCHASE** your child's iPad from last year, please bring \$75 (cash or check made payable to Hudson City Schools) to Registration. Information will be shared on how to turn this into a personal device for your family.
  - To **RETURN** your child's iPad, please have your child follow instructions on this [iPad Return Guide](#) prior to Registration, and then bring the iPad and charger to Registration (\$6 fee for missing charger).

### On the day of HMS Registration: Please visit our gymnasium, and proceed in the following order:

- STEP 1: Final Forms Checkpoint: Here, we will review your Final Forms. For any parents and students who have not yet completed Final Forms, a Final Forms kiosk will be available for you to do so. **Those who have already completed Final Forms may bypass the kiosk and proceed to Step 2.**
- STEP 2: Registration: Visit the registration tables to receive your schedule, student planner, and locker number. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will submit a copy of immunization record.
- STEP 3: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Only — Complete vision screening.
- STEP 4: Informational Tables: Including Nutrition Services (lunch money collected)
- STEP 5: School Pictures in the gymnasium. All students must have a picture taken for the yearbook.
- STEP 6: Proceed to the wrestling gym to visit the PTO-sponsored Supply Sale. Please stop by!
- STEP 7: Proceed to the Media Center for Chromebook, case and stylus. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start at the iPad area to either purchase or return their iPad/charger. To pick up Chromebooks, students must be PRESENT, accompanied by parent/guardian, and have completed Final Forms.

### \*New Student Orientation

Students who have enrolled during the summer and are **NEW** to the Hudson community have an opportunity to meet other new students on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00–11:30am in our Auditorium. Students who are coming from East Woods to our middle school are welcome to tour the building during Registration Days and any of our Open Building "Walkabout" Days, and are not included in this introductory New Student Orientation.

## Meet the HMS Administrators



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# Hudson Middle School 2024-2025

## School Supplies - PTO Sale!

Grade level supply lists will be available at Registration. THANK YOU to PTO for sponsoring a phenomenal one-stop-shopping opportunity at the PTO Supply Sale on Registration Days, and operating our School Bookstore during lunch periods for student supplies! [Click HERE to join PTO.](#)

## Lockers

Students are assigned a locker each year, located in the team learning area of their team classrooms. This proximity to team classrooms benefits students' organization and time management, and provides immediate visibility and line-of-sight to enhance safety and security. Our lockers are open-faced organizational areas ("cubbies"). They do not have a locker door; hence there is not a lock. All students are expected to access only their materials. Numerous security cameras are placed throughout the building, including in our team learning areas, to support a secure environment.

## Activity Fees and Athletics Pay to Participate Fees

In Final Forms, you may select athletics and activities of interest. You will then receive information via email, including tryouts when applicable. This information will also be on our morning announcements. Signing up in Final Forms does not obligate your child to be part of the group; rather, it provides an additional layer of communication directly to parents/guardians.

- **Activity Fees:** Students participating in our [HMS Clubs/Activities](#) will have a \$20.00 Activity Fee per activity.
- **Pay to Participate Fees:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in [HMS Athletics](#) will have a \$100 Pay to Participate Fee per sport. There is a cap of \$800.00 per family, which includes students enrolled in HMS and HHS.

## Backpacks / Drawstring Bags

Students may bring a backpack to school and keep it in their locker; backpacks are not permitted in class due to space limitations and classroom safety. **During the school day, students may choose to carry a drawstring bag** to hold small items and their Chromebooks.

## Food Allergies

Thank you for your help in keeping our classrooms nut-free! Please take a moment to review the [Safe Snacks List](#) posted on our website regarding precautions for the safety of students in the building with food allergies.

## Reporting an Absence

Dial 330-653-1300, press 2, then 4, **each day** your child is absent. Please notify the Attendance Office prior to 9:00 a.m.

## Appointments

When a student needs to leave for a scheduled appointment, a written parent note should be presented to the Attendance Office before homeroom the day of the appointment. Students must be signed in and out of the building by a parent/guardian at the attendance office. Students returning to school with a doctor's note may sign themselves back in at the Attendance desk without a parent.

## Chromebook Insurance

The enrollment window for Chromebook insurance is open and available through September 6, 2024 at the cost of \$20. Additional insurance policy information is available on our [district Technology website.](#)

## School Fees

School fees will be posted in the fall and viewable on HAC (Home Access Center). HMS families will be notified that fees are posted via email. Payment of fees can be made through PaySchools Central or by sending a check to the middle school main office. A student fee schedule is posted for reference on our school web page under the "For Families" tab.

# Hudson Middle School 2024-2025

## All Things HMS

What is FOCUS? Team Support? Advisory? Teaming? At Hudson Middle School, we are committed to meeting the needs of each child! Please take a moment to check out our [School Profile "All Things HMS"](#) to learn about our programming and supports that address our young adolescents' social, emotional, and academic needs. The School Profile is located on our webpage: **Hudson Middle School > Our School > School Profile**

## Team Advisory Program

Our HMS Team Advisory purpose is to help students grow individually, with one another, as members of our community, and as leaders in the world. With a goal of fostering relationships, Team Advisory is all about connections and personal growth. It's one of the many ways we at HMS ensure that each student feels cared for, connected, and supported. Team Advisory sessions are held once per week during FOCUS. Themes throughout the year include: Know Yourself, Know Each Other, Know Your Community, and Know Your World.

## Positive Student Expectations

Special thanks to our students and staff for their input in developing our [PBIS Positive Expectations Matrix](#). We will be going over these expectations with students and practicing together, so that students know just what to do to be successful and contribute to an incredible culture here at HMS!

## Communities/Teams

Hudson Middle School serves over 1000 students in grades six, seven and eight. In order to address the large enrollment, the school has been divided into learning communities, creating a "school within a school" atmosphere. Our communities are academically balanced and consist of students and teachers in each grade. Community names (also called "team names") are: 6th grade - Honor, Integrity, Respect, and Service. 7th grade - Adventurers, Navigators, Trailblazers, and Voyagers. 8th grade - Elm, Franklin, and Oviatt.

## HMS Schedule

Please see the [HMS Daily Schedule](#) for a visual representation of the school master schedule. Each grade level follows a schedule specific to that grade, including homeroom, 4-5 core periods, 2 encore periods, a lunch period, and a FOCUS period. In 8th grade, we follow a hybrid-block schedule: on Wednesday and Thursday, most of the core periods are scheduled as block periods. The HMS Schedule can also be found on our webpage: **Hudson Middle School > Our School > Daily Schedule**

## Curriculum Guide

Please take a moment to review the [HMS Curriculum Guide](#) for a thorough description of each of our course offerings for core, encore, and FOCUS. The Curriculum Guide is located on our webpage: **Hudson Middle School > Our School > Curriculum Guide**

## HMS Open Houses

Please mark your calendars for our HMS Open House events! In grades 6-12, parents/guardians follow their child's schedule throughout the Open House evening, so they can visit each classroom and meet each teacher. HMS dates are as follows:

- 6th grade: Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00pm
- 7th grade: Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00pm
- 8th grade: Thursday, August 29th at 6:00pm

## Communication

Visit our website at [www.hudson.k12.oh.us](http://www.hudson.k12.oh.us) to view daily announcements, calendar dates and featured news. Throughout the year, [Dr. Cockley's Principal Page](#) is updated weekly with photos and highlights, and will be emailed home to families. Sports schedules are also accessible through the HMS web page by clicking on Athletics (under both the Students and Families tabs). In addition, for timely and interesting updates about what's-happening-in-our-school, please follow us on Twitter/X: [@DrKimCockley](#)

We are sincerely looking forward to working with each middle school student and family. Hudson Middle School is a special place, and this is going to be a wonderful year together! If you have questions regarding this newsletter or any other information, please feel free to contact us at 330-653-1316. We look forward to seeing you at HMS Registration and throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kim Cockley, Principal

Dr. Jeremy Rothstein, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal

# HMS Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

## HMS School Day - Important Times:

- Arrival: 7:15am - 7:40 a.m.
- Homeroom Tardy Bell: 7:50 a.m.
- Dismissal: 2:50 p.m.

**Homeroom:** Students are expected to be in homeroom at 7:50 a.m. Students are considered tardy to school if they are not in their homeroom by this time. This means that students should be **entering the main door well before 7:45 a.m.** Students arriving by 7:40 a.m. typically have enough time to visit friends, visit their locker, and be in homeroom before the bell rings.

**Arrival by Bus:** Students will be dismissed from buses at 7:35 a.m. to enter the building.

**Parent Drop-off / Walkers:** The main building entrances will open for students at 7:15 a.m. each morning. Students arriving before this time will remain outside of the building and will not have supervision. We ask that you make plans to arrive by or after 7:15 a.m.

**After School Procedures:** At the 2:50 p.m. dismissal bell, students proceed to the buses or parent pick-up areas. Walkers also proceed home at this time. Students remaining for after-school activities should report immediately to their designated areas, as determined by their coach or supervisor. Students are not to remain after school to attend late afternoon activities unless they are part of a team or club.

**HMS Traffic Pattern:** In order to protect the safety of our students, please be aware of the following procedures (also posted on our website, under For Families > Parent Dashboard > Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

1. **ENTRANCE** for families/staff:
  - Enter via Oviatt Street
  - Upon entering from Oviatt, family vehicles will stay right and continue around the circle, pulling as far up as possible - all the way to the visitors' parking spaces and blue welcome flag (weather dependent).
  - The Drop Off Zone is between the FLAGS on the diagram, along the entire front of the building. Pull forward as far as possible within the drop-off zone, and then allow your child to exit the vehicle within that zone once stopped. Please do NOT stop one at a time in front of the building. This process allows for maximum efficiency, keeping traffic moving smoothly and safely. It also minimizes wait time for everyone.
  - Students will enter the building through the main entrance, Door A (pillared entrance).
  - The center lane (eastbound left lane) is for cautious bi-bass/continuous traffic to aid in overall flow.
  - The Pick Up Zone is the entirety of the sidewalk along the drive and throughout the circle.
  - Families and staff will be sharing pathways, so we thank everyone for being considerate of one another.
2. **EXIT** options for families/staff:
  - Multiple exit options exist, via: Oviatt Street, Franklin Street, or the access road toward EWIS or Evamere.
  - Franklin Street is EXIT ONLY, during AM and PM HMS arrival/dismissal times (7:00-8:00 AM and 2:00-3:00 PM).

Thank you so much for taking note of these procedures and for sharing them with any other drivers in your family. It requires everyone's help to make this process go smoothly and safely.



# The PTO Bookstore at HMS



**Does your student need additional school supplies, did they lose their pens or pencils, need another graphing notebook or folder, looking for some Hudson Spirit Wear? Have them stop by the Bookstore with cash or check (payable to Hudson PTO) to purchase what they need. In addition, once the school year gets underway, PTO will be in the Bookstore selling popcorn (\$1.00) and lending out board games and cards for some lunchtime entertainment!!**

**Stay tuned to the morning announcements for details.**

(photo credit Abbie Chandler)

# Message from the HMS Clinic

Student medications will be accepted on Tuesday, August 20th from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. If you are unable to come during this time, medications will be accepted by the nurse beginning the first day of school from 8:00am until 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

- Students are not permitted to drop off medication; it must be completed by the parent/guardian.
- Forms can be located on the HCSD website: [Health and Medical Forms](#)
- If your student requires a prescription medication, complete a [Prescription Medication Administration Form](#). A physician/health care provider signature is required.
- If your student may require an over the counter (Non-Prescription) medication, fill out the [Non-Prescription Medication form](#). A parent/guardian signature is required.
- If your student requires an emergency medication (i.e albuterol, epi, epilepsy medication, etc.) please complete the appropriate action plan. A physician/health care provider signature is required.
  - [School Asthma Action Plan](#)
  - [Authorization for Epi-pen](#)
- No more than 30 days of medication should be brought in at a time.
- Forms and medication should arrive together.
- Please make sure medication is unexpired when it arrives.