



**Welcome Adventurers!**

9th Grade Orientation

CLASS OF 2028



# Huron High School

## School Colors

Forest Green & Old Gold

Mascot: River Rat

## Alma Mater

On the Banks of the Huron

## Fight Song

Huron Fight Song





## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Ann Arbor Huron High School is to inspire and advance academic achievement for all students through excellence in teaching, learning and equitable practices. Students will be challenged to be successful, caring lifelong learners and active members of the global community.

# Building Principal



Mr. Ché Carter  
Principal

# Your Administration Team



Dean Karen Siegel

9th Grade Dean  
Assistant Principal



Ms. Bullinger

10th Grade  
11th Grade L - Z  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Edmondson

12th Grade  
11th Grade A - K  
Assistant Principal



Bob Wellman

Interim Athletic Director  
Assistant Principal

# Transitioning to High School

## Supporting your student moving forward...

Establish routines

Discuss any summer opportunities, such as summer classes, camps, online tutoring, etc.

Communication platforms, i.e. **EMAIL!!**, weekly updates

Transition for many parents (like 5th to 6th) - gradual release of responsibility

Positive communication with teachers and staff

Schoology is the platform to know!

## How the school supports your student...

Counseling team

Weekly communication

Support staff

After school organizations and clubs

School day activities



# First Week of School

- Class Meetings, Photos, School IDs

Tuesday August 27 - 2nd & 3rd Period - Dome Gym for photos and then move to Meyer Auditorium

- Lockers assigned and are on your schedules

Need Locker Help? See Ms. Larsen in 11/12 Office

- Meeting Teachers and Friends - Syllabus
- [Rights and Responsibilities](#) & [Athletic Code of Conduct](#)

# Gender Neutral Restroom/Locker Room Location

Restroom: 1st Floor Near College & Career Center



Outside of Lower Gym



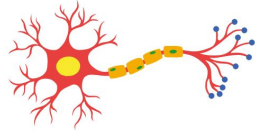


# CELL PHONES

**MINDS ...ON**



**LEARNING... ON**



**CELL PHONES... OFF**



## Procedures

### DURING CLASSES

- Cell Phones - Follow Cell Phone Expectations  
Will be reviewed in Class & Principal Bulletin

### ALL DAY AND AT EVENTS

- Taking pictures or videos of other students or staff is not allowed at Huron
- No unauthorized content creation at Huron

# Student Planners

- Intended to keep your assignments in order, plan ahead and assisting you in keeping organized for academic success
- Major communication tool between school and home regarding assignment and activities
- Expectations to guide you through the school year

# Student Incident Form

Located in both Class offices, Principal's Office, General Office and Counseling Center



# Securly

In compliance with the [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#)

- **District/Building Principals** - Securly alerts for student safety
- **Teachers** - May use to monitor student screens during classtime
- **Students** - Send Anonymous Tips - Anytime
  - 1-833-300-STOP (7867) \*
  - [TIPLINE@SECURLY.COM](mailto:TIPLINE@SECURLY.COM)
  - [SECURLY.COM/TIP](https://SECURLY.COM/TIP)
- **Parents**
  - *Check Online Activity*
  - *Customize Rules*
  - *Pause Internet Access*
  - *Get Weekly Email Reports*

For more detailed information and frequently asked questions visit: [Securly Web Filtering for Parents](#)

To sign up: [Securly Parent Sign Up Form](#)

# Does 9th Grade Really Matter? **YES!**

Every grade you earn is reported on your comprehensive academic record called a **transcript**.

## Opportunities:

- Make SMART goals for grades and connecting with other students
- We have TONS of academic & social supports

## Differences: (MS - HS)

- In HS we have GPAs (grade point average)
- Be the best version of you in all your classes
- Your grades are a showcase of you

## Being a River Rat!:

- We care about you!
- You are part of a family with rich traditions!
- You are part of our 9th grade team.

# Huron High School



- Is an International Baccalaureate MYP, DP, and CP World School.
- Is AdvancEd accredited
- Highly Ranked State Wide and Nationally

# National Merit



23/24

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*SEMIFINALISTS/Finalist*

2028

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22/23

15

21/22

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20/21

27

19/20

14

18/19

39

# Huron Academic Recognitions



- Middle Years Programme (MYP) - Grades 9/10
- Diploma Programme (DP) - Grades 11/12
- Career-related Programme (CP) - Grades 11/12
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Accelerated classes and traditional high school courses
- State of Michigan Seal of Biliteracy



# IB at Huron



**MYP:** All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students participate



**DP:** 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to participate



**CP:** 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to participate

# The 5 Pillars of IB in Ann Arbor

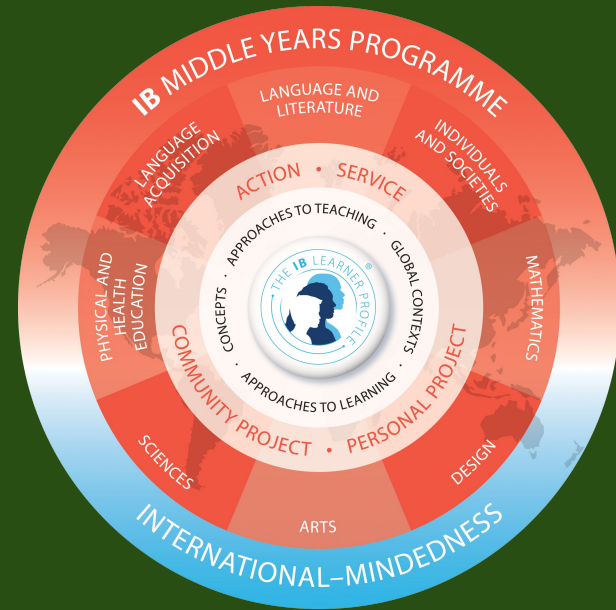


1. Inquiry
2. Global Awareness
3. Action and Service
4. World Languages
5. Access and Equity

# MYP – Aims and Objectives

## The MYP:

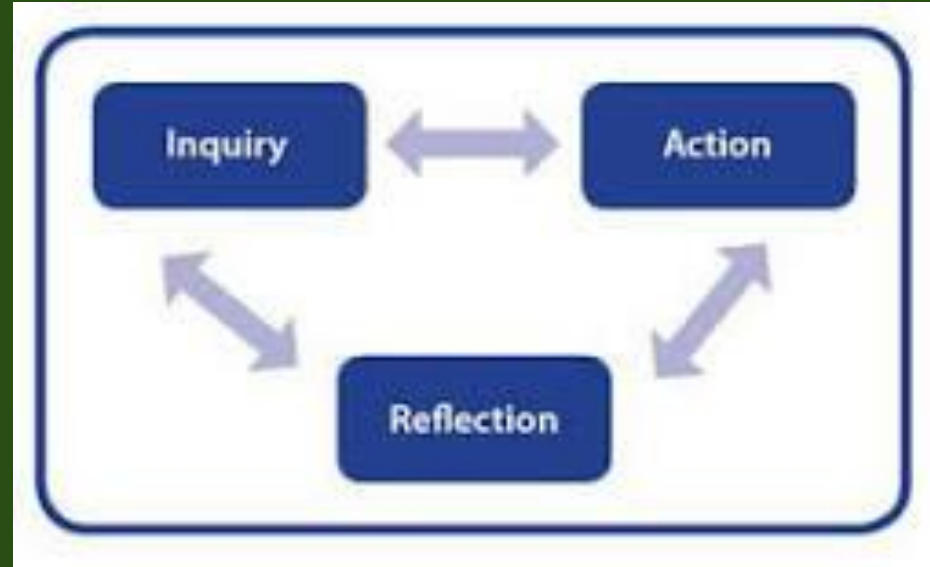
- addresses holistically students' intellectual, social, emotional and physical well-being
- provides students opportunities to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need in order to manage complexity, and take responsible action for the future
- ensures breadth and depth of understanding through study in eight subject groups
- requires the study of at least two languages to support students in understanding their own cultures and those of others
- empowers students to participate in service with the community
- helps to prepare students for further education, the workplace and a lifetime of learning.



# – MYP teaching and learning

## Teaching and learning in the MYP:

- helps students understand how they learn
- helps students construct their own understandings
- focus on conceptual understanding to help students make connections and transfer learning to new contexts
- focus on skill development
- uses real-life contexts and examples



# Academic Calendar

- The year is comprised of two semesters, each eighteen weeks that average five days per week, excluding exams.
- There are four grading periods (quarters) a year.
- The school day has seven class periods.

# Continuum of Service & Support

- Counselors to support students - SEL & Academic
- Additional support staff includes social workers, psychologist, teacher consultants, and full time nurse.
- Alternate location testing
- Speech/language therapists
- The Career/College Center is newly re-opened in 22/23

# Guidance Counselors



Ms. Potocki

A-Chi



Ms. Van Cleve

Cho-GL



Ms. Mashal

Go-H  
&  
Risings Scholars



Mr. Hacker

I-Mars

# Guidance Counselors



Ms. Kincaid

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Mart-P



Ms. Nunlee

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Q-Tan



Ms. Perko

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Tar-Z



# More Support People You Need to Know



Ms. Burdick ~ Nurse



Ms. Floyd ~ SISS Social Worker



Mr. Samaha ~ Social Worker



Mr. Lewis ~ Psychologist



Ms. VanEe ~ SISS Social Worker

# Hallway Signage

- The next slides show signs that are visible in various locations throughout Huron High School.
- If you remember to look, you should see some today as you move through the Registration Stations.

# ARRIVAL

Breakfast in  
Cafeteria  
7:30am

Underneath Arch  
7:45am

Report To Class

RESPECT All Adults  
and Peers

Know Your Plan (Bus,  
Bike, Drop Off, Walk)

Stay At Assigned  
Location

Use Your Planner

# DEPARTURE

Know Your Plan  
(Bus, Pick-Up, Bike,  
Walk, Club, Sport)

Report Directly To  
Assigned Location

RESPECT All Adults  
and Peers

Follow Staff  
Directions

# PARKING LOT

Pay Attention And Yield  
To Pedestrians

Follow One Way Traffic  
Rules

Drive Slowly

Be Patient

# **CLASSROOMS**

**Arrive To Class On Time**

**Be Prepared  
Be Present**

**Assist Others  
Engage In The Learning**

**Follow Directions and  
Routines**

**Use Your Planner**

**Ask Questions**

# **TECHNOLOGY**

**Follow District/School  
Cell Phone Policy**

**Participate In Positive  
Appropriate Online  
Communication**

**Be Mindful About Your  
Digital Footprint**

# **HALLWAYS/ STAIR INTERACTIONS**

**Respect All Adults and  
Peers**

**Appropriate Use of  
Language**

**Walk On The Right Side**

**Social Distance As Much  
As Possible**

**Keep Moving**

**Acknowledge Others**

**Follow Staff Directions**

# **CAFETERIA**

**Attend Lunch During  
Your Assigned Time**

**Clean Up After Yourself**

**Sanitize Your Hands**

**Follow All Social  
Distancing Protocols  
(3ft, Face Coverings,  
Unless Eating)**

**Stay In Assigned  
Location**

# BATHROOMS

**Respect Privacy**

**Report Problems To An Adult**

- Soap
- Toilet Paper

**Flush/Use Equipment Properly**

**Clean Up After Yourself**

# LOCKER ROOMS

**Do Your Business And Get To Class**

**Clean Up After Yourself**

**Wash Your Hands**

**Keep Walls, Floors, and Facilities Clean**

**Report Misuse Or Vandalism**

**Respect Privacy**

# **EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Honor Your Commitments**

**Participate Actively**

**Welcome New Members**

**Support Classmates Positively**

**Respect  
Coaches/Advisors/Participants**

**Act As An HHS Ambassador**

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# Research “Criticality of Freshman Grades

- Freshman year GPA is highly predictive of access to selective colleges.
- Students who do not attain a 3.0 by the end of their freshman year have a more difficult time obtaining one before they graduate.
- Freshman year GPA predicts high school graduation 2x as well as test score.
- Strong attendance correlates with strong grades.
- The majority of Chicago’s 9th grade students who earned a 3.0 missed less than 5 days per semester or 10 days per school year.

*Source: University of Chicago To & Through Project*





# Research “Criticality of Freshman Grades

- Course failures/pass rates in 9th grade are more predictive of graduation than all other factors combined.
- Non-core course failures (electives) and core course (e.g., ELA, Sci, math, social studies) failures are equally detrimental.
- 9th grade “on track” students are 3x more likely to graduate than their off-track peers.
- Good grades in 9th grade are predictive of good grades throughout high school.

*Source: University of Chicago To & Through Project*



# Attendance

- Attendance is the most important factor in a student's success. It's so important for you to SHOW UP (even when you don't feel like it).
- One missed day - 50 minutes of instruction per class!
- When you miss instruction in all classes. THEN, you have to come back to school and stay on top of your work AND all of your makeup work, which may cause you to feel hopeless, anxious and even depressed.
- The answer to this problem? COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY.



# Success Skills (Listening & Homework)

- Approach the classroom ready to learn and avoid distractions.
- Focus on what you are being asked to do.
- Participate; ask for clarification when you do not understand.
- Take notes, keep track of daily assignments.
- Develop a schedule and stick to it .
- Organization, Time Management, Set Priorities, Set Goals.



# Key Takeaways

- Great, not good, attendance!
- Passing **all** courses, every quarter
- Especially core courses (ie. ELA, Sci, SS, Math)
- One course failure is significant, electives matter too!
- Aim for the highest GPA
- Membership in at least one sport, club/organization
- Social-emotional health and wellbeing



# Communications from Huron

Here are ways Huron Administration will communicate messages to students and families

1. Weekly/Monthly School Messenger
2. Rat Pack Schoology Page
3. PTSO E-Notes
4. Daily PA/Announcements
5. Email

*Dean's Welcome Letter for 24-25*

# Student Activities Overview

- Homecoming - September 27th
- Homecoming Dance - September 28
- Clubs - [Club List](#) Online, Fall Expo
- Athletics
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Student Publications - [Ñ! #PAZ](#) [The Huron Emery](#)



# Huron PTSO

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON  
BOARD OR AT OUR MEETINGS!**

*Welcome to the Class of 2028!*

What we do: Beautification, Spirit Shop,  
Staff Appreciation, Teacher Grants, Senior  
Party and much more!

Get Involved! We are #HURONSTRONG

→ See our PTSO page  
located on the Huron  
homepage

→ <https://www.a2schools.org/huron>

# Huron PTSO

Please check our [Huron PTSO Homepage](#) for Zoom/call-in instructions.

First meeting of 24/25 Sept 3rd at 6pm IN PERSON at Huron

PTSO meetings are typically held **on 1st Tuesday of the month**

**6:00 PM**



# Registration Stations

InfoSnap check

DRAFT Schedule pick up

[Schedule Change Request form.](#)

PTSO planner pick up

9th Grade Class Spiritwear

Yearbooks/AATA Bus Passes

Book depository

Pictures & ID will be on 2nd Day of school

# Community Assistants



Mr. Williams



Mr. Lewis



Mr. Mack



Ms. Thomas



Mr. Woodford

# Registration Preview 2024



# DRAFT SCHEDULE

- Today's Schedule is a DRAFT
- The night before school starts check Powerschool for a new schedule

Acceptable reasons for schedule change include....

- Passed in Summer School
- Tested Out
- Missing a Class
- Double-Booked Periods
- Failure

To request a schedule change



[Schedule Change Request Google Form](#)



Ms. Larsen

# 11th/12 Grade Office Professional 2nd Floor

## Questions

- Google Passwords
- PowerSchool Access
- General Help
- Digital ID Questions

## Attendance

- Long Term Absence
- Daily Attendance - See  
Huron Website

## Forms

- Shadow Request Forms
- Locker Issues
- Google Permission Forms
- Dance Guest Forms



# 9th Grade Explorers

10th Grade Adventurers

11th-Grade Deciders

12th-Grade Leaders

Upon Completion you will  
be prepared to

# THRIVE