

# H. B. Thompson Middle School

# WELCOME BACK

2024-2025



Welcome (and welcome back!) to H.B. Thompson Middle School. We are excited to have you and your children as part of our HBT Family. Our motto is **Hearts Beat Together** and we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where your child can learn, grow, and flourish.

Our wonderful faculty and staff is dedicated to ensuring that your child's academic and personal development occurs during these crucial years. We encourage active communication between home and school, as your involvement plays an essential role in your child's success. Please utilize this handbook and our website to keep up with the happenings at HBT.

We can't wait to see all of our students on September 3rd. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Here's to a year of growth, discovery, and shared accomplishments!

Warm regards,  
Kevin Bonanno, Principal, H.B. Thompson Middle School

## Meet Your Administrative Team:

Principal, Kevin Bonanno - 364-5760  
Assistant Principal, Christian Harrigan - 364-5760  
Assistant Principal, Paul Naraine - 364-5775  
Assistant Principal, Joey Waters - 364-5767

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## HBT Middle School Bell Schedule

Period 1	8:04 AM - 8:44 AM
Period 2	8:48 AM - 9:29 AM
Period 3	9:33 AM - 10:13 AM
Period 4	10:17 AM - 10:57 AM
Period 5	11:01 AM - 11:41 AM
Period 6	11:45 AM - 12:25 PM
Advisory	12:29 PM - 12:39 PM
Period 7	12:42 PM - 1:23 PM
Period 8	1:26 PM - 2:06 PM
Period 9	2:10 PM - 2:50 PM

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## HBT ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

As we are an all-transportation district, we encourage all students to take the bus daily. Please remember to use caution and drive slowly as you drive through all areas of the parking lot and the surrounding neighborhood. Our faculty, custodial staff and security team will be assisting students upon arrival and dismissal.

### Arrival

- All cars dropping off students in the morning are to enter the front circle and drop students off in the front to the building.
- Students attending clubs and extra help in the morning may arrive at 7:00 a.m. and will be directed to the cafeteria until 7:15 a.m.
- All other students should arrive no earlier than 7:40 a.m.
- The rear of the building is only for the arrival and dismissal of our buses. Approximate arrival time is 7:45 a.m.

### Dismissal

- All buses will dismiss from the back of the building. Buses begin departing HBT at 2:57 p.m. Locations for each bus will be marked at the back of the building and HBT staff will assist students in finding their bus location.
- [Please click here](#) for a detailed explanation of our Arrival and Dismissal Procedure.

### Early Dismissal

- Any student leaving early must have a note signed by a parent or guardian with the stated reason. This note should be given to our attendance office.
- If a situation arises while your child is in school and you must pick them up, please call ahead to the attendance office. We will arrange for your child to meet you at the security desk. Please have identification ready.
- **Important:** Students will not be able to be picked up between 2:30 and 2:50 p.m. as it interferes with regular dismissal and disrupts 9th period classes.
- If your child needs to be picked up due to illness, they will be signed out by the nurse's office. Students cannot be dismissed for sickness other than through the nurse's office. If your child texts you, please ask them to see the nurse.

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## LUNCH AT HBT

Students may bring lunch or purchase lunch in the school cafeteria. Food Services offers a mixture of hot lunch and "grab and go" options. Please look at the district website, under Food Services, to create and deposit money into your child's account. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Student Lunch Periods

Grade 6	Period 5	11:01 AM - 11:41 AM
Grade 7	Period 6	11:45 AM - 12:25 PM
Grade 8	Period 7	12:42 PM - 1:23 PM

There is no outside delivery of food or drink permitted (Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.). Parents may drop off an individual lunch in an emergency. There is no group food deliveries permitted for birthdays or celebrations of any kind.

Weather permitting, students are encouraged to go outside during recess. Students may also go to the nook, the library or a workshop, if offered, during lunch.



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## THINGS TO KNOW @ HBT

**Advisory:** Advisory is a place to foster relationships, facilitate communication and build a positive school culture. Advisory is multi-grade and takes place daily after period 6. Extended advisory days take place 1-2 times per month. A different bell schedule is followed on those days.

**School Counseling and Wellness Centers:** Our Mental Health Team is here to support students as they navigate all elements of middle school life. The best place to start is with our Guidance Office. You can reach them at (516) 364-5767. Our psychologist and social worker are available for more acute situations.

**No Place for Hate:** We are designated a No Place for Hate school by the Anti-Defamation League. We embrace diversity and inclusivity for all of our students and work to live up to this designation on a daily basis.

**DASA (Dignity Act):** Our DASA Coordinators are Mrs. Mills Carroll and Mr. McAleer. [Click here to review the district's DASA Information and reporting procedures.](#)

**Code of Character, Conduct and Support:** The Code and other community expectations will be reviewed with students on the first day of school. [Click here to review the full code of conduct.](#)

**Attendance -** To report a student's absence, please call the Attendance Office at (516)364-5771 or email: [hbtattendance@syossetschools.org](mailto:hbtattendance@syossetschools.org). Students who are late to school must obtain a late pass at the security desk. Multiple lateness's will result in administrative intervention and consequences.

**School Supplies:** [Click here](#) for the suggested grade level supply lists for the school year 2024-2025.

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## MORE THINGS TO KNOW @ HBT

**Cell Phones:** Phones are expected to be turned off and preferably locked away in lockers. Our "off and away during the day" protocol will be strictly enforced, and students bringing phones to class will be expected to turn them off and store them according to teacher directions.

**Lockers:** All students will be issued a locker during the first few days of the school year. The most important items for students to bring on a daily basis are a charged Chromebook, a pen, and the necessary binder(s).

**Clubs:** A list of clubs with the meeting date and time will be created and posted throughout the building and on our website. Students will be able to attend a club fair to learn about our different clubs.

**Chromebooks:** Students are expected to bring their Chromebooks to school daily. All students must follow the [District's Code of Character, Conduct and Support](#) as well as the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). Please make sure you have completed an electronic copy of the *User Agreement* online. Any problems can be reported to our Library Media Center, (516) 364-5778.

**Photo Objections:** Please review the Photo Objection Form (on our district website, *Back to School Mailing*) and submit the form electronically, if you DO NOT want your child's photo used in any publications.

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## COMMUNICATION with HBT

Communication is key to building a strong student/family/school connection. We welcome you to reach out to your child's teachers, counselor or the administrative team with any questions or concerns you may have.

### Reach us through:

Google Classroom

via Phone

via Email

### Stay informed with HBT News through:

Weekly Email Updates with our [Harry B Happenings](#) Newsletter

[HBT Webpage](#)

[HBTV](#)

[District Website](#)

### Translation Services are available through:

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