

HBT Parent orientation May 5, 2025



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Join the HBT PTSA!



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Why join the HBT PTSA?

Similar to the elementary PTA's, being a PTSA member brings benefits – special monthly **updates from the principal with Q&A**, your vote counts, you get access to our **directory spot**, which is a great resource to find contact information of new friends, you can run a committee (yes, we have them here), you get our weekly email blasts and reminders, and you get to be involved making a difference for our children. Don't forget to check our website to get more information. <http://www.hbtptsa.org>. *(Reminder to all South Grove families: please contact us at membership@hbtptsa.org to get added to the directory spot list.)*

What does the HBT PTSA do?

Just like the elementary PTA's, we hold a events each year as well as fund the Arts in Education for HBT MS. The PTSA also works directly with the administration each year to make HBT the great place it is today. Some of our committees are Bookfair, Holiday Boutique, Arts in Education, 8th Grade committee, Staff Recognition and more. These committees only function if we have amazing volunteers like you.

How to join the HBT PTSA?

Its easy like the elementary schools – Click the link here or scan the QR code above. <https://hbt.memberhub.com/store> Don't forget to sign up for the **early bird family discount** – starting July 1.



Tonight's agenda

- **Middle School Philosophy**
- **Guidance and Support Services**
- **Features of HBT**
- **6th Grade Program**
- **Looking Ahead to 7th and 8th Grade**
- **Keeping Up With HBT**
- **Building Tours**

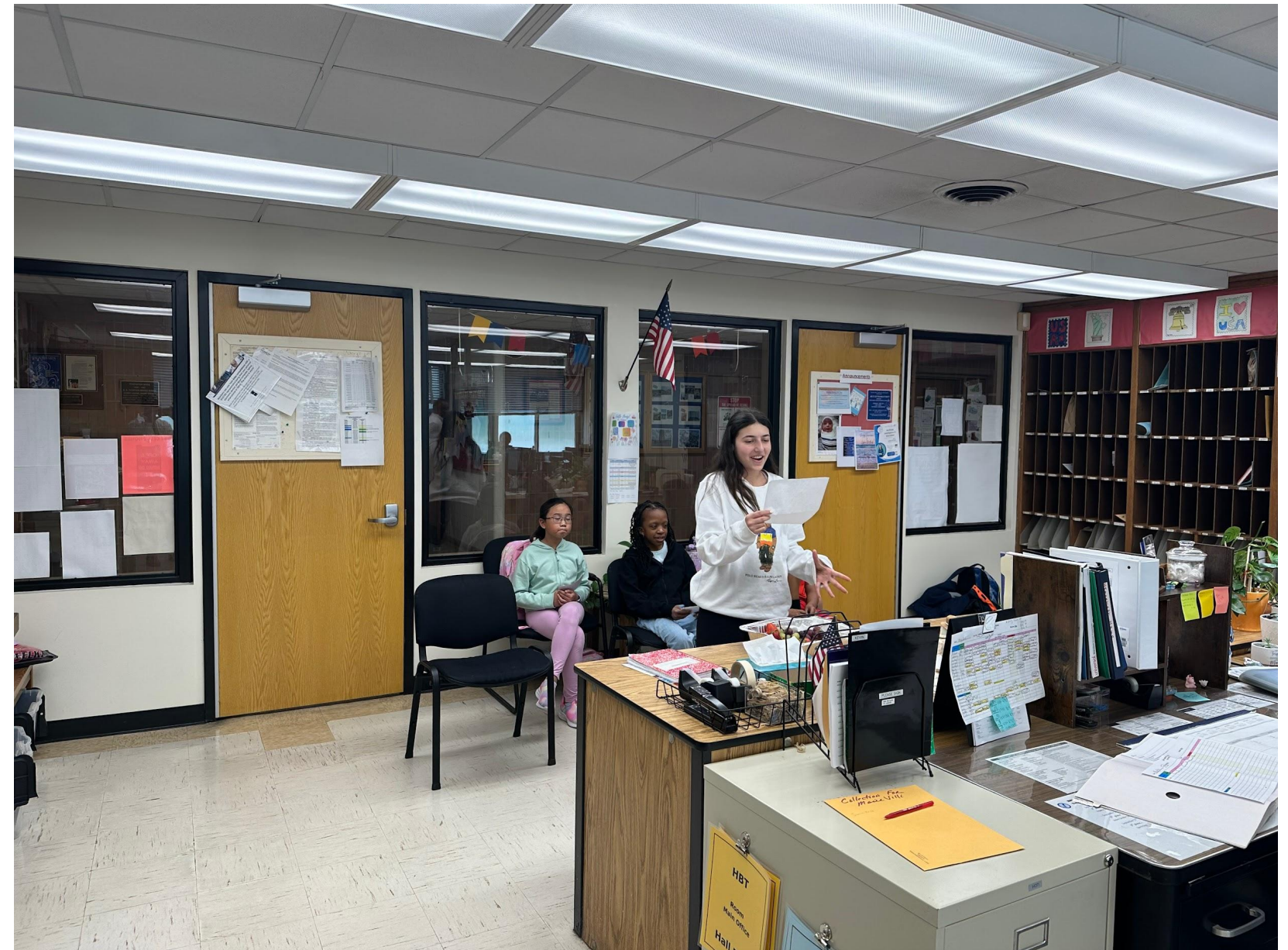
HBT's Philosophy

- Our goal is to challenge students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally while still providing a rigorous academic program.
- Our advisory program (small group, multi-grade, same teacher for three years) will meet with students daily for a check in. Extended Advisory take place once or twice a month. Advisory provides students with another adult to connect to here at HBT.



Let's See What Our Students Have to Say

- Yohaán Bhatia
- Lucy Bulavinetz
- Kairi Fong
- Quinn Mitchell



Did you Know?

- ✓ Currently, our 6th grade class next year will have 318 students.
- ✓ Students are teamed and assigned to four teachers who share responsibility for teaching Math/Sci/ELA/SS/skills.
- ✓ Students are assigned to teams by computer.
- ✓ Homework used for reinforcement and practice. Peer tutoring available.
- ✓ Testing Calendars utilized to help organize students.
- ✓ Supplies will be available to order for shipment. Lists will be provided soon.

POSSIBLE SCHEDULE FOR A SIXTH GRADER

	RED DAYS	WHITE DAYS
1	Math (Team)	Math (Team)
2	Skills(Team)	ELA (Team)
3	ELA (Team)	ELA (Team)
4	Music (Band, Chorus, Orchestra,Music)	World Language (Chinese, French, Italian, Korean, Spanish)
5	Lunch	Lunch
6	Physical Education	Explorations/Labs/Support
0	Advisory***	Advisory***
7	Science (Team)	Science (Team)
8	Social Studies (Team)	Social Studies (Team)
9	Explorations/Labs/Support	Computers

Grade 6 Program

Off-Team Classes and Support

- World Language (Alt)
- Physical Education (Alt)
- Music (Alt)
- Computers 6(Alt)
- Explorations (Health, Art, FCS, Technology)
- Instructional Support
- Math and Reading Lab
- Project Beyond
- ENL Services





Guidance and Support Services

- **Four Guidance Counselors, a Social Worker and two School Psychologists**
- **Group Counseling (friends, changing families, & more)**
- **Individual Counseling**
- **Parent/Team Meetings**
- **Support Team**
- **MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support Systems)**
- **Special Education Services, including co-teaching, general studies, RISE program, instructional support, Resource Room and related services.**
- **High School 8-9 Transition Programs**

What to DO at Lunch?



All 6th Graders eat during period 5. Approximately 11:00.

- Students can purchase or bring lunch. Snacks are available in the snack shop.
- Accounts can be set up through:
www.myschoolbucks.com
- Students can go to the library, the “Nook” or workshop. Recess is encouraged as well.
- Cafeteria is supervised by teachers and lunch monitors.

Extensions of Classroom

- Spirit Week
- Multicultural Week
- Wellness Week
- PTSA Curriculum Enrichment/Cultural Awareness
- Clubs
- Academic Competitions
- Weekly extra help provided by teachers
- Field trips-Adventureland, DNA Lab



GRADE 7 FEATURES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **Three Teams of teachers (SS, English, Math, Science)**
- **Daily World Language**
- **Health 7 & FCS 7**
- **Explorations- Tech, Art, Online Finance**
- **Lunchtime workshop available**
- **Interscholastic Sports Begin**



GRADE 8 FEATURES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **Three Teams of teachers (SS, English, Math, Science)**
- **Choices for Mathematics and Science**
- **Math 8/Algebra**
- **Science 8/Earth Science**
- **Regents Exams and High School weighted credit for Algebra and Earth Science**
- **Checkpoint A Exam in World Language for High School Credit**
- **Elective Choices- 21st Century CTE/Intro. to Research**



COMING AND GOING AT HBT



- School Begins at 8:03 and ends at 2:50.
- The building opens at 7:00 a.m. Students can report to the cafeteria prior to extra help or clubs.
- Students may only stay after school for supervised activities.
- Buses are in the back of the building. Car pick up and drop off in the front circle.
- Our buses are on time and reliable.
- Students are able to walk to and from school.
- Late buses are at 3:45 pm.



We Talk About What Matters

- We believe in Dignity for All (DASA)
- We are a “**No Place for Hate**” School.
- Community Expectations Assemblies
- We teach students to respect differences.
- Multiple clubs help us foster a kind and caring environment.

Code of Conduct

Dignity for All Students Act

Digital Citizenship



Acceptable Use Policy

Attendance Policy

What About Cell Phones?

- “Off And Away During The Day” has been the expectation.
- We will review our lunch usage practice in the coming weeks and alert all students and families prior to the start of school.
- NO photograph/video of others or upload to social media.
- Harassment and intimidation, including BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION are PROHIBITED. This includes at home and outside of school as well.
- Partnering with Families regarding acceptable cell phone usage inside and outside of school is essential.

How Can you Keep In Touch with HBT?

H.B. Thompson

Leadership Team:

Principal - Kevin Bonanno

Assistant Principal - Christian Harrigan

Assistant Principal - Joanna(Joey) Waters

Assistant Principal - Paul Naraine

Important Phone Numbers:

Main Office: (516)364-5760

Guidance Office: (516)364-5767

Attendance Office: (516)364-5771

Nurse's Office: (516)364-5765



How Can you Follow AND KEEP In Touch with HBT?

HBT Website	Parent Portal	Google Classroom	Weekly Emails
www.syossetschools.org Find calendars, photos, stories and important information about HBT.	<u>Infinite Campus Portal</u> Find attendance, report cards, grades here.	Google Classroom is used by teachers for homework and assignment completion.	HBT sends weekly email updates about the happenings at HBT as well as important reminders.



COMING SOON

- **May- 5th Grade students begin visits to HBT**
- **May- Articulations between MS and Elementary Staffs**
- **June-Verifications posted to the Parent Portal**
- **August-Optional 6th Grade Orientation on August 25th.**
- **Schedules posted prior to the first day of school**