

Welcome Titans

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2025-2026 School Year



Dear Titan Families:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year! We are excited for another year of learning and growth with our Titan Students. Great things are ahead for the upcoming school year. As your Principal, I remain committed to a safe and orderly environment that allows students to grow, both academically, socially and emotionally. Our school consists of approximately 1,900 students and over 150 staff members. We are diverse and pride ourselves on this! Families are critical to the success of our goals and mission. We cannot do this work without you. I ask for your partnership and involvement as we work to make Hopewell High School the absolute best place to be! Our theme for the year is: **One Titan - One Team - United Together!**

Hopewell High School hours are 6:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. The tardy bell rings promptly at 7:15 a.m. Students may not be dropped off prior to 6:45 a.m. as staff members are not on duty and there is no supervision. Students are expected to be in their homeroom or class when the tardy bell rings. You can review a copy of our bell schedule here: <https://bit.ly/3Qdv8Nc> Early dismissal will not occur after 1:45 p.m. If you need your child for an appointment, they must be picked up prior to 1:45 p.m. to avoid a disruption to our school day. We ask that you do your best to keep appointments before or after school, on workdays/holidays; or at other times that do not disrupt learning. In order for attendance to be accurately reflected, please bring a note for our documentation.

To uphold our commitment to safety and security, visitors are limited at Hopewell. All visitors must check in by buzzing the front door and if admitted, complete the sign in process at the kiosk. Please note that we do not buzz visitors in during class changes or if the office is full. All visitors will go through our Evolv Scanner system. We encourage all families to register as a volunteer as this involvement is vital to the success of our school. Registration can be completed at this link: <https://bit.ly/46vYUVH> Please note that this process must be completed EACH school year.

Each student will be assigned a Chromebook and charger that they will take home with them on a daily basis. Distribution will not begin until after the start of school. Parents will be required to complete a technology waiver and there are fees for damaged, lost, or stolen items. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child's Chromebook is charged each day for learning.

Please note that your child will receive all information for transportation and Homeroom electronically this year. Students can receive this information at Open House or on the first day of school by reporting to their homeroom. Homeroom lists will be posted throughout the school. It is extremely important that your child carefully read all of the information in this letter with you. Please keep it on file for future reference. If you have questions regarding any of the information enclosed, please call our school at (980) 343-5988. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Hopewell High School, I wish each of you a wonderful school year. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing all students on the first day of school by 7:15 a.m. on Monday, August 25.

Go Titans!



Jim Vanosdall, Principal

Hopewell Open House

Open House will be held on Thursday, August 21 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Open House schedule is divided into two groups based on your child's grade level or enrollment in the Extensions Program. Please arrive only during your child's designated time as parking is limited. If you are unable to attend Open House your family can familiarize themselves with Hopewell High School by visiting our school website. The purpose of Open House is to familiarize yourself with our campus and meet your child's teachers.

Students	Time	Location
Extensions Students	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Report to students' homeroom class. Homeroom lists will be posted at the top of each hallway and are included in this letter. Homeroom teachers will provide students with a copy of their schedule.
9th Grade	4:30-5:30 p.m.	
10th-12th Grades	5:30-6:30 p.m.	

School Lunch and Breakfast

Students are encouraged to eat lunch and breakfast each day. Breakfast AND lunch are free of charge for all students. Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity! Students will only be allowed to eat breakfast and lunch inside of the cafeteria. Parents/guardians are not permitted to bring in outside food, nor eat with their child during lunch due to safety and supervision. Students also are not permitted to order food during school hours. Deliveries will be turned away, regardless of if they are from a parent. This is a federal policy.

Transportation

Eligible students who enrolled and completed transportation requests by the deadline should have a stop for the first day of school, Monday, August 25. Go to the CMS website to complete the form if you need to do so: <https://bit.ly/3QsiAlt> If students are taking yellow school bus transportation, they should arrive at the morning bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to pick up. Hopewell has no authority to establish or change stops. I encourage all families to enroll in transportation updates via the *Here Comes the Bus App*. Typically, during the first two weeks of school, buses are delayed. We will communicate afternoon late buses through the Parent Square feature. Our main office is open from 6:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. during normal school hours should you have any questions. The CMS Transportation Department Number is (980)343-6715

Effective for the 2025-2026 school year, we are not mailing home bus labels and Homeroom information. You can access bus stop information digitally through the Here Comes the Bus APP or Alphaportal - or by calling CMS Transportation at 980-343-6715.

Supplies

High School supplies vary greatly depending on your child's grade level and program of involvement. For the first few weeks of school, we ask that your child bring the following items:

- ❖ A two-pocket folder for each class.
- ❖ A composition notebook
- ❖ Writing utensils (pencils and blue/black pens)
- ❖ Teachers will share further supply information during Open House and the first days of school. Metal, 3-ring binders; trapper keepers; and backpacks with metal frames are no longer permitted.

General Information

- ★ Visit the CMS academic calendars by going to the CMS website: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools / Calendar \(cmsk12.org\)](https://www.cmsk12.org)
- ★ The safety and security of your child are my top priority! In order for our school to create and maintain a positive environment where students can learn, behavior infractions that create a disruption and/or unsafe environment will not be tolerated. Visit the CMS website for the most up to date district Code of Conduct, as well as vital parent information. I strongly encourage each family to review the CMS Code of Conduct (<https://bit.ly/40jMVI>), the Hopewell policies and procedures in the Student Handbook, as well as the detailed orientation that students will receive from administrative staff during the first two weeks of school, so that we all ensure there is a safe and orderly environment on campus.
 - **District and School Cell Phone Policy:**
 - Personal Technology Devices (PTD)
 - North Carolina House Bill 959 was passed on July 1, 2025, restricting the use of Personal Technology Devices during instructional time.
 - *Instructional Time* is defined as the time from when you enter class until the time you exit the class.
 - *Restricted* means OFF and AWAY.
 - What does this mean for students at Hopewell High School?
 - Students may use their PTD up until 7:15 a.m.
 - Students may use their PTD during class changes.
 - Students may use their PTD during lunch.
 - Students will be asked to turn in their phone daily at the teacher's door and placed into a bin where it is turned OFF/silent.
 - If a student does not turn in their phone and it is seen or heard, they will receive consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
 - The district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to cell phones or other personal devices brought onto CMS property. Students must follow all rules set forth in Policy S-SINT and Regulation S-SINT/R.
 - **EVOLV Body Scanners:** CMS has implemented body scanners at all K-8, 6-8 and 9-12 schools that students will enter each morning before school. In the event an item sets off the scanners, students will be asked to step aside for school personnel to check. We also utilize the body scanners for any visitors entering our campus during the school day. I care deeply about your child's well-being and we all own a safe and orderly environment. To learn more about the body scanners, visit: <https://bit.ly/3qcpIaM>
- ★ Communication is vital to success and we believe in open, respectful two-way communication. Below is a breakdown of your contact information for your child's grade level. A weekly family message is sent via Parent Square with important updates for the week each Sunday night. If there is a question concerning your child, please begin by contacting their teacher through their CMS email. You can expect a reply within 24 business hours. **I ask that you please schedule appointments in advance as my team is regularly in classrooms, working with students and supporting the teaching and learning on campus.**
- ★ Infinite Campus is the new Power School Portal starting in the 2025-2026 School Year. Parent Access information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4f6TD9d>
- ★ 2025-2026 Immunizations! Parents, don't forget!
The first day of school is coming up in August—make sure your student is ready! 🖍 Summer is the perfect time to take care of health checkups and required immunizations. ✅ View our health assessment and immunization requirements: <https://www.cmsk12.org/Page/714> Let's get set for a healthy and successful school year! 📚👩🏫

Dear Families,

Hopewell High School uses a form of school-to-home communication called **ParentSquare**. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with our school!

 Get Started in **3** Easy Steps:



App Store



Google Play

- 1.** Download the iPhone or Android mobile app or visit the ParentSquare website at [ParentSquare.com](https://www.ParentSquare.com)
- 2.** Log in with your email or phone registered with the school
- 3.** Start receiving posts relevant to your child

Note: If your email or phone number is not recognized by ParentSquare, you can 'Request Access' or call your school office and ask them to update your contact information.

 Features on ParentSquare:



Communications & Newsletters



Conference & Volunteer Sign Ups



Forms & Permission Slips



Direct Messaging with Teacher/ Staff member



Calendars & Event RSVPs



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