

# H. B. Thompson Middle School

# WELCOME BACK

## 2025-2026



Dear HBT Families,

Welcome (and welcome back) to Harry B. Thompson Middle School! We are thrilled to open our doors once again and welcome both returning and new students and families to what promises to be an exciting and enriching school year. We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer, and we are eager to reconnect and embark on this journey of learning and growth together.

At HBT, we are committed to fostering a supportive and engaging environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff are prepared to inspire curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and support the unique talents of each individual. This guidebook is designed to be a valuable resource for you throughout the year, providing essential information and answering many of your questions.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is crucial for student success. We encourage you to actively participate in the HBT community, whether through school events, parent organizations, or by staying connected with your child's teachers.

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**

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

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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.

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### LUNCH AT HBT

Syosset Central School District offers healthy meals to students every school day. Students have the option to bring their own lunch or receive the lunch provided by the Syosset Central School District. New York State will begin offering a universal free meals program in the 25-26 school year, which provides one free breakfast and one free lunch meal to all students in the district. Please be aware that this program does not include snacks, second meals or any other a-la carte items. Please refer to the Food Services website for more information and to establish a "My School bucks" account for your child. [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 psychologists 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 Dr. Baglivo-Rydl. [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 latenesses will result in administrative intervention and consequences.

**School Supplies:** [Click here](#) for the suggested grade level supply lists for the school year 2025-2026.

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### MORE THINGS TO KNOW @ HBT

**Cell Phones:** This school year, New York State's "[Distraction-Free Schools](#)" legislation will be in effect at all of our school buildings. Students will not be permitted to use personal internet-enabled devices during the school day and are encouraged to leave these devices at home.

Middle School students who bring devices to school must turn it off and store it in their locker upon arrival. Devices must remain off and in lockers until the school day ends at 2:50 p.m.

If you need to reach your child during the day, please call the Main Office at 516-364-5760. Office staff will make sure students are contacted in a timely and appropriate way. Please ensure your child memorizes or writes down any important phone numbers.

Should a student violate the policy, we will work together to reinforce expectations and promote accountability in a supportive and educational manner. Consequences include one or more of the following: Phone confiscated and stored securely in the main office; Parents/guardian notification of the violation; and/or Parent/guardian required to pick up the device phone from school.

We hope that this policy will help students stay present, build stronger peer connections, and remain engaged in their learning.

**Lockers:** All students will be issued a locker on the first day 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.

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**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.

## 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 through Parent Square

### **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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