

Hudson Middle School

5th to 6th grade Parent/Guardian Orientation



QUESTIONS?

Use this QR Code throughout the presentation to submit any questions you may have. We will have time to answer questions at the end of the presentation.



Faces to Know



Dr. Kim Cockley
Building Principal



Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald
6th Grade Principal



Mrs. Courtney Wood
6th Grade Counselor

Administration Information

Role of the Assistant Principal:

- Support the academic, personal, social & emotional growth of students
- Collaborate with parents, students and teachers for student success
- Provide opportunities to learn from mistakes, and assign discipline when necessary
- Meet with grade level counselors & teaching teams each teaching team weekly
- Assist teachers with delivery of the curriculum
- Primarily work with 6th grade and special education





Guidance Information

Our school counselors stay with students for their three years of middle school.

This rotation allows for the development of a trusting and stable relationship for parents and students.

*In addition, it allows for the continuity of important information
regarding students between each grade level.*

Role of the School Counselor:

- Support the academic, personal, social & emotional growth of students
- Advocate for students/meet with students
- Liaison between teachers and family
- Create and manage student schedules
- Grade level counselors & principals meet with each teaching team weekly

Middle School Philosophy



HMS staff

- Is centered on the whole child while recognizing individual needs
- Understands the social, emotional and physical changes of students this age
- Places an emphasis on building relationships and academic success
- Promotes respect and responsibility
- Helps students develop a personal organization system and responsibility
- Offers varied experiences for our children to try new things and succeed

Examples include: Art and Music electives, Student Council, Drama Club, Leaders and Greeters, Makerspace Club, Kiwanis Builders Club, Science Olympiad, Show Choir, Jazz Band, Power of the Pen, Athletics, Mosaic Club, Speech and Debate, Chess Club, You Be The Solution, and Principals' Advisory Committee

Fun Facts about HMS:



- We LOVE working with middle schoolers!
- There are 4 sixth grade teams (Honor, Integrity, Respect, Service).
- Sixth grade students spend the first two days of school making new friends and finding their way around the building, with the support of their teachers.
- Our entire school focuses on building relationships as a foundation for learning.
- Students will receive letter grades on quarterly report cards.
- All 6th grade students eat lunch together and can choose their own seats.
- HMS provides 1:1 technology (touchscreen Chromebooks) for our students.

A photograph of a modern building interior. The central focus is a large wall mural with the text "WHEN YOU ENTER THIS BUILDING YOU ARE SCIENTISTS AUTHORS LEADERS EXPLORERS READERS CREATORS THINKERS IMPORTANT LOVED FRIENDS THE REASON WE ARE HERE". The mural is flanked by two balconies with metal railings. Above the mural is a large window with a geometric light fixture. Below the mural is a glass-walled area with dark pillars and a desk. The entire image is set against a blue background with a white geometric shape on the right.

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YOU SCIENTISTS AUTHORS LEADERS
EXPLORERS READERS **CREATORS** THINKERS
ARE IMPORTANT LOVED **FRIENDS**
THE REASON WE ARE HERE









Types of Classes



4 Core Classes

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Notes:

Library is not a scheduled class; services are interwoven throughout the MS experience.

Study Hall is a large group study time in the Commons during an Encore period.

Team Support is a small group study time in a teacher's classroom during the second Encore period.

Encore Classes*

- PE/Health (not optional)
- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Art: Painting and Drawing
- Art: Digital Art
- Study Hall /Team Support
- *One Encore required 6-8

6th Grade Daily Schedule (current)

6th Grade	M	Homeroom 7:50	1 Core 7:54-8:53 (59)	2 Core 8:56-9:55 (59)	3 Encore 9:58-10:38 (40)	4 Lunch 10:40-11:10 (30)	5	5 Encore 11:13-11:53 (40)	6 Core 11:58-1:05 (67)	7/8 Core 1:08-2:15 (67)	9 Advisory (M) and FOCUS (TWRF) 2:20-2:50 (30)
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- School begins promptly at 7:50. Students need to be in their homeroom seats at this time.
- The middle school doors open to students at 7:15.
- To be in homeroom on time, the ideal arrival time for students who do not ride a bus is 7:25 -7:35.



Sixth Grade Electives

- Band : every day for the entire year
- Orchestra : every day for the entire year
- Choir : every day for the entire year (unless also taking Band or Orchestra)
- Art Electives: every other day for entire year
- M/W or T/Th Weeks: (PE, Study Hall, Art, Team Support)
M, W and every other Friday
T, Th and every other Friday.



Let's Hear from our Students!



Advice from Students for Students

- “If you ever have a question or need help, just ask! That’s what your teachers are for!”
- “Do your homework on time. If you can’t do it a certain day, email or tell your teachers.”
- “The building is not as big as it looks. It is impossible to get lost.”
- “Take a photo of your schedule (but don’t post it online... for privacy reasons). I spilled water on mine, then it ripped and I tried to make a copy but it looked weird.”
- “The School Counselors are always there and are helpful”
- “Pay attention to grades but don’t stress about it. 6th grade is not as different as you think - you just have more independence and freedom.”
- “We can sit wherever we want for lunch! Lunch is prime time for seeing friends across communities!”
- “Join clubs/sports! Even if you have never done them before, they are such a fun way to try new things and make friends!”
- “Don’t worry about friends. Some will go and others will stay, but you will meet some of your friends you may have for life.”
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Advice from Students for Parents

- “If your kid gets a grade you don’t like, talk to them about it, don’t ground them.”
- “Put money on your kid’s lunch account. The snacks are good.”
- “Make sure your kid has balance between school & social life.”
- “Be friendly with teachers. They’re with your child almost every day.”
- “Sometimes students have a rough day. Be easy with them.”
- “Getting one bad grade isn’t the end of the world. You can almost always get it back up.”
- “Check in with who they are becoming friends with and that they are comfortable and happy with those people.”

Advice from our Counselors for Parents

- May 1: Please wait to reach out about next year until May 1 to give us time to support our current students
- Middle school years are great for exploring and meeting new people (friend requests are unable to be honored)
- Social media / cell phone monitoring
- Learning through challenges
- The importance of attendance



Communication



- Students Planners/ Google Classroom for each class
- E-mail (fitzgerm@hudson.k12.oh.us)
- Staff email addresses can be found on the [HMS Website](#)
- Home Access Center (www.hudson.k12.oh.us)
 - Student Grades and Information
- Daily Announcements/Alerts ([HMS Website](#))
- Week in Review (emailed weekly to all families with a link to HMS Announcements and photos from the week)
- Lunch Payments/ Fee Payments ([PaySchools Central](#))

Traffic Circle

- HMS Traffic Pattern (under For Families > Getting to School)
- Before and After School
- Top of Circle
- Respectful to the Community
- Front Entrance
- Gym Entrance/Bus Lot
- Leaders and Greeters!



Spring Timeline



- **Spring:** Mr. Carey meets with 5th grade homerooms to discuss the transition to HMS
- **May:** 6th Grade Counselor meets with 5th Grade teachers
- **Scheduling Information:**
 - **April 6:** Parents/Students will receive an email from Mrs. Wininger with scheduling information and a planning worksheet
 - **April 7:** HMS Showcase and Orientation:
 - A wonderful opportunity for our fifth graders to learn more about the middle school and feel comfortable and excited to be welcomed there as sixth graders next year!
 - Overview (and performances) of all of the electives options at Hudson Middle School!
 - Orientation program that includes a middle school student panel, a presentation by the middle school counselor and administrative team, and tours of the middle school led by HMS student leaders!
 - **April 7:** Students will receive a Google Form from their homeroom teacher. They will use this form to input their elective selection/s following the HMS Showcase.
 - **April 13:** Student Google Form schedule selections due.

August Timeline

- Welcome Newsletter from HMS with upcoming dates and news! Please watch for this email.
- 6th Grade Registration – at HMS - August 11th and 12th
 - Student Schedule, Locker, School Pictures, Student Chromebook
 - PTO Supply Sale - one stop shopping for school supplies!
- Open Building – Multiple days/times
 - Walk student schedule, locate classrooms
- Opening Days - Sixth grade students spend the first two days of school making new friends and finding their way around the building, with the support of their teachers.
- Open House – Late August / Early September



Additional Information about HMS:

Our school profile can be found [here](#).

PTO/VIP

- Volunteer Forms online soon!
- Visit the one-stop shopping PTO Supply Sale at HMS Registration in August. *Volunteers needed!*



Thank you!



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