



Dear HMS Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year at Hartsville Middle School! As principal, I am honored and excited to welcome both our returning and new geniuses and families. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's educational journey. We are grateful to be part of your village and are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and personally.

This year, our theme is **"From Effort to Impact."** We believe that success begins with consistent effort, and when geniuses, families, and staff work together with purpose, that effort creates meaningful impact throughout our school and community. At Hartsville Middle School, we also embrace the belief that **"Every Heartbeat Matters."** Every genius who walks through our doors is valued, every staff member plays an essential role, and every family is an important partner in helping our geniuses succeed. We will continue to uphold our HEART values as we work together to create a school where excellence, respect, belonging, and kindness are evident in everything we do.

Thank you for choosing Hartsville Middle School. I look forward to partnering with you as we make the 2026–2027 school year one filled with learning, growth, meaningful relationships, and unforgettable accomplishments. I look forward to an incredible year.

Blessings,

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