

August 7, 2026

Hello HMS Families,

We have had a great first week and have truly enjoyed having your kids back at school! We ended today with a great “Mustang PRIDE Hype Day” to celebrate being back to school. Special thanks to all our staff members who helped with the logistics, planning, and execution for the day!

I also want to do a shout-out to our PTA for our staff kickoff breakfast during our Pre-Planning week! We are so appreciative of the ongoing support of our amazing community!

Every Friday, you will receive an email from me with important updates or news items, information about school or community activities, and reminders of important routines and procedures at HMS. **At a minimum, we ask that you skim it for any new or important information.** Along with this email, it is important to note that answers to many of your questions can be found on the HMS website and/or in the Student/Parent Handbook, which is under the “Students and Families” tab on the website!

Curriculum Night is coming soon! – Curriculum Night for all grades will take place on August 24th, more details to follow soon!

Some things of note regarding processes and procedures:

- Dismissal the first several days is always a challenge, but we’re getting there! Buses are getting better, but it does take some time for the routines to get established and the times to get more predictable. I appreciate your patience as things settle out!
- Arrival and dismissal has gone well so far. Thanks to everyone who visited the website and reviewed our [Carpool Procedures](#) before coming, and for the others, thanks for politely following the directions of the staff members outside. If you are still not sure how it all works, please reference the link above!
- Just a heads up, we ask that you limit drop-offs of items to emergencies only. Make sure students have money on their lunch account that they can use if they forget their lunch, and if they forget a notebook or something like that, they can live without it for a day. We will not call students up to the front to pick up items, unless it is medication or some other emergency situation warrants it.
- HMS has an email specifically for sending in notes/excuses for student absences. You can email your parent, doctor, dentist, etc. note to HMSAttendance@fultonschools.org. This is not for early dismissal requests. These notes should be sent into the front office with your student in the morning on the day they need to leave early. You do not need to email individual teachers to notify them of an absence.
- When you have a need to communicate a question or concern with staff, please follow the guidelines in the document linked [here](#)

- If you have not already done so, please update your Emergency Contacts in Infinite Campus using the “Census Update” feature. You can also purchase device protection during this process. Click [here](#) for more information about this process.

News and Notes:

- Device Deployment – we will be deploying FCS devices to students on Monday. We will follow our normal Bell Schedule on Monday and deploy during the Lunch/Homeroom period in your child’s schedule.
- The iReady Inform assessment (previously known as the iReady Diagnostic) will begin on Thursday. The i-Ready Inform assessment is designed to accurately identify each student's current skill level, strengths, and areas for growth. These results drive personalized instruction, intervention planning, goal setting, and student learning pathways. Please help us by encouraging your student to do their best, as we do review the data and make decisions based on the results.

We will be using the [Special Activity Bell Schedule](#) and students will test first thing in the morning during the Extended Advisement part of the schedule. The full schedule is below:

- Reading – Thursday, August 13th and Friday, August 14th
 - Math – Thursday, August 20th and Friday, August 21st
 - Makeups administered as needed
- HMS Picture Day – Save the Date! – Picture Day is September 1st. Click the links below for more information about Picture Day and Yearbook ordering:
[Picture Day Flyer 1](#)
[Yearbook Flyer](#)
- Dress Code – enforcement of our dress code will be emphasized more strongly this year. Click [here](#) for the guidelines. Also, in order to support this increased enforcement, we are looking for donations of age-appropriate clothing, **especially shorts**, that can be provided to students who are out of compliance and need to change. If you have clothing to donate, please feel free to drop it off at the front office. Clothing in a variety of sizes—especially larger youth and adult sizes for our older students—would be especially helpful and appreciated.
- HMS is committed to providing a learning environment where students feel safe and supported. The following are a few “points of emphasis” related to that:
 - We conducted severe weather, fire, and lockdown drills this week. We shared a few very important points regarding safety as well, including:
 - During a drill or actual emergency, it is imperative that students listen to the staff member they are with. Phones and other electronic devices can be distracting and should not be used.
 - If you see (or hear) something, say something! We can’t prevent or respond to issues we don’t know about, so students should report concerns to a staff member ASAP.
- Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook is available online in PDF format. Once you have read the electronic version and have reviewed the contents with

your student(s), please take a moment to complete the **Acknowledgment of Receipt Form** by using the provided link to access Infinite Campus' [Parent Portal](#). Please download the [instructions on how to complete the Acknowledgment of Receipt Form](#). All parents and students (over 10 years old) **MUST sign this form found within your INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT**. If you would like a paper copy of the Handbook, you or your student can request one in your school's front office.

PTA:

- HOPEWELL PTA - JOIN TODAY to support ALL YEAR LONG!

It's not too late! PTA Memberships purchased on or before August 20, 2026, will be entered to win the use of one of 16 reserved afternoon carpool spots in the front parking lot FOR THE ENTIRE school year.

The drawing will happen on August 21st, after which winners will receive confirmation & specific information.

Our PTA provides support all year long for students, staff, and the school as a whole. We fund these programs and activities through your Membership and our generous Business Partners!

[Join Today!](#)

 Membership Tiers COMPARISON CHART					
FEATURES	HOPEWELL HERO \$1,000	PLATINUM \$500	GOLD \$250	SILVER \$100	BRONZE \$50
Guaranteed Top Locker	•				
Reserved Seating 8 th Grade Promotion Ceremony*	•				
Recognition in Yearbook & PTA Social Media	•	•			
Limited Edition HMS Reusable Shopping Tote	•	•	•		
Exclusive 2026-2027 Vehicle Decal	•	•	•	•	
Top Locker Launch Admission	N/A	•	•	•	•
Carpool Raffle Admission	•	•	•	•	•

*This perk is reserved for Hopewell Hero members with an 8th grader during the 2026-2027 academic year.

- Support HMS and Hope House! (attachment included)

We are excited to announce an ongoing donation drive benefiting Hope for Domestic Violence through Hope House. This is a great way to contribute to a meaningful cause and support women and children affected by domestic violence.

Instead of scheduling pickups, we've set up a convenient drop-off location where you can donate anytime! Help us raise funds and awareness for this important mission, with the potential to raise around \$200 per month, depending on the generosity of our community.



School Activities:

- 2026-2027 Debate Team: The Hopewell Debate Team is looking for new debaters! The team is open to students in ALL grade levels. We will have an informational meeting after school on Monday, August 17 from 4:05-5pm in Mrs. Allen's room (D741). This meeting is for students only.

Regular practice days will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-5:30pm. Students do not need to attend BOTH practices each week. They must, however, attend at least one day of practice during the week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Allen - allenk2@fultonschools.org

- Junior Beta: Junior Beta invitations will be sent out the week of August 10-14 through advisement. Junior Beta is only open to 7th and 8th grade qualified students.

Students who had a cumulative average of 88 or higher last year, should receive an invitation. If you feel that your child should have received an invite, but didn't, please contact Mrs. Karen Allen – allenk2@fultonschools.org If your child is new to Hopewell this year and you believe he/she is qualified, please contact Mrs. Allen.

Membership forms and yearly dues are due by Friday, Sept 4.

- AFTER SCHOOL ADVANCED ROBOTICS CLUB AT HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL!

There are still a few spots available in our **VEX IQ Robotics Afterschool Program**, but they are filling quickly! This hands-on STEM program gives students the opportunity to:

- Build and design robots
- Learn Block, Python, and C++ coding
- Develop engineering, teamwork, and problem-solving skills
- Explore real-world STEM concepts through exciting robotics challenges

Program Details

- **Location:** Hopewell Middle School
- **Start Date:** August 24 & 26
- **Schedule:** Mondays or Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 PM
- **All materials are included**
- Classes are held on the Hopewell campus.

If your student is interested in robotics, coding, engineering, or STEM, this is a great opportunity to learn while having fun with classmates.

Register today before the remaining spots are filled! [ENROLL NOW!](#)

- HMS Soccer - If your child is interested in playing soccer, please visit <https://hopewellsports.weebly.com/soccer.html> and click on the soccer interest form. This form will allow you to share important information with Coach Hill and make sure you have completed all necessary paperwork. You must complete all paperwork on Rankone.com. If your student is trying out they must bring their own cleats, shin guards, and water. Water will not be supplied by the school. Tryouts will be from 4:30 to 5:30 on the school's field. These tryouts will be on Aug 25th-27th. Tryouts are not open to the public. If you have any further questions, please email Coach Hill at hillmd@fultonschools.org

Other Information:

- Alpharetta High School is hosting a two-part parent workshop series, "The AI Generation: Parenting with Confidence in a Digital Age," designed to provide practical, research-informed information and strategies for families. [AHS AI Talk Flier](#)

Workshop Dates:

- o Part 1: August 25, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 PM *Understanding AI, teen development, and online safety*
- o Part 2: November 10, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 PM *Technology platforms, ethical AI use, and healthy digital habits*

Location: Alpharetta High School Auditorium

Topics include AI and teen mental health, online safety, social media influence, Roblox, Discord, Character AI, screen time strategies, and practical family conversations about technology. Please consider sharing the attached flyer with your school community through newsletters, social media, and parent communications. Thank you for helping support families as they navigate our rapidly changing digital landscape._

General Reminders:

- If your child needs to leave school early, send them into the Front Office in the morning with a note from you. This makes the whole process easier and more efficient, and prevents us from having to disrupt their class when it's time for them to leave.
- If you need to check your child out of school early, **please remember we do not allow checkouts after 3:30!** In addition, the Front Office closes at 5:00, so please do not expect anyone to answer the phones or be there to buzz you in unless there is an evening activity.

Thanks so much for your support of our school!

Sincerely,

Michael LeMoyne
Principal – Hopewell Middle School