



Hamilton Middle School Parent Matters

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Middle School Parent Meeting

This meeting is designed for parents who are new to Hamilton Middle School and/or new to Hamilton Community Schools and all are welcome.

- August 29, 6:00-6:45 pm

Welcome

Attendance



- Parent/Guardian MUST call 269.751-2248 OR email msattendance@hamiltonschools.us BEFORE 8:45 if student is absent.
- Parent/Guardian WILL receive a phone call & email at 9:15 & 1:15 if your student is marked absent and a phone call/email was not received.

Medication

- Students may only take medication in the office.
- Medication must be dropped off in the original container with the appropriate dosage written on it by a parent/guardian.



Great Things are Happening Here



Work Based Learning

Every HMS student will have multiple learning experiences within a specific career pathway this year. The following are the grade and work area experiences.

5th-Construction, 6th-Business, 7th-Manufacturing, 8th-AgriScience

Goal: Expose students to a variety of careers with different education/training requirements across multiple types of careers.

Character Traits of the Month



Each month there will be a specific character trait that will be highlighted & taught.

Students exhibiting this trait in school will be celebrated.

The traits are embedded in Skills for Success. Skills for Success standards have been identified and defined by Ottawa area business, education, civic, and community leaders through a series of open forums, dialog, and feedback. See the attached PDF for definitions

The August/September Character Trait of the Month is: Personal Accountability.

Times to be aware of:



- 7:15-7:30-Students may enter the building and report directly to the cafeteria. They may eat breakfast or sit and wait while being monitored. Students not riding the bus should be dropped off and picked up at the West Entrance near the pool.
- 7:30-7:45-Students may get breakfast, put their items in their locker and are expected to report to their first class of the day by 7:45.
- 2:45-School is dismissed. All students must be out of the building by 2:55 unless under adult supervision (coach, teacher, club advisor).
- 7:15-3:30-Office is open.



Building Updates Safety



- Every staff member is being trained on specific protocols for different scenarios as it relates to building and student safety.
- Window film is being installed on all school windows.

Spaces

- The bulk of the updates to the stage in the East Gym has happened over the summer. The final details are being finished and the space should be available for student use by the end of September.
- Roof repair will take place in the Spring.

Transportation

Bus

- Information is found in your student's PowerSchool account.
- Sign Up for "Here Comes the Bus App"
- Contact 269-751-5191 with questions.

Drop Off-West End of the Building

- 7:15-7:40 pull up in vehicle past the POOL DOORS
- students will enter through the POOL DOORS (not West Gym doors)
- students to use the crosswalk nearest the POOL DOORS if walking across the parking lot.
- Please leave the handicap parking spots open for those with handicap permits/tags.
- if your child/children arrive after 7:40 a.m., student(s) shall enter the Main Entrance.

Dates to remember:

- August 29-New Parent Orientation 6:00-6:45pm in Media Center.
- August 30 & 31-Character Trait Assembly
- Sept. 1 & 4-No School
- Sept 5 & 11-5th grade visit Construction Site.
- Sept. 11-Board Mtg. 7:00pm
- Sept. 15.-No School
- Sept. 15-Parents will receive communication if their student has received a 0 on an assessment.

