

HARPER'S CHOICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Eldridge, Principal

Ms. Jackson, Assistant Principal (8th grade, 7th A-L)

Ms. Terry, Assistant Principal (6th grade, 7th M-Z)

Schedule

- 1:30: Parents and students gather in the Cougar Café
- 1:40: Students will go to their 3rd period class when dismissed and parents will remain in the Cougar Cafe for presentation
- Parents/Guardians will meet up with their students

Meet The Staff

English: Ms. Kelly, Ms. Griffin

Math: Ms. Allen, Mr. Dennison

Social Studies: Ms. Smith, Mr. Licker

Science: Ms. Gorkiewicz, Ms. Dixon-Dennis,
Mr. Saylor

Reading Modules: Ms. Jones (Ms. Synder)

Meet the Staff

Student Services: Ms. Flores (8th, 7th A-L)

Ms. Price/Ms. Joseph (6th, 7th M-Z)

Special Education: Ms. Hernandez (ITL)
Mr. Hill

Ms. Britton

Ms. Malone

Ms. Petrecca

Reading: Ms. Hall, Ms. Cavanaugh

Math ITL: Ms. Wilson

ESOL: Ms. Rodriguez

GT Resource: Ms. Collins-McCarthy

Hispanic Liaison: Ms. Ana Solis

Alternative Education: Ms. Judy Lerner-Eastland

HCMS PTA

- Please join the HCMS PTA to support our students, teachers, and school community.
- PTA Contact:
President: Mrs. Janet Olajide
6th Grade Liaison: Mrs. Lisa Terry
- Visit the HCMS website for more information. <http://hcms.hcpss.org/>

Vision 2018: Fulfilling the Promise of Preparation

VISION

Every student is inspired to learn and empowered to excel.

MISSION

We cultivate a vibrant learning community that prepares students to thrive in a dynamic world.

Goal 1: Students

Every student achieves academic excellence in an inspiring, engaging, and supportive environment.

Goal 2: Staff

Every staff member is engaged, supported, and successful.

Goal 3: Families and the Community

Families and the community are engaged and supported as partners in education.

Goal 4: Organization

Schools are supported by world-class organizational practices.

ACADEMICS

CORE CLASSES:

- English/Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science

RELATED CLASSES:

- Physical Education
- Art
- Music
- Technology Education
- Family and Consumer Science
- Reading

OTHER CLASSES:

- GT Research
- Band/Chorus/Orchestra

6th grade Schedule

Period 1: 8:05-8:58

Period 2: 9:01-9:51

Period 3: 9:54-10:44

LUNCH/RECESS: 10:47-11:17

Period 4: 11:20-12:10

Period 5: 12:13-1:03

Period 6: 1:06-1:56

Period 7: 1:59-2:50

7th grade

Period 1: 8:05-8:58

Period 2: 9:01-9:51

Period 3: 9:54-10:44

Period 4: 10:47-11:37

Lunch/Recess: 11:40-12:10

Period 5: 12:13-1:03

Period 6: 1:06-1:56

Period 7: 1:59-2:50

8th grade

Period 1: 8:05-8:58

Period 2: 9:01-9:51

Period 3: 9:54-10:44

Period 4: 10:47-11:37

Period 5: 11:40-12:30

Lunch/Recess: 12:33- 1:03

Period 6: 1:06-1:56

Period 7: 1:59-2:50

Home and School Communication

- Agenda Book
- HCPSS.news
- Follow us on Twitter @hcpss_hcms
- E-mail (first name_last name@hcpss.org)
- Family File: www.hcpss.org/connect
- <http://hcms.hcpss.org/>

Information from our Counselors

- Synergy (Family File): www.hcpss.org/connect
- Keeping Organized
- Using Agenda Books
- Accessing the counselors
- Attendance

Conferences with Teachers

- Parent/Teacher conferences: To schedule a conference with teachers/guidance counselor please contact Ms. Martorana (in Counseling Center) 410-313-6931
- Nov/Feb parent/teacher conferences will be through Pick-A-Time

Tips for Parents

- Stay involved in your child's education.
- Attend parent conferences.
- Stay aware of your child's homework and school demands.
- Attend school events.
- Try to connect outside experiences to school learning to increase interest and relevance.
- Make contact with your teachers with any questions or concerns.

Tips for Parents

- Ensure that your child has needed materials and a place to study at home.
- Ensure that the study area is free from distractions.
- Set a regular time for homework.
- Encourage your child to be responsible for chores and homework.
- Provide your child with a range of experiences to allow him/her to identify areas of strength.
- Talk to your child.

Grade Reports

Mid-Quarter Interim Report

- ✓ Four weeks into each quarter
- ✓ Provides academic and behavioral update

Quarterly Report Cards

- ✓ Letter grades based on percentages
 - A 89.5% - 100%
 - B 79.5% - 89.4%
 - C 69.5% - 79.4%
 - D 59.5% - 69.4%
 - E 59.4% and below

After-School Program

- CATS (Cougar Academic Track to Success)
 - Mrs. Stuart-Hughes
 - Ms. Britton
- Partnership with Parks/Recreation
- Students will be invited to this program

Upcoming Dates

Student Pictures: September 9th

Back to School Night: September 10th
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

North Bay



- May 11-13
- 3 days as mandated by the county
- Price is still being determined but will be less than in years past.

QUESTIONS?

LOCKERS

- Students are encouraged to go to their lockers at the beginning of the day, before and after lunch, and at the end of the day.
- They will be allowed to go between classes, but must be on time to class.
- PLEASE remind your child to keep his/her locker combination to themselves.

HCPSS Dress Code

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and nurturing educational environment conducive to student learning. At the same time, the Board recognizes the right of students to express themselves through their choice of personal attire. While student dress and appearance are the responsibility of students and their parents, the Board believes that dress and appearance should not interfere with any aspect of the educational process and expects that dress and appearance are consistent with all Board policy.

HCMS Dress Code

A Few Simple Rules:

- ✓ No t-shirts with profanity or advertising alcohol
 - ✓ Tank top straps should be two fingers wide
 - ✓ Skirts, shorts, and dresses should be fist length
 - ✓ Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist
- ✓ Sleepwear is not acceptable attire during the school day
- ✓ Headwear, including hats, bandanas, scarves, hoods, etc. may not be worn in school

BYOD

- Students are permitted to bring electronic devices to school.
- Devices should be turned off upon entering the classroom, unless directed by the teacher to use it for instructional purposes.

Thank You!

**We are looking forward to a
great school year!!!**