

HCMS News

September 4, 2020

Greetings HCMS Families,

The HCMS administration and staff are excited for our students to return to school on Tuesday, September 8. We will begin the day at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd period synchronous support slot. There will be a welcome back message from Mr. Eldridge followed by time to make sure each student is ready to begin the day at 9:00 a.m. in their second period class. As a reminder, student schedules are available for viewing in [Synergy](#) and will be posted in Canvas on Saturday, September 5. The Google Meet code for each session can be found in the Canvas calendar.

Thank you to all of the HCMS families that came to our Virtual New Student Orientation! We hope all of our families can join us at the Virtual HCMS Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 15. We look forward to the start of another fantastic school year with our HCMS community! We also encourage everyone to review [Dr. Martirano's message](#) to the community and tips for a successful school year.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

In order to help you prepare for the upcoming school year, attached is a sample middle school [student schedule](#). Student schedules are available for viewing in [Synergy](#). All parents/guardians can log in to [HCPSS Connect](#) to view teachers and schedules beginning Saturday, September 5.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Attached is the [School Supply List for 2020-2021](#).

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

Parents of middle school students currently in need of a device may request one. All families may indicate a need for internet access. [Full details](#) online.

UPDATE YOUR FAMILY FILE BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Family File!

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information annually for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or update the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may not be made through Family File. If you have recently moved, please contact your child's school as soon as possible.

FALL MEAL SERVICE UPDATE

The food services program during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year will consist of free Grab-and-Go meals served Monday through Friday from 8:00–9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 8. Breakfast and lunch can be picked up at either meal time. Meals will be provided free of charge for all students, subject to USDA funding availability. [Detailed information about meals](#) for the 2020-21 school year are provided online.

FREE VACCINE CLINIC

Free vaccine clinic will be held at several HCPSS school locations during the week of September 21 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Registration deadline is September 9. [View flier](#) for more information. ([Flier en español](#))

UPCOMING DATES

09/08/2020 School begins for students
09/15/2020 Virtual Back to School Night

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit the [Community News and Programs](#) page on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

Harris Teeter Together in Education

Harris Teeter's Together In Education program gives schools a chance to earn funds when you link your VIC card and shop Harris Teeter brands. When you shop Harris Teeter brands, a percentage of your purchase is donated to the school that your VIC card is linked to. There are NO LIMITS to how much a school can earn. Register your VIC card to our SCHOOL ID# 7984.

Clothing to Cash

Please donate to our Clothing to Cash fundraising program! Clothing to Cash is a textile recycling program that donates money to the school for every pound of donated items. Look for the white donation bin at the bottom of the Harper's Choice Middle School parking lot.

Clothing to Cash will accept items in ALL conditions: new with tags, or torn, stained, worn-out knees, shoes with holes or only one shoe, backpacks, old sheets, stuffed animals, and more. What a great way to help our school and clean out your closets! All donations must be bagged and put in the collection bin.

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