

July 29, 2019

Dear Haverford Middle School Family:

Well.....we are past the midpoint of the summer and wanted to communicate some information about the upcoming school year. We will be emailing student schedules home on Friday, August 2nd. We hope that you can stop by for an informal visit before the school year starts. The following information details the dates, times, and expectations for our informal visits:

- 6th grade students and family members are welcome to visit on August 8th, 9th, 19th, and 20th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for a self-guided tour of assigned grade level core classrooms.
- 7th and 8th grade students and family members are welcome to visit school on August 29th and 30th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for a self-guided tour of assigned grade level core classrooms.
- Students should bring a copy of their schedule and must be accompanied by an adult when visiting.
- We will provide a map to help you navigate the halls.
- Our administrative team will also be available to answer questions during this time.

We have a lot of kids that arrive and leave our campus at the same time. The first few days are typically busier than normal and we encourage everyone to plan appropriately. Please help us manage the traffic flow on our campus by following the rules below:

- Do not drop students off in the bus lane along Darby Road and/or the teacher parking lots.
- Please use Golf Road, Marthart Avenue, and the residential side of Darby Road to drop students off.
- 6th grade students will meet in the courtyard on Darby Road in the morning before entering the school. If it is raining, then students will meet in the auditorium.
- 7th grade students will meet in the parking lot in back of the school by the stadium in the morning before entering school. If it is raining, then students will meet in the cafeteria.
- 8th grade students will meet in the parking lot in back of the school by the stadium in the morning before entering school. If it is raining, then students will meet in the cafeteria.
- Students who will be eating breakfast at school will be admitted into the building by the appropriate grade level meeting area door at 7:25 AM.
- All students will be admitted into the building at 7:40 AM.

We will be working with students to make the cafeteria a better space for them this year. Each teaching team will be assigned a specific area to sit in during the first week of school. During this time, we will work on and communicate changes that will help make our cafeteria work for all of us. Students will be permitted to select their own seat during the second week of school.

Students should bring a combination padlock for their locker on the first day of school. The “typical” combination padlock that most of us have used at some point is what we recommend. We recommend a combination padlock because it will fit our lockers and the combination can be shared with us.

Please visit the main page of our website to find the appropriate grade level supply list, summer reading and math information, school immunization requirements, and fall sports information. If you are a 7th or 8th grade student and plan to play a fall sport, then please make sure that you get a PIAA physical dated after June 1, 2019. The PIAA physical information is posted on our website. We will not be offering physicals at school.

We will populate our school website calendar with all of our known school activities and events on August 23rd. Following are a few important September/October dates to take note of:

- First day of school - Tuesday, September 3rd
- Student Picture Day – Friday, September 6th
- Back to School Night 6th grade - Monday, September 23rd @ 6:00 PM
- Back to School Night 7th grade - Tuesday, September 24th @ 6:30 PM
- Back to School Night 8th grade - Wednesday, September 25th @ 6:30 PM
- No school for students and staff - Monday, September 30th
- No school for students and staff – Wednesday, October 9th
- Student Picture Re-Take Day - Wednesday, October 2nd
- 6th Grade Halloween Dance - Friday, October 25th @ 5:30 PM
- In-service for staff / Early dismissal for students - Thursday, October 31st @ 11:20 AM

There is still plenty of time to relax, soak up the sun, and enjoy family. That being said – we are really excited and looking forward to a fabulous school year!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Horan
Principal