



Haverford Middle School Newsletter

Week of October 5, 2020

Administration

HMS Principal

[Mr. Daniel Horan](#)

Secretary

[Mrs. Michelle](#)

[D'Avella](#)

6th Grade Assistant

Principal

[Mr. Matthew Crater](#)

6th Grade Counselor

[Mrs. Lindsey Hughes](#)

6th Grade Secretary

[Mrs. Sharon Cianci](#)

7th Grade Assistant

Principal

[Mr. Randy Taylor](#)

7th Grade Counselor

[Ms. Ricki White](#)

We will keep you connected to what is happening in our district and school throughout the school year with our monthly Haverford Middle School Newsletter.

Please look for Dr. Reusche's regular "Community Communication" emails. The emails communicate important information and detailed plans for our school and district. Stay informed by connecting with the guiding documents and resources we refer to in order to keep our school community safe and healthy. The resources are listed below in the "Stay Informed" section of the newsletter.

PowerSchool will not be accessible to families and students on Monday and Tuesday. We will be working on schedules in order to make the transition to the Hybrid model on October 12, 2020.

Our next materials pickup date was scheduled for Friday, October 9th. No new school materials are scheduled to be sent home on Friday.

We will host a live weekly Zoom meeting Friday, October 9th, from 6:00-6:30 PM. We will review the week, communicate expectations that need to be

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[Mrs. Patty Lazer](#)

8th Grade Assistant

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[Mrs. Erika Harvey](#)

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MS Coordinator

Technology

[Mr. Andrew Zitelli](#)

discussed, share new information to be aware of, and incorporate questions that are submitted to the live chat into the presentation the best we can. The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent out on the day of the meeting.

October 12, 2020

6th Grade Teams

[6th-Grade Webpage](#)

[Beluga Whales](#)

[Polar Bears](#)

[Sea Lions](#)

[Arctic Fox](#)

7th Grade Teams

[7th-grade Webpage](#)

[Giant Pandas](#)

[Iberian Lynx](#)

[Peregrine Falcons](#)

[Komodo Dragons](#)

8th Grade Teams

[8th-Grade Webpage](#)

[Asiatic Cheetahs](#)

[Bengal Tigers](#)

[Gray Wolves](#)

[Snow Leopards](#)

Important School

Information:

[Athletics Information](#)

Please review the Family Meeting PowerPoint that was emailed to you on Saturday, October 3rd. The PowerPoint details information that is important as we prepare to make changes that will impact the kids in the Virtual and Haverford Online Programs.

Cohort A

- Last name begins with A – L
- Meets in school on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Zooms into class on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Cohort B

- Last name begins with M – Z
- Meets in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Zooms into Class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Optional band, chorus, or orchestra class

- Stay at school or go home and participate
- You will be at school from 12:33 – 1:30 PM if you choose to stay
- Transportation and a snack break will be provided

Daily Protocols For Staff & Students

Please help us protect our school community. We need your help and support to ensure that your child understands what is expected of them. If we protect our school community, then the likelihood

that we will remain in school will be more of a realization than a hope. Please be aware of and practice:

- At home symptoms screening before school
- Wearing an approved mask in school
- Social distancing
- Good hand hygiene

Daily At Home Symptom Screening

Before going to school, please conduct the following symptom screening:

- **Take your child's temperature. If it is 100.4 or over (Oral) or 99.5 or over (temporal), your child should stay home.**
- **Is your child taking any medication to treat or reduce fever such as Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol)? If yes, your child should stay at home.**
- **Is your child experiencing any of the following symptoms?**
 - **Group A**
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Difficulty breathing
 - New olfactory disorder (sense of smell)
 - New taste disorder
 - **Group B**
 - Fever (100.4 or over (oral) or 99.5 or over (temporal))
 - Chills/ Rigors
 - Myalgia (Muscle aches or pain)
 - Headache

- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose

- **Your child should stay home if they:**

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B
- Are taking fever-reducing medication

Mandatory Masks

We emailed home infographics along with the PPT on October 2, 2020, detailing expectations for masks. Please review the proper mask position with your child. We will support your child if they need assistance in learning the proper mask position if needed.

We have been advised against using vent masks, bandannas, and gaiters. Please do not send your child to school with one of these face coverings. If your child arrives at school in a vent mask, bandanna, or gaiter, then they will be provided with a disposable mask to change into. We appreciate your support and cooperation!

Good Hand Hygiene

We have hand sanitizing stations in every classroom as well, as common areas. We will work with the kids to use the hand sanitizing station as

they enter and exit school as well as throughout the day.

We will encourage kids to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when visibly soiled, before eating, and after using the restroom.

Social Distancing

All of our classroom spaces are set up with a minimum of 6 feet of space between another person.

Our hallways have white and red tiles that make up the floor. The red tiles are spaced 8 feet apart, and we will be encouraging students to keep that distance when in the hallway. We will have hall monitors to remind students of our expectations.

Common areas, like offices and bathrooms, have signs identifying the maximum occupancy for the room. We will point the signs out to the kids.

Band, chorus, and orchestra classes will be set up with much more than 6 feet of social distancing to accommodate the musicians and the teaching and learning they will be doing. We have some additional personal protective equipment that we will put in place to protect our staff and students.

Attendance

Students committed to our Virtual and Haverford Online programs are expected to attend school

daily. We start our day at 7:50 AM, where students attend a Morning meeting with the administrative and school counseling teams.

Please help/expect your child to get to class on time. Some students are coming to class 5-20 minutes late. We understand that there may be technology/technical, time management, or other issues that you need support with. Please reach out to us, and we can help. We cannot monitor the class and keep an eye on the virtual doorbell throughout the class. If students come to class more than a few minutes late and cannot enter, then they should email their teacher and work on the lesson for the day in Canvas

If your child has an appointment to attend during the school day, then please email Sharon Cianci at scianci@haverfordsd.net. Please provide her with your child's name, grade, the reason for appointment (ex: medical, dentist, etc.), time leaving, and time returning. Do not have your child email, Mrs. Cianci. The email must come from an adult.

Administrative & Counseling Support

Relationships / Social & Emotional Support

Our administrative and counseling teams are available to support you and your family. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your child should need support.

- Principal - Daniel J. Horan
 - dhoran@haverfordsd.net
- 6th Grade Administrator - Matthew Crater

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- **7th Grade Administrator - Randy Taylor**
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Counseling Team

Please feel free to reach out to our counseling team if you have the need for support:

- **6th Grade - School Counselor**
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 - Colleen Malczynski - cmalczynski@haverfordsd.net
- **6th, 7th, and 8th Grade - School Counselor**
 - Kevin Murphy - kmurphy@haverfordsd.net
- **Social Worker**
 - Jocelyn Durcis - jdrucis@haverfordsd.net

Food Insecurity

The School District of Haverford Township recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. If you and your family are experiencing any food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, then please contact the building school social worker, Jocelyn Drucis, at jdrucis@haverfordsd.net or at (610) 853-5900 Ext. 5552 for local food resources and assistance. The school district social workers have been coordinating their efforts with local organizations to help families within the community.

For additional COVID-19

**Food/Internet/Housing/Unemployment Resources,
please click on the links below:**

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Information:**

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/covid19/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/guidance-resources>

Food Pantry Information:

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/covid19/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/food-pantry-information-covid-19>

Stay Informed

Please use the following resources to stay informed of the school district's plans for this school year.

School Board meetings

- <https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/school-board/informationmembers>

Haverford township school District link

- <https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/haverford-opening-2020-21>

Chester County Health Department

- <https://www.chesco.org/224/Health>
- <https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/59143/School-Guidance-?bidId=>

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

- <https://www.piaa.org>

Technical Help

Please send all requests for technical support for your child's Chromebook, Canvas, PowerSchool, Zoom, Canvas, or other district supported technology to the Technology Help Desk at the following email: ITHelpDesk@haverfordsd.net

If you are unable to connect or are dropped from Zoom, then:

- Check to make sure you have only one Zoom link open
- Close your window and try to log on to Zoom again
- Report the incident to the IT Help Desk

- Email your teacher and let them know you had a connection issue
- Email your grade level administrator, so they are aware of your issue
- Follow the lesson in Canvas
- Check your home WiFi status. You may need to contact your internet provider.
- If you do not have access to the internet, then contact Mr. Horan
- If you are having an issue with your Chromebook (not Zoom, Canvas, etc.), then email Mr. Horan
- If you are having an issue with your personal device (not our Chromebook), then check with the manufacture of your personal device

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PIAA Sports - 7th & 8th Grade

We hope to start fall sports during the week of October 12th! We are still working on the details to ensure that we can honor the expectations in our health & safety plan. We expect to focus on a clinic model that focuses on skill development. We do not anticipate scrimmaging or playing games against other schools.

Please visit the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's website to educate yourself on their position on playing fall sports. Their most recent communication can be found on their website -----> <https://www.piaa.org/>

Physicals

In order for a student to participate in PIAA sports in the fall (Girls' Volleyball, Football, Cheerleading, Girls' Field Hockey, Girls' Soccer, Boy's Soccer), all students must have a PIAA physical on file before tryouts. Click on this link to print the PIAA packet. Sections 1-6 need to be completed.

6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students are all eligible to participate in cross country. Physicals are not required for this club.

Clubs & Activities for All Students

We hope to start fall clubs & activities during the week of October 12th! Please take the time to check out the [HMS Clubs/Activities 2020/2021](#) google folder to receive information on each activity/club. Reach out to the club sponsors if you have any questions!

