



Haverford Middle School Newsletter

Week of September 21, 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](#)

7th Grade Secretary

[Mrs. Patty Lazer](#)

8th Grade Assistant Principal

[Mrs. Erika Harvey](#)

8th Grade Counselor

[Mrs. Colleen Malczynski](#)

8th Grade Secretary

[TBD](#)

MS Coordinator Technology

[Mr. Andrew Zitelli](#)

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

Dr. Reusche shared an email communication this weekend titled "Community Communication 09/18/20". The email communication detailed her proposed plan to return to in-person instruction. She will share her proposed plan at the School Board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020. The email communication also identified some important notes that we need to be mindful of and understand. Please stay informed by connecting to the resources listed below in the "Stay Informed" section of the newsletter.

We will have a school materials pickup day on Friday, September 25th from 8:00 - 6:00 PM. Teachers will share with students what needs to be picked up from school. We will send an email home detailing what needs to be picked up as well. Kids may come to school to pickup school materials if you approve. Please contact an administrator if you need some help with picking up materials. Our next scheduled materials pickup date will be Friday, October 9th.

We will host a live weekly Zoom meeting Monday, September 21st from 6:00-6:30 PM. We will review the week, communicate any expectations that need to be discussed, share anything new 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. Our next weekly Zoom meeting will be this Friday, September 25th, so that we can quickly review a few items that will be discussed at the school board meeting.

There will be no school for staff and students on Monday, September 28, 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](#)

Back To School Night

Our Back to School Night will look a little different this year. We will host a Zoom session to start the evening with live and taped presentations. We will introduce ourselves, share information about our school, review the curriculum, and highlight any individual grade level details. A copy of the PowerPoint will be emailed home and posted on our website the following day. We will close out the night with a CLAP IN for our families and kids. We encourage you to drive through the bus lane, wear your team color, spirit your car, greet our teachers in the bus lane, and allow us to celebrate you and CLAP IN the school year!

Our Back to School Night Dates are scheduled for:

- 6th grade - September 22, 2020
 - Zoom meeting.....5:30 - 6:15 PM
 - Drive-by Clap In.....6:30 - 7:00 PM
- 7th Grade - September 23, 2020
 - Zoom meeting.....5:30 - 6:15 PM
 - Drive-by Clap In.....6:30 - 7:00 PM
- 8th grade - September 24, 2020
 - Zoom meeting.....5:30 - 6:15 PM
 - Drive-by Clap In.....6:30 - 7:00 PM

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>

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.

We will take attendance in every class. Students will answer a Question of the Day (QOD), which will help us track their attendance and participation.

Please see the attendance brochure that was emailed home. The brochure provides important attendance information, expectations, and procedures.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uhSIRJClrmcD3qJx0YiP-Nu1UTtG93oi>

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.

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
- Try to log on again
- Report the incident to the IT Help Desk
- Email your teacher and let them know you had a connection issue
- Email grade level admin so they are aware of your issue
- Follow the lesson in Canvas
- Check your home WiFi status
- If you are not using a school district issued Chromebook, then check with the manufacture of your personal device if you think that could be the issue

Administrative & Counseling Team 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
 - mcrater@haverfordsd.net
- 7th Grade Administrator - Randy Taylor
 - rtaylor@haverfordsd.net
- 8th Grade Administrator - Erika Harvey
 - eharvey@haverfordsd.net

Counseling Team

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

- 6th Grade - School Counselor
 - Lindsey Hughes - lhughes@haverfordsd.net
- 7th Grade - School Counselor
 - Ricki White - rswwhite@haverfordsd.net
- 8th Grade - School Counselor
 - Colleen Malczynski - cmalczynski@haverfordsd.net
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade - School Counselor
 - Kevin Murphy - kmurphy@haverfordsd.net
- Social Worker
 - Jocelyn Durcis - jdurcis@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 Durcis, at jdurcis@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:

Food/Internet/Housing/Unemployment Assistance 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>

PIAA Sports - 7th & 8th Grade

The high school athletic program will be discussed at the School Board Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020. The result of that discussion will dictate how the middle school will move forward regarding our athletic program.

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

[Click on this link to review HMS Clubs/Activities Page](#)

We will be organizing clubs and activities for the fall this week and will share the plan with the kids during an Advisory class next week. We encourage all students to participate in extracurricular activities outside of the classroom.

