

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Husky Happenings</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Hamilton Heights Middle School</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">420 West North Street PO Box 609 Arcadia, IN 46030 317-984-3588</p>	<p>Vision Statement <i>Our vision is to help all students become the best version of themselves. HHMS empowers great kids to do great things.</i></p> <p>Mission Statement <i>HHMS is a bridge between elementary and high school, preparing all students to be successful. We accomplish this by connecting students with outstanding teachers, caring for each child, engaging students in meaningful curriculum, challenging students beyond their comfort zone, and inspiring them to rise and learn from their failures.</i></p>
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<p><u>A Note from the Principal, Bret Bailey</u></p> <p>Welcome back to another school year! Thank you for entrusting your child to us each day. Providing a quality educational experience for each student is a responsibility that we take to heart. One significant change that you will notice this year is our move toward Grade-level Teams. This means that most teachers of each grade-level meet at least two times a week to discuss ways to better support students, ensure consistency for behavioral and academic expectations, and create a sense of community and family between students and staff. Our teachers have embraced the “Teaming” philosophy and have gone above and beyond to better serve the learning and developmental needs of each student. Once a month, the entire grade-level of students and staff meet together for a team meeting to build relationships, discuss important issues or challenges, encourage positive behavior, set goals, and celebrate accomplishments. We are still learning about how to best implement the teaming concept at HHMS, but our initial implementation phase has exceeded my expectations.</p> <p>If you have any questions about a class or have a concern, please contact your child’s teacher directly. Our teachers truly want to ensure that every student is having a positive experience at school. If you’re not satisfied after talking with your child’s teacher, then contact the Team Leader. Our three Team Leaders are Jennifer Luce (6th), Melanie White (7th), and Kari Beery (8th). Your child’s Team Leader will organize a meeting after school with you, your student, and some or all of the grade-level team. These meetings have a specific structure and an agenda to ensure that the focus is on helping your child be successful and overcome whatever challenge he/she is facing. If you’re still not satisfied with the outcome of the meeting, then please contact me directly so that we can work together to solve the challenge. We are all on the same team and are working together to help your child become the best version of himself/herself. Take care and have a great September. Go Huskies!</p> <p><u>Important Dates & Deadlines</u></p> <p>Last Call for Trash Bag Sales Due 9.12.16 Please turn in the form and money to Phil Waddell by the end of the day Monday. Proceeds from this sale benefit our athletics teams and student activity programs. Thanks for your support!</p> <p>6th Grade Bradford Woods Field Trip 9.14-16 Most sixth graders will leave for our annual Bradford Woods Field Trip this Wednesday and return on Friday. If you pick up your child early on Friday when the buses return from the trip, please line up at Entrance C. Last year, we implemented a safer, more secure process for picking up students. If someone other than a guardian is picking up your child, please send a written note or call our office by the end of the day on Thursday. We will put together a spreadsheet so that we know who is responsible for picking up each student. 6th grade students may stay until the end of the day and ride the bus home, but many leave early on this day between 1:00 and 2:00. Lunch will be provided for those who stay.</p>		

Friendly Announcements, Updates, and Reminders

Attendance Is Critically Important

Making school attendance a priority now when students are young will help them establish healthy attendance habits when they get to high school. The State considers a student to be chronically absent if he/she misses 18+ days of school per year. We are required to provide a list of names to the State of students who fit this category. Please avoid leaving early for vacations and ensure that your child only misses for significant illnesses. Thank you for your support in helping us reach our goal of 97% attendance rate for the year.

Robotics & STEM Scouts Parent Meeting 9.22.2016

Several students and families have expressed interest in forming a Robotics Club and a potential after school STEM program called STEM Scouts. We are having a parent information meeting at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria. If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please contact Melissa Martin at mmartin@mail.hhsc.k12.in.us. We still need parent mentors and volunteers.

Student Picture Day 9.30.2016

We apologize for the email that was sent last week by our vendor with the incorrect date. November 3 is the picture RETAKE day. If you have any concerns regarding your picture orders, please let me know. *Also, review the form carefully because families with multiple students get a discount.*

Check Lunch Accounts

In middle school, students have the option of purchasing extras along with their regular tray. Sometimes parents can be surprised how much their child spends. Our food service staff regularly asks students if their parents approve of their purchases to avoid any surprises. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Doss, our cafeteria manager, at 317-984-3588 ext. 2030.

Construction Updates at the Middle School

We have had several projects at the middle school over the summer and throughout the beginning of school. We have a new chiller for our HVAC system, we are now getting new roofs over the East and West Gyms, our office HVAC system was replaced, and the wooden bleachers have been removed from the West Gym.

New "Dog Pound" Student Activity Room in the Works

Our School Resource Officer Jon Tindal and several parent and student volunteers have been working diligently to transform an old storage room just off of the stage area in the cafeteria into a fun game and activity room for students. This week we received a donation of carpet to help us make this space even more inviting. This room will provide a location for students to relax and have fun during homeroom, lunch, and after school. If you'd like to make a donation, learn more, or help provide some resources for this vision, please contact Deputy Tindal.

Upcoming Events

September

12-Last Chance to Turn in Trash Bag Sale Forms & \$\$\$
14-6th Grade Bradford Woods Field Trip Begins
14-Early Release Day for Students (2:06)
15-School Board Meeting (HHHS Media Center 7 AM)
15-6th Grade Bradford Woods Field Trip Continues
16-6th Grade Bradford Woods Field Trip Ends
16-7th & 8th Grade Dodge Ball Tournament (3-5)
17-Band March-a-Thon (High School 10-1)
19-22-Book Fair
21-STEM Scouts Meet with Students during Luches
22-Parent Robotics & STEM Scouts Meeting (Cafeteria 6)
28-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
30-Student Picture Day

October

4-Fall Sports & Activities Pep Session (2:00-2:40)
4-Fall Choir Concert (HS Media Center 7:00)
5-8th Grade Skyzone Incentive Field Trip
10-Amber Guard Performance for Grades 7-8 (Homeroom)
11-Superintendent Advisory Group Meeting (HHHS Media Center 6:00 PM) ***All are Welcome!
12-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
14-End of First Nine Weeks Grading Period
17-21-Fall Break (No School)
24-SADD Red Ribbon Week
25-Fall Athletic Awards Night (6:00)
27-School Board Meeting (MS Media Center 7 AM)
28-After School Halloween Dance (3-5)
28-Grade Cards Emailed Home

November

2-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
3-Picture Retakes Day
11-Veteran's Day Program
16-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
17-Group and Club Picture Day
18-After School Dance (3-5)
23-25 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December

2-Movie "Night" After School (3-5)
4-Winter Band Concert (HHHS Auditorium 2:00)
6-Winter Choir Concert (HHHS Auditorium 7:00)
7-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
14-16-Final Exam Days
16-End of Second Nine Weeks Grading Period
26-30-Winter Break (No School)

January

2-First Student Day of Second Semester
6-Grade Cards Emailed Home
11-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
16-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School in Session)
20-After School Dance (3-5)
25-Early Student Release Day (2:06)
28-District Vocal & Piano Contest

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