



Hudson Middle School

2023-2024 Welcome Newsletter

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HMS Registration Information

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to seeing how our 7th and 8th graders have grown, and meeting our incoming 6th graders and students who are new to Hudson. Before you know it, we will be off to an action-packed year of learning and fun. In this newsletter, you will find pertinent information for a successful school year beginning!

HMS Registration Days, Open Building Days, and the PTO Supply Sale for 2023-2024 will be held as follows:

Friday, August 4:	Community Postings in Home Access Center
Wednesday, August 9:	Registration & PTO Supply Sale, Open Building "Walkabout": 12:00pm-3:00pm OR 5:00-7:00pm
Thursday, August 10:	Registration & PTO Supply Sale, Open Building "Walkabout": 12:00pm-3:00pm OR 5:00-7:00pm
Friday, August 11:	New Student Orientation* for <u>newly enrolled students</u> in Grades 6, 7, 8: 10:00am-11:30am; Open Building "Walkabout": 12:00pm-3:00pm
Monday, August 14:	Make-up Registration: 1:00pm-4:00pm; Open Building "Walkabout": 1:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday, August 15:	Building closed to prepare for first day of school
Wednesday, August 16:	First day of school!

Prior to HMS Registration Days:

- **Sign-Up Genius:** Please use this [HMS Registration Sign-Up Genius link](#) to select your Registration date/time. This will help streamline everyone's visit, allowing us to keep lines at a minimum.
- **Final Forms:** To reduce your wait time, parents and students are asked to complete [Final Forms](#) before Registration. If not completed, this will result in a longer wait time during Registration. Once parents have completed Final Forms, students will receive a Final Forms email to complete their forms (**school gmail account can be accessed from any device at home**). 6th grade students must complete Final Forms in order to receive their iPad, due to the iPad registration process.
- **School pictures** are taken on Registration Days. **All students must have a picture taken for the yearbook.** Picture orders are available online at this [Venditti Studio link](#), and should be placed prior to Registration. You will need your student's school ID (this 5-digit number can be found in Final Forms or HAC). **If you have a Venditti account from last year:** please login upon opening the link. It is not necessary to purchase a picture packet, but *students must have a picture taken*. Please remember that students should follow the school dress code for pictures.

On the day of HMS Registration: Please visit our gymnasium, and proceed in the following order:

- STEP 1: Final Forms Checkpoint: Here, we will review your Final Forms. For any parents and students who have not yet completed Final Forms, a Final Forms kiosk will be available for you to do so. **Those who have already completed Final Forms may bypass the kiosk and proceed to Step 2.**
- STEP 2: Registration: Visit the registration tables to receive your schedule, student planner, and locker number. 7th grade will submit a copy of immunization record.
- STEP 3: 7th Grade Only — Complete vision screening.
- STEP 4: Informational Tables: Including Nutrition Services (lunch money collected)
- STEP 5: School Pictures in the gymnasium. All students must have a picture taken for the yearbook.
- STEP 6: Proceed to the wrestling gym to visit the PTO-sponsored Supply Sale. Please stop by!
- STEP 7: 6th Grade and New Students: Proceed to the Media Center for iPad/case/keyboard. Students must be PRESENT and accompanied by a parent/guardian. Final Forms must be completed by students beforehand.
- Optional: Medication Drop-Off—[Review this information from our district nurse](#) about required forms and drop-off times.

Activity Fees and Athletics Pay to Participate Fees

In Final Forms, you may select athletics and activities of interest. You will then receive information via email, including tryouts when applicable. This information will also be on our morning announcements. Signing up in Final Forms does not obligate your child to be part of the group; rather, it provides an additional layer of communication directly to parents/guardians.

Activity Fees: Students participating in our [HMS Clubs/Activities](#) will have a \$20.00 Activity Fee per activity.

Pay to Participate Fees: 7th and 8th grade students participating in [HMS Athletics](#) will have a \$100 Pay to Participate Fee per sport. There is a cap of \$800.00 per family, which includes students enrolled in HMS and HHS.

*New Student Orientation

Students who have enrolled during the summer and are **NEW** to the Hudson community have an opportunity to meet other new students on Friday, August 11th from 10:00–11:30am in our Auditorium. Students who are coming from East Woods to our middle school are welcome to tour the building during Registration Days and any of our Open Building "Walkabout" Days, and are not included in this introductory New Student Orientation.

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Meet the HMS Administrators!



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Meet the HMS Counselors!



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School Supplies—PTO Sale!

Grade level supply lists will be available at Registration. **THANK YOU** to PTO for sponsoring a phenomenal one-stop-shopping opportunity at the PTO Supply Sale on Registration Days, and operating our School Bookstore during lunch periods for student supplies! [Click HERE to join PTO.](#)

School Fees

School fees will be posted in the fall and viewable on HAC (Home Access Center). HMS families will be notified that fees are posted via email. Payment of fees can be made through PaySchools Central or by sending a check to the middle school main office. A student fee schedule is posted for reference on our school web page under the "For Families" tab.

Lockers

Students are assigned a locker each year, located in the team learning area of their team classrooms. This proximity to team classrooms benefits students' organization and time management, and provides immediate visibility and line-of-sight to enhance safety and security. Our lockers are open-faced organizational areas ("cubbies"). They do not have a locker door; hence there is not a lock. All students are expected to access only their materials. Numerous security cameras are placed throughout the building, including in our team learning areas, to add a secure environment.

Backpacks / Drawstring Bags

As we strive for a positive transition from elementary to middle school to high school, we are focused on helping students learn strategies to manage their time and materials effectively. Students may bring a backpack to school and keep it in their locker; backpacks are not permitted in class due to space limitations and classroom safety. **During the school day, students may choose to carry a drawstring bag** to hold their iPad and small items.

Food Allergies

Thank you for your help in keeping our classrooms nut-free! Please take a moment to review the [Safe Snacks List](#) posted on our website regarding precautions for the safety of students in the building with food allergies.

Reporting an Absence

Dial 330-653-1300, press 2, then 4, **each day** your child is absent. Please notify the Attendance Office prior to 9:00am.

Appointments

When a student needs to leave for a scheduled appointment, a written parent note should be presented to the Attendance Office before homeroom the day of the appointment. Students must be signed in and out of the building by a parent/guardian at the attendance office. Students returning to school with a doctor's note may sign themselves back in at the Attendance desk without a parent.

iPad Insurance 8/1 - 9/1/23

iPad Insurance is available during the enrollment window of August 1—Sept 1 for \$25. Enrollment information is available [on our district Technology website](#). (6th graders are able to register once they receive their iPads at Registration).

Positive Student Expectations

Special thanks to our students and staff for their input in developing our [PBIS Positive Expectations Matrix](#). We will be going over these expectations with students and practicing together, so that students know just what to do to be successful and contribute to an incredible culture here at HMS!

Team Advisory Program

Our HMS Team Advisory purpose is to help students grow individually, with one another, as members of our community, and as leaders in the world. With a goal of fostering relationships, Team Advisory is all about connections and personal growth. It's one of the many ways we at HMS ensure that each student feels cared for, connected, and supported. Team Advisory sessions are held once per week during FOCUS. Themes throughout the year include: Know Yourself, Know Each Other, Know Your Community, and Know Your World.

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All Things HMS

What is FOCUS? Team Support? Advisory? Teaming? At Hudson Middle School, we are committed to meeting the needs of each child! Please take a moment to check out our [School Profile "All Things HMS"](#) to learn about our programming and supports that address our young adolescents' social, emotional, and academic needs. The School Profile is located on our webpage:

Hudson Middle School > Our School > School Profile

Communities

Hudson Middle School has over 1000 students in grades six, seven and eight. In order to address the large enrollment, the school has been divided into learning communities, creating a "school within a school" atmosphere. Our communities are academically balanced and consist of students and teachers in each grade. Community names (also called "team names") are: 6th grade - Honor, Integrity, Respect, and Service. 7th grade - Adventurers, Navigators, Trailblazers, and Voyagers. 8th grade - Elm, Franklin, and Oviatt.

HMS Schedule

Please see the Hudson Middle School [Daily Schedule](#) for a visual representation of the school master schedule. Each grade level follows a schedule specific to that grade, including homeroom, 4-5 core periods, 2 encore periods, a lunch period, and a FOCUS period. In 8th grade, we follow a hybrid-block schedule: on Wednesday and Thursday, most of the core periods are scheduled as block periods. The HMS Schedule can also be found on our webpage: **Hudson Middle School > Our School > Daily Schedule**

Curriculum Guide

Please take a moment to review the [HMS Curriculum Guide](#) for a thorough description of each of our course offerings for core, encore, and FOCUS. The Curriculum Guide is located on our webpage: **Hudson Middle School > Our School > Curriculum Guide**

HMS Open Houses

Please mark your calendars for our HMS Open House events!

6th grade: Thursday, August 24th at 6:00pm
7th grade: Wednesday, August 23th at 6:00pm
8th grade: Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00pm

Communication

Visit our website at www.hudson.k12.oh.us to view daily announcements, calendar dates and featured news. Don't forget to register for (or updated your) school notifications, so that you receive updates and announcements directly to your inbox ([Instructions here](#))! Throughout the year, [Dr. Cockley's Principal Page](#) is updated weekly with photos and highlights, and will be emailed home to families. Sports schedules are also accessible through the HMS web page by clicking on Athletics (under both the Students and Families tabs). In addition, for timely and interesting updates about what's-happening-in-our-school, please follow us on Twitter: [@DrKimCockley](#)

We are sincerely looking forward to working with each middle school student and family. Hudson Middle School is a special place, and this is going to be a wonderful year together!

If you have questions regarding this newsletter or any other information, please feel free to contact us at 330-653-1316.

We look forward to seeing you at HMS Registration and throughout the year!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kim Cockley, Principal
Mr. Jamie Ganz, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, Assistant Principal

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HMS Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

With student safety and supervision at the helm of our decisions, please review our arrival and dismissal procedures outlined below.

School Day:

Arrival 7:15am - 7:40am

Homeroom 7:50am

Dismissal 2:50pm

Homeroom: Students are expected to be present in homeroom classes at 7:50am. Students are considered tardy for homeroom at 7:51am. When planning with your child for morning arrival, please remember that your child needs time to visit his/her locker prior to homeroom. **Students arriving by 7:40am typically have enough time to visit friends, visit their locker, and be in homeroom before the bell rings.**

Arrival by Bus: Students will be dismissed from buses at 7:35am to enter the building.

Parent Drop-off / Walkers: The main building entrances will open for students at 7:15am each morning. Students arriving before this time will remain outside of the building and will not have supervision. We ask that you make plans to arrive by or after 7:15am.

After School Procedures: Following the dismissal bell at 2:50pm, students are to proceed to the buses or parent pick-up areas. Walkers also proceed home at this time. Students remaining for after-school activities should report immediately to their designated areas, as determined by their coach or supervisor. Students are not to remain after school to attend late afternoon activities unless they are part of a team or club.

HMS Traffic Pattern: In order to protect the safety of our students, please be aware of the following procedures ([also posted on our website](#), under For Families > Getting to School):

- Bus/car traffic will continue to be separate (generally), for enhanced safety.
- **The Drop Off Zone is ONLY between the cones in front of the building.** This allows for maximum efficiency, keeping traffic moving smoothly and safely.
- **The Pick Up Zone is the entirety of the sidewalk along the drive and throughout the circle.**
- The center lane (eastbound left lane) is for cautious bi-bass/continuous traffic to aid in overall flow.
- **EXIT** options for families/staff: Multiple exit options exist, via: Oviatt Street, Franklin Street, or the access road toward EWIS or Evamere.

