

OUR MISSION: TO DEVELOP SELF-DIRECTED, LIFELONG LEARNERS OF GOOD CHARACTER.

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Dear Hoover Middle Dragons and Families:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope you have enjoyed your summer, and that you are as excited as we are to return to school!

We are committed to providing a school environment that promotes a feeling of safety and engages students and staff in meaningful work together. We value our families and community, and welcome your input along the way.

We are welcoming Mr. Michael Haggerty to our administrative team from Franklin Middle School. Mr. Haggerty is eager to work with our families, students and staff this year and looks forward to meeting you during locker move-in and Open House.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Locker Move-In- ALL Grades (Get settled and practice walking your schedule)
 - Wed., Aug 31st anytime between 2:00PM-4:00PM (use door #31 or #27)
 - Bring your schedule with you as it contains your locker information
- ❖ Orientation for 5th grade students - Students ONLY
 - Thur., Sept 1st from 8:00AM-9:45AM. Transportation will be provided if you qualify for a bus (info to come from Transportation Dept). Drop off is at door 27 on Thorncliff. Dismissal will begin at 9:45AM.
- ❖ Orientation for NEW 6th & 7th grade students- Students ONLY
 - Thur., Sept 1st from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Transportation is NOT provided. Family dropoff at door 27 beginning at 9:50AM.
- ❖ First Day of School (a full day, Day 1)
 - Tues., Sept. 6th, 8:10AM - 2:51PM
 - Please bring your schedule with you!
- ❖ First PTA meeting- HMS cafe (enter door #20)
 - Mon., Sept. 12th, 6:30PM
- ❖ Open House - more information to follow.
 - Thurs., Sept. 15th, 6PM-8PM

DRAGON FUN

- ❖ We encourage all Dragons to participate:
 - Wearing green or Hoover gear on Mondays!
 - "Dress it up" Tuesday
 - Wellness Wednesdays - wear workout gear
 - Thursday is Kindness Day! Kindness shirts and/or extend extra kindness
 - Sports Day - favorite team gear or Buffalo gear - on Fridays!
- ❖ Other spirit days will be announced throughout the year.
- ❖ We value our students and want you to be "fully present". Therefore, cell phones must be off (powered down) and away upon entry to the building and may be powered on when you exit the building.

LOGISTICS

- ❖ Students may enter school at 7:50AM (Door 31 on Thorncliff for bus riders and Door 27 for drop off/walkers). Please use Door 1 after 8:10 AM. All students will report to their locker and 1st period class, or the cafeteria for breakfast. For safety reasons, AVOID the bus loop on the Thorncliff (front) side of the building and be advised there is no adult supervision before the doors open at 7:50AM.
- ❖ All students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch! HMS will no longer have straws to lessen waste and be more environmentally friendly.
- ❖ All students receive a FREE agenda to stay organized and a chromebook!
- ❖ Our Transportation Department (716-874-8611) will contact families that qualify for transportation with specific details.
- ❖ Any student riding a bicycle to school can lock it on the rack in front of the school on Thorncliff.
- ❖ During the school day, all visitors enter through Door #1 located on Thorncliff. All visitors will need to show a picture ID.
- ❖ **ONLINE Resources-**<https://www.ktufsd.org/domain/2937>
 - Code of Conduct/Family Brochure/Grade K-12 Code
 - Supply Lists
 - PTA Membership Information
 - Hoover Middle expectations document
 - Letter to families from the Office of Data & Accountability
 - To access parent portal, please use this link:
<https://sites.google.com/ktufsd.org/infinite-campus> HMS will be live after Fri., Aug 19th to check your IC information



Mental Health Providers

Grade 5 - Mrs. LaRoach and Mr. Schwob	Grade 6 - Mrs. Vittum and Mr. Schwob
Grade 7 & Team 9 - Mrs. Cipolla and Mr. Schwob	School Psychologist - Mr. Lawrence Scott
Social Worker - Ms. Brittany Zucco	School Psychologist - Mrs. Katie Wojcik

We look forward to an exciting and successful school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 716-874-8405. Please join our facebook page and our PTA facebook page. Moving forward, we will aim for digital communications. Enjoy what remains of the summer!

Sincerely,

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Grades 5 & 7

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Grade 6

Hoover Middle School...where a dragon R.O.A.R.S.!

Responsibility
Ownership
Attitude
Respect
Safety

