

September 14, 2020

Dear Hammond families,

We are hopeful that families found ways to safely reconnect with friends and family while enjoying the beautiful weather. While our first week of virtual learning provided learning opportunities for each of us, the opportunities to see students engage with classmates and teachers brought smiles to the faces of many.

As we prepare to start week two of virtual learning, we have streamlined our communication strategies for families with the goals of **reducing the overall quantity** of electronic messages as well to **bring increased clarity** to students' daily and weekly schedules. In addition, families are encouraged to review the [Canvas Orientation video](#) for increased understanding of students' Canvas pages.

- Homeroom/ELA teachers will send a weekly schedule announcement tomorrow morning.

- Homeroom/ELA teachers will send an additional announcement on Wednesday morning to remind families of the asynchronous learning activities for the day.

- Students' Canvas calendars will include all live, synchronous learning sessions for each day.

Thank you for taking time to review our additional updates including information about **Spotlight Students** and upcoming **recruitment efforts for chorus, orchestra, and band, and free shipping for HES School Spirit**. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming **Back-To-School nights** (see below).

Families continue to be encouraged to use our linked forms to request additional support for [school supplies](#) and [technology support](#). We look forward to working with you to resolve concerns as quickly as possible.

School Counselor Support

[Mrs. Kennedy](#), our School Counselor, is also available to support students and families when adjusting to our virtual learning environment. Please do not hesitate to contact her for additional assistance (mkennedy@hcpss.org).

Social Emotional Learning - Spotlight Students

Please take a moment to review information about [Spotlight Students](#), which is a part of our Social Emotional Learning program. Students participate in Social Emotional Learning activities each morning from 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Recruiting for Chorus, Orchestra & Band

Attention All 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Students & Parents - If you are interested in joining one of our Music ensemble groups, please visit our [Recruitment Website](#).

PTA School Spirit

HES spiritwear has [free shipping](#) Sept 18 and goes through October 5th! Please visit www.spiritwear.com for more information!

Wishing families a wonderful week,

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Calendar Reminders

- **Tuesday, September 22nd**
 - 6:00 p.m. - Virtual Back-To-School Nights
 - Kindergarten
 - First Grade
 - 6:45 p.m. - Virtual Back-To-School Nights
 - Second Grade
 - Third Grade
- **Wednesday, September 23rd**
 - 5:30 p.m. - Virtual Back-To-School Nights
 - 4th & 5th Grade GT Math
 - 6:00 p.m. - Virtual Back-To-School Nights
 - Fourth Grade
 - Fifth Grade
- **Tuesday, September 29th**
 - 7:00 p.m. - Virtual PTA Meeting

Need technical support while working from home?

- [Directions for connecting a Chromebook to Wi-Fi](#) to connecting to your home network.
- [Directions for students who forgot their username and/or password](#)
- Learn how to navigate the [Canvas Calendar](#)
- [Virtual Instruction Student Tip Sheet](#)
- [Student Technology Resources](#): Provides guides, resources and videos for HCPSS student technology. Below are some direct links to commonly used resources:
 - [Canvas Orientation](#) - includes how to navigate Canvas
 - [Google Meet](#) - includes a [video overview](#) of how to login

- [Chromebooks](#) - provides a variety of resources for using an HCPSS Chromebook

If after reviewing those resources, you need additional support, we encourage families to please use the linked forms to request additional support for [school supplies](#) and [technology support](#). We look forward to working with you to resolve concerns as quickly as possible.

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Previously Shared Resources

[Technology Devices & Support](#)

[Google Meet Expectations for Students and Parents/Guardians](#)

[Meals for Students](#)

[Free Vaccine Clinics](#)