



Hopewell Valley Central High School

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Dear HV Central High School Families,

As we approach the end of the summer, I am anxiously awaiting the return of our students and looking forward to another fantastic year at CHS! Our construction is continuing through the fall, and we are excited by the work done thus far. For the first time, our school will open with an updated HVAC system in the 200 hallway. We thank all of our families and community members who supported the referendum, and appreciate your continued patience as the much-needed upgrades continue.

Please see the items below for important information for the next few weeks:

Construction

With the continuation of construction, our temporary main office remains at the end of the 300 hall, off of the solar lot. All visitors to the building should enter through the door marked "#9". During arrival time only, from 7:00am - 7:45am, students may use the bus loop/400 hallway doors to enter the building. The PAC lobby entrance and the 300 hallway door may be used to enter the school from 7:00am - 2:45pm. Once our construction is complete, all visitors and students will use the new main entrance to access the building. We ask families to please abide by the directions of the staff in the parking lots during arrival and dismissal, as this is a very busy time and we want all students to be safe.

OnCourse - Student Information

We will be using OnCourse to communicate many important details about the upcoming school year. Beginning on Wednesday, August 22nd, you will be able to access your child's schedule on the left hand side after you login. By clicking on "Other Student Data" students and parents will be able to see their bus number, bus stop, and other important information. Please note that in the coming weeks, transportation will be sending out an email that includes your child's actual bus pass that they should print out and bring with them on the first day of school.

Since the Counseling Office operates with a reduced staff during the summer months, please do not contact your child's assigned counselor directly if you have a question about their schedule. Any questions related to schedules should be sent to: chsscheduling@hvrstd.org. Only requests for changes related to unscheduled sessions, prerequisite sequencing errors, or incorrect level placement will be considered. Elective changes and requests for specific staff will not be considered or approved. Elective changes and course drop requests should be submitted via the [Course Change Request Form](#) prior to September 14, and will be reviewed by the Course Change Request Committee on September 17. Please note that we will continue working on appeals placements and other administrative changes throughout the final weeks of summer. Schedules may be modified before the first day of school as a result of these changes, so please plan to confirm your schedule in OnCourse after September 1.

Once the school year begins, you will be able to view daily attendance, homework, as well as report cards at the end of each marking period in the OnCourse system. Teachers at the high school will be once again be using the OnCourse Learning Management System. A learning management system (LMS) is an educational tool that allows teachers to deliver assignments, resources, tests, etc. electronically through OnCourse. Students will be able to submit work to their teachers via this system.

If you experience any problems trying to access your OnCourse account, please email us at Registrar@hvrsd.org or call 737-4000 ext. 2304.

Reminder about Early Student Pick-Up

In order to minimize disruption in the classroom, when picking up your student early, please have the student bring a note to the main office at 7:30 a.m. The student will then be given a pass to leave class at the designated time. In the event of an unforeseen pick-up, call the CHS main office as early as possible so that the student can be called for a pass to leave class. The number is (609) 737-4003.

Recitation Period

We have included a “Recitation” period into our daily schedule this year, providing all students access to recitation help in all subject areas. Each regular class session will be 53 minutes long, and the “Recitation” period will be scheduled in between the second and third sessions of each day, for 35 minutes. [Click here for a copy of the schedules at CHS.](#) This period will not rotate; all of the other periods will continue to rotate and drop around this period. Each student will be assigned to a teacher, and daily attendance will be taken. All students, grades 9-12, are expected to attend, just as they do every other class. Specific policies and procedures will be shared with students during the opening days in September.

Chromebooks

Any student who turned in their Chromebook at the end of last school year can pick it up in the Media Center on the first day of school. Chromebooks can be used during the school day and at home to collaborate with classmates and to complete coursework and homework. All students are expected to follow the district technology policies, found via the following link: [Hopewell Technology Policies](#) Since Chromebooks are district property, please be aware that fines will be assessed for damages that have incurred, and replacement Chromebooks will not be issued until damage fines are paid.

School Identification Cards

All students must wear their student ID badges at all times while in the building. A lanyard and ID case will be provided to all students on the first day of school. ID badges will be used for a variety of different purposes such as **purchasing lunch, signing out books in the media center, opening exterior doors and printing** from their Chromebook. If a student misplaces or loses their ID, they should report it immediately to the Vice Principal’s office so that they can be issued a new ID. There will be a fee of \$5 for a replacement ID, and \$1 each replacement fee for the lanyard and ID case.

Back-to-School Documents

We are posting all summer mailing documents on the [CHS Virtual Backpack](#) on the district website. Some documents will need to be printed and returned to school by mail or with your student. To access the Virtual Backpack, go to the high school web page and follow the link for Virtual Backpack. Copies of the summer mailing documents are available in the main office at the high school for those who do not wish to print the documents.

Important Dates

In addition, please make note of some important events scheduled for the fall. Ninth grade and new students, and their parents are invited to our annual **Freshman/New Students' Pizza and Ice Cream Party** which will be held on Tuesday, September 4th, at 5:00 p.m. in the old gym. Please confirm your attendance by completing this [form](#). Our **Back to School Night** is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th, and our annual **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on November 16th and 19th.

PTO Directories

You should have received an email earlier today with the subject line “HVCHS Directory Confirmation.” Please review, update, and complete your student and family information for the Central High School Directory using the instructions and link provided. If you did NOT receive the confirmation email, you may not be in our database. To add your family to the directory database, please go to this [link](#).

School Pictures

Please note that school pictures for all students will take place on Thursday, September 6, during wellness classes, study halls and lunch. All students will be required to have their pictures taken. Information to purchase portrait packages can be found in the [Virtual Backpack](#) on the CHS page of the district website. The money for portrait packages is due on the day that the photo is taken. Any student not present on Thursday will be able to get their picture taken on Friday, September 7.

I hope that you enjoy the last days of summer with your family. We look forward to working with you in completing our most important task, the education of our students.

Sincerely,

Tana Smith
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