

Greetings Bulls,

We are excited for our students to return on August 4, 2025! Please review this information so we start the year off on the same foot. Please let us know if we can assist your child this year, as we are eager to help them succeed!

Our Building Procedures: Our facility has been cleaned and is ready for students to return. We are being spoiled with an extension to add classrooms, new flooring throughout the building, and a new bus route!

- o Use of backpacks rather than lockers (Please email Mrs. Lett to coordinate lockers if needed).
- o Water bottle refilling stations and water fountains.
- o Students are required to bring or wear appropriate tennis shoes to participate in P.E. daily.
- o Breakfast and lunch are served and eaten in the cafeteria.

Instructional Procedures: Our teachers will progress through coursework based on students' demonstrated mastery of the standards. Our teachers will:

- o Utilize Canvas.
- o Provide tiered instruction.
- o Enter 2 classroom grades per week, each grading period; 3 of the grades will be test grades.
- o Assign homework.
- o Utilize digital platforms such as i-Ready, ALEKS, Accelerated Reader, Study Sync, MyOn, McGraw-Hill, and Pearson.
- o Offer weekly office hours to assist students outside of the school day based on student needs.

Breakfast: Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. in the cafeteria and costs \$1.50 per meal unless your family qualifies for reduced/fee breakfast. Menus and information are available at:

<https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/child-nutrition-program>

Break: HCMS offers a morning break and healthy snack opportunities from 10:04 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. Students may bring a snack from home.

Lunch: Lunch costs \$2.65 per meal unless your family qualifies for a reduced lunch. Students may purchase lunch or bring a packed lunch from home. (Menus and information are available at:

<https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/child-nutrition-program>).

- o Snacks are occasionally available for purchase from our cafeteria staff.
- o Lunch is eaten during the 5th period.
- o Please do not send soda.
- o Microwaves are not available for students.
- o You manage your child's breakfast and lunch money by creating an account: EZSchoolPay.com
- o You may apply for reduced-price and free breakfast/lunch at: EZMealApp.com

Recommended School Supply List:

3 Ring Binder Subject dividers with folders (7) Loose-leaf paper Pencils Pens	Erasers Headphones – Corded (No AirPods) Scissors Dry-erase markers Highlighter	Composition notebooks (2) Colored pencils Glue Stick Water bottle District issued device
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Our Rotating Bell Schedule: We are operating a traditional seven-period bell schedule, along with Toro Time. Bell schedules for a regular school day, activity schedule, two-hour delay, and early release are at the back of this handout. Our bell schedule rotates weekly. This allows teachers and students to interact at different times of the day, which has been proven to enhance student learning and engagement. We have six different rotating schedules, with 5th period always remaining at the same time to facilitate lunch. A 2025-2026 calendar with the bell schedule we will be implementing each week is at the back of this packet.

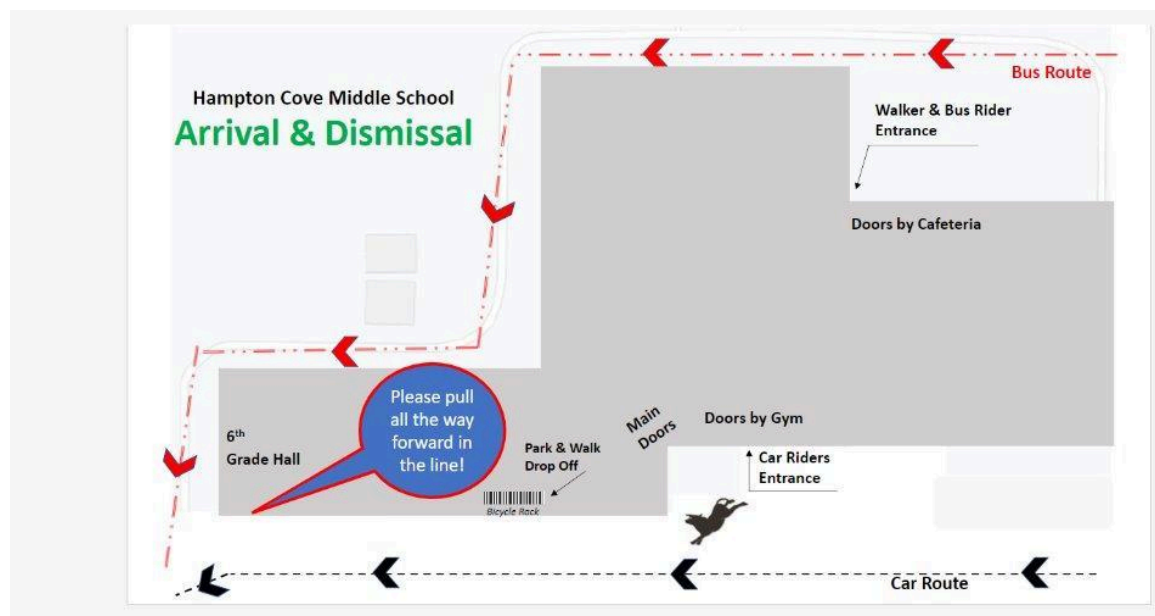
Arrival Procedures:

- o School starts at 8:00. Please make plans to have your child *inside* the building prior to 8:00 am!
- o The school is not open for student arrival prior to 7:30 a.m. unless the student is a bus rider.
- o Bus Riders enter through the back cafeteria doors.
- o Walkers enter through the back cafeteria doors adjacent to the cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
- o Car Riders enter through the front gym doors from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- o ***Please pull as far forward in the line as possible.*** This assists in moving 500+ students on campus in a thirty-minute window!
- o Park & Walk Lot: Parents utilizing the Park and Walk Lot must walk their students across the crosswalk to ensure student safety. Students may not walk from the Park and Walk Lot or from the Greenway under Old HWY 431 without a parent. Student safety is the primary concern.

Dismissal Procedures:

- o Walkers exit through the back cafeteria doors at 3:00 p.m.
- o Bus Riders move to the gym to wait for their bus.
- o Car Riders exit through the gym doors beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please pull all the way forward in the line.
- o Park & Walk Lot: Parents utilizing the Park and Walk Lot must meet their students across the crosswalk at the bike racks to ensure student safety.
- o Students may not walk to the Park and Walk Lot, under Old HWY 431 to the Greenway, or to Chick-fil-A

Bus Routes: Assigned seats will be required, and siblings from the same household may sit together. Bus routes can be viewed at <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/busroutes>.



Athletics: We are lucky to have coaches from within our school community who coach and mentor our student-athletes! Our sports are football, volleyball, basketball, track, and soccer.

- o Practices will be scheduled after school between 3:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- o Fans may attend games by purchasing tickets through GoFan.com
- o Students are welcome to attend games under the supervision of a parent or adult.
- o Concessions will be sold.
- o The HCS clear bag policy is in effect.

Athletic Director
Football
Volleyball
Cheer
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys & Girls Track
Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer

Alexandra Hall
Kenneth Williams
Kirsten Putzier
Haley Owings
Kenneth Williams
Reginald Williams
Colton Costa
Eric Norman
DeAngelo Johnson

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Kenneth.williams@hsv-k12.org
Reginaldwilliams528@gmail.com
Colton.costa@hsv-k12.org
eric.norman@hsv-k12.org
Deangelo.johnson@hsv-k12.org

Clubs: This year, we are implementing a monthly club during the school day! Our staff is excited to interact with our students and promote broader social-emotional growth. Our after-school clubs begin in September! Information will be shared through Schoology, Homeroom, and The Bull Pen. Our after-school clubs are sponsored by a dedicated group of school leaders, for which we are all grateful.

Student Council
Math Team

Olivia Wilson
Courtney Stephens

Olivia.wilson@hsv-k12.org
Courtney.stephens@hsv-k12.org

Robotics Team	Melissa Snider	Melissa.snider@hsv-k12.org
Science Olympiad	Melissa Snider	Melissa.snider@hsv-k12.org
Academic Team		
Cyber Patriot	DeAngelo Johnson	Deangelo.johnson@hsv-k12.org
National Junior Honor Society	Abigail Pinkerton	Abigail.pinkerton@hsv-k12.org
Theater Club	Joe Whitaker	Joseph.whitaker@hsv-k12.org

Student Behavior: At times, our students exhibit behaviors that provide opportunities for them to grow socially and emotionally. Middle school is an opportune time for our students to learn lessons in a supportive environment. By working with the administrative team, you can help your child grow from these experiences, better preparing them for high school and beyond. HCMS adheres to the HCS policies and guidelines outlined in the HCS Student Code of Conduct. Please reach out to our Assistant Principal, Stephanie Lett, with any specific questions at Stephanie.lett@hsv-k12.org

IT Support: If your child has difficulty with the internet or a digital learning platform, please reach out to Ms. Powell at jennifer.powell@hsv-k12.org or the HCS IT Department at helpdesk@hsv-k12.org or 256-428-6900.

Chromebooks and Chargers: Students need to charge their Chromebooks at home. Students are accountable for the charger they are assigned. Devices will be issued during the first and second week of school.

Grades Online (PowerSchool Student Access): Your child can view their PowerSchool page by logging into their Clever Account and selecting the PowerSchool App tile.

Grades Online (PowerSchool Parent Access): You can view your child's grades in PowerSchool. We will send parents specific registration information within the first month of school. You may also reach out to our office staff at 256-428-8380.

Clever: Students use Clever to access various platforms, including Schoology and PowerSchools. To login go to: <https://clever.com> -> Select Huntsville City Schools -> select Login with active directory -> sign in with your student email address (first name. last name@stu.hsv-k12.org) -> student's individualized password

Google Drive (Student Access): Students may access their Google Drive by going to:
<https://drive.google.com> -> select *Sign into Google Drive* -> sign in with your student email address (first name. last name@stu.hsv-k12.org) -> your password is your six-digit birthday -> select *Sign in with your organizational account* -> sign in with your student email address (first name. last name@stu.hsv-k12.org) -> your password is your six digit birthday (If you are logged in under another Gmail account – please log out and log back in using your HCS student account)

Communication: Open lines of communication will make the school year smoother for all of us. Below are the platforms you can expect information from:

- o Blackboard: A system to deliver messages from HCMS and HCS via phone call, text, and email. Blackboard uses the contact information from PowerSchool to send messages, so it is important for parents and staff to keep their contact information current in PowerSchool.

- My School Fees:** To pay school, athletic, and club-associated fees online use “School Fees”

- Spirit Wear:** Order your HCMS apparel through: LadyBugzDesigns:
<https://www.ladybugzdesigns.com/collections/hampton-cove-middle-school-spirit-shop>

Questions: Please assist us by helping our child start to develop his/her self-advocacy skills. We want our students to start developing the ability to speak to adults about their grades and assignments, and to ask for help.

- o Grades and Coursework – contact the teacher first, please firstname.lastname@hsv-k12.org
- o Attendance – Beth Chambers at elizabeth.chambers@hsv-k12.org
- o School Information: Beth Chambers at elizabeth.chambers@hsv-k12.org
- o School Administrative Specialist: Suzanne Buchanan at suzanne.buchanan@hsv-k12.org
- o Cafeteria and Nutrition: Latonya Williams at latonya.williams@hsv-k12.org
- o Counselor: Crystal Hunter at crystal.hunter@hsv-k12.org
- o Counselor: Emily Sockwell at emily.sockwell@hsv-k12.org
- o Nurse: Christine Brown at christine.brown@hsv-k12.org
- o Librarian: Jennifer Powell at jennifer.powell@hsv-k12.org
- o Assistant Principal Stephanie Lett: stephanie.lett@hsv-k12.org
- o Principal: Kristopher Martinez at kristopher.martinez@hsv-k12.org

Resources:

- o HCS 2025-2026 School Calendar:
https://core-docs.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/4113/hcs/4779919/2025-26_School_Year_Calendar_Work_Schedule.pdf
- o HCMS website: <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/o/hcms>
- o HCS Student & Parent Handbook: <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org>(Available under the Parent Info Section)
- o HCS Behavioral Learning Guide:
<https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/behavioral-learning>
- o HCS Lunch Menus: <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/page/child-nutrition-program>
- o Bus Routes & Information:
<https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/operations/transportation>

Bell Schedules:

HCMS Daily Bell Schedule			
T	8:00 - 8:28		28 min
1	8:31 - 9:21		50 min
2	9:24 - 10:14		50 min
3	10:17 - 11:07		50 min
4	11:10 - 12:00		50 min
5	12:03 - 1:15		50 min
5th & Lunch	First Lunch	Second Lunch	50 min & 22 min
	Lunch: 12:03- 12:25	Instruction: 12:03 -12:53	
	Instruction: 12:25 - 1:15	Lunch: 12:53 - 1:15	
6	1:18 - 2:08		50 min
7	2:11 - 3:00		50 min

HCMS 2025-2026 Rotating Schedule	
QUARTER 1	
Calendar Week	Bell Schedule
Aug. 4 - 8	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Aug. 11 - 15	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Aug. 18 - 22	Week 2: TT, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 1
Aug. 25 - 29	Week 3: TT, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 2
Sept. 2 - 5	Week 4: TT, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2, 3
Sept. 8 - 12	Week 6: TT, 6, 7, 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
Sept. 15 - 19	Week 7: TT, 7, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6
Sept. 22 - 26	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	Week 2: TT, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 1
QUARTER 2	
Oct. 13 - 17	Week 3: TT, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 2
Oct. 20 - 24	Week 4: TT, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2, 3
Oct. 27 - 31	Week 6: TT, 6, 7, 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
Nov. 3 - 7	Week 7: TT, 7, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6
Nov. 10 - 14	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Nov. 17 - 21	Week 2: TT, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 1
Nov. 24 - 25	Week 3: TT, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 2
Dec. 1 - 5	Week 4: TT, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2, 3
Dec. 8 - 12	Week 6: TT, 6, 7, 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
Dec. 15 - 19	Week 7: TT, 7, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6
QUARTER 3	
Jan. 6 - 9	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Jan. 12 - 16	Week 2: TT, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 1
Jan. 20 - 23	Week 3: TT, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 2
Jan. 26 - 30	Week 4: TT, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2, 3
Feb. 2 - 6	Week 6: TT, 6, 7, 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
Feb. 9-13	Week 7: TT, 7, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6
Feb. 17 - 20	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Feb. 23 - 27	Week 2: TT, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 1
Mar. 2 - 6	Week 3: TT, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 2
Mar. 9 - 13	Week 4: TT, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2, 3
QUARTER 4	
Mar. 23 - 27	Week 6: TT, 6, 7, 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
Mar. 30 - Apr. 3	Week 7: TT, 7, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6
Apr. 6 - 10	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Apr. 13 - 17	Week 2: TT, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 1
Apr. 20 - 24	Week 3: TT, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 2
Apr. 27 - May 1	Week 4: TT, 4, 6, 7, 1, 5, 2, 3
May 4 - May 8	Week 6: TT, 6, 7, 1, 2, 5, 3, 4
May 11 - 15	Week 7: TT, 7, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 6
May 18 - 21	Week 1: TT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Upcoming Events

Jul 24, 2025 Camp Toro

Aug 1, 2025 Schedule Pickup 9-11 and 1-3

(registration must be complete to get schedule)

Aug 4, 2025 First Day for students

Aug 5, 2025 8th Grade Chromebook

Distribution

Aug 6, 2025 7th Grade Chromebook

Distribution

Aug 7, 2025 6th Grade Chromebook

Distribution

Aug 11, 2025 I-Ready Testing Math

Aug 14, 2025 I-Ready Testing ELA

Aug 21, 2025 Welcome Back Night

Aug 22, 2025 Club Day

Aug 29, 2025 Student Half Day