



Welcome to Holten Richmond Middle School

Grade 5 Parent Orientation

May 9, 2019

HRMS Staff

- Adam Federico, Principal
- Deborah Arno, Assistant Principal (Grade 6/7)
- Patrick Hamilton Assistant Principal (Grade 7/8)
- Ellyn Feerick, Curriculum Director
- Christine Purcell, Guidance Counselor
- Kathy Spinale, Secretary to the Principal
- Rachel Saggese, Secretary to the Vice Principals
- Annamaria Piatelli, Guidance Secretary
- Kelly Pszeny, Office Aide

Tonight's Agenda

- 0 Student Orientation Timeline
- 0 Grade 6 Curriculum
- 0 Grade 6 Exploratory Classes
- 0 The Adolescent Learner
- 0 Grade 6 Teams & Schedule
- 0 Extra Curricular Offerings
- 0 Getting Involved at HRMS
- 0 Home-School Communication
- 0 Chromebooks

Orientation Timeline

- Class visits by HRMS Team (week of March 11th)
- Administrative Meetings (April 8th)
- Grade 5 Visits & Tour of HRMS (week of April 22nd)
- Town wide Grade 5 Visit to HRMS June 3rd
- Notification of team assignment in mid August by email
- Self-guided HRMS Tour Late August

Grade 6 Curriculum

- Made up of five core classes
- ELA
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies (World Geography and Ancient Civilizations)
- French or Spanish

Exploratory Subjects

Trimester Based Courses

- O* Art
- O* Computers
- O* Media Production
- O* Exploring Music
- O* Public Speaking & Drama
- O* Technology Education

Year Long Courses

- O* Band
- O* Chorus
- O* All Year Art
- O* Physical Education

Supporting the Adolescent Learner

Assistant Principals

- O* Deborah Arno (Grade 6/7)
- O* Patrick Hamilton (Grades 7/8)

Student Support Services

- O* Christine Purcell (Grade 6 Guidance Counselor)
- O* School Social Workers
- O* Janelle Moroney & Susan Rich (School Nurses)
- O* SAP Program with Lahey Health Services
- O* Derek Colella (Danvers Police Department)

HRMS Guidance Dept.

Guidance and the Transition Process

- -Elementary school visits
- -5th grade tours
- -Available the week before school starts
- -Meet with teams first week of school
- -Orientation to middle school lesson delivered early in the school year to all 6th graders
- -Remain with students for three years

Grade 6 Teams

- 3 teams of approximately 80-85 students each
- Teams include a math, ELA, science and social studies teacher
- All teams work with world language, special education and student support faculty
- Students from all three teams mix for exploratory courses and during lunch

Why teams?

- Small, caring learning environments in which the staff know and understand your children
- Heterogeneous placement with input from Grade 5 teachers and staff
- Common planning time to discuss students, curriculum and interdisciplinary experiences
- Hold team building and social events
- Promote cross curricular learning

Grade 6 Schedule

- Six blocks each day that are 53 minutes long
- The order of blocks rotates each day so students have their classes at different times throughout the week
- Blue and white days determine which exploratory courses students will have each day
- Lunch is 25 minutes long. All 6th graders eat together.

HRMS Bell Schedule

	White	Blue	White	Blue	White	Blue	White
HOMEROOM 7:30-7:35 AM	→						
PER. 1	A	G	F	E	D	C	B
PER. 2	B	A	G	F	E	D	C
PER. 3	C	B	A	G	F	E	D
PER. 4	D	C	B	A	G	F	E
PER. 5 Lunches Block	E	D	C	B	A	G	F
PER. 6	F	E	D	C	B	A	G
DROP	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

Extra Curricular Offerings

- ◊ Grade 6 student council
- ◊ Helping Hawks (community service)
- ◊ HRMS Theatre Organization HRTO
- ◊ Intramural Sports (basketball, dodgeball, soccer, flag football, floor hockey)
- ◊ Danvers CARES Youth Leaders
- ◊ HAWKS News, Engineering Club
- ◊ Ski Club, book clubs, school store
- ◊ Cross country, track, field hockey, golf

Getting Involved at HRMS

- PAC (plans social and fundraising events)
- School Council (writes school improvement plan)
- Magazine Drive
- Monthly Slush Sale
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Sign up sheet in the back

Home-School Communication

Academic Progress

- 0 Powerschool Portal
- 0 Trimester Progress Reports & Report Cards
- 0 Parent/Teacher Conferences Day (usually late Nov. or early Dec)
- 0 Student Led Year End Conference (June 2018)

General Communication

- 0 E-mail blasts, website and Twitter
- 0 Principal's Coffee Events & Newsletters
- 0 Google Classroom
- 0 Telephone and email

Environmental Camp

- o Since 1989 HRMS Grade 6 students have attended an environmental camp
- o The whole grade will attend Nature's Classroom at Camp Cody in NH for 3 days and 2 nights toward the end of October
- o Cost is approximately \$300 due in late September/early October- Please budget!
- o More information will come in the August mailing and at an information night

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not required at middle school. Most social media apps are intended for ages 15 and up.

Cell phones can pose distractions to learning during the day.

Our expectation is that cell phones are not used by students during the school day and they may be confiscated if it becomes a repeated problem.

Chromebooks

- Each student will be issued a Chromebook & charger in late August
- Individual student Google Drive account
- Google Classrooms by subject. Students are invited to join by the teacher. Assignments can be submitted via Google Drive to teachers or to the Classroom
- Insurance (covers theft, spills, drops) is paid by families & will be collected in the fall.

Thank You

We look forward to forging a three year relationship with you in helping to developing your whole child.