

August 14, 2020

Welcome to the WLMS 20-21 school year from your WLMS Administration! We are here to make great things happen! Please feel free to reach out to us if we can help you in any way. Remember to check out our website <http://wlms.hcpss.org> for updated messages.

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6<sup>th</sup> grade student last names beginning with the letter N through Z  
7<sup>th</sup> grade – all students

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6<sup>th</sup> grade student last names beginning with the letter A through M  
8<sup>th</sup> grade – all students.

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7<sup>th</sup> grade – student last names beginning with A through L

8<sup>th</sup> grade – all students

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6<sup>th</sup> grade – all students

7<sup>th</sup> grade – student last names beginning with M through Z

#### **Family File now available for the 2020-21 school year:**

Parents can now access and complete the Family File for the 2020-21 school year. **Parents must complete the Family File every year, even during virtual learning**, to ensure HCPSS has the most current information for each child. Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to verify, or update their information. Please visit HCPSS Connect - [Complete Family File](#) for detailed instructions.

#### **Does your child need a Chromebook and/or internet access?**

Through grants and additional funds, HCPSS is able to purchase a sufficient amount of devices necessary to eventually achieve a 1:1 student-to-device ratio for all students in grades pre-K through 12. Due to vendor delays, order fulfillment will not arrive as expected and HCPSS is adjusting its device distribution plan.

Parents/guardians will receive detailed instructions on picking up Chromebooks from their child's school in the coming weeks.

- HCPSS will provide a Chromebook to every student in middle school within the first quarter.
- While devices are being procured, parents/guardians of middle school students currently in need of a device may request one.
- Requests will be prioritized based on students' access to personal devices meeting the minimum requirements.

Middle and high school families can request a Chromebook using the directions below. Elementary families do not need to request a device.

In addition to Chromebooks, any family without access to the internet should notify the school system using the directions below. HCPSS is working with the Bright Minds Foundation and Comcast to support families who may be eligible to participate in the [Comcast Internet Essentials program](#). Additionally, HCPSS will prioritize distribution of a limited number of hot spots to families who cannot obtain access to the internet.

**To identify your need for a Chromebook or internet:**

1. Parents/guardians should log onto [HCPSS Connect](#)
2. From the left menu, last choice, select “More Options” then choose “Student Technology” from the center of the screen.
3. On the HCPSS Student Technology screen, use the drop down arrows to indicate the Technology Requested for each student. Changes are saved immediately.
4. If a device has already been issued, it will appear in the inventory list. If a student already has a device issued, a new request will not be processed.
5. Families will receive a confirmation email with necessary information, including pickup location, date and time.

**Summer Meals Extended to Aug. 28:** The [free Grab-N-Go summer meals program](#) has been extended through Friday, August 28.

**Free and Reduced Meals Program:** The coronavirus pandemic is causing a lot of hardship for many of our friends and neighbors. Many HCPSS families have been impacted financially by the pandemic, and may be eligible now to receive benefits through the Free and Reduced Price Meals (FARMs) program. Qualifying families can take advantage of a wide range of additional resources. [HCPSS Food Services Website](#)

**Sample Student Schedule**

In order for you to prepare for the school year, attached is a sample student schedule.

Students new to WLMS and incoming 6th graders can still access our orientation video from June while you wait in anticipation for the Fall New Student Orientation. Check out our website!

The first day of school for students will now be Tuesday, September 8.

Spring break will be Friday-Tuesday, April 2-6.

The last day of school, pending inclement weather, will be Tuesday, June 15.

<https://www.hcpss.org/calendar/>