

## WLMS Newsletter 8.20.2020

Greetings WLMS Tigershark Families.

We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the 20/21 school year. The WLMS staff will be returning on August 25<sup>th</sup> (virtually) and are excited to get the year started.

Housekeeping items:

- 1) Make sure you update your family file. It is extremely important this year as your phone number and email address is vital for communication in our virtual setting.
- 2) Please check to see if your voice mailbox is accepting messages and is not too full in case an administrator needs to contact you.
- 3) We are finalizing the student schedules and they should be available the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will send out a HCPSS News blast as soon as they are ready for viewing.

### **Important Dates:**

**August 25** – Staff return virtually

**August 27** – Pick up of items left in the building since March (See Below)

**August 27** – Drop off of Media Books/HCPSS Instruments, etc. (See Below)

**August 31 & Sept 1** – Tentative dates for distribution of new materials (more information to come)

**Sept. 3** – New Student Orientation 1:00pm

**Sept. 8** – First Day of Classes for Students

**Sept. 17** – Back to School Night 6:00pm

**Picking up Personal Items** In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, we want to share information related to the collection of materials still in your possession from last year and the distribution of new materials for use this school year.

Please know that our number one priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of every student, staff and family member during this process. We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Students and parents/guardians should remain in their cars during drop-off and pick-up of materials. Students and parents/guardians who will walk/bike to the school should also adhere to social distancing expectations throughout the process and will be directed by HCPSS staff upon arrival.
2. Students and parents/guardians must wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times.

**THURSDAY - August 27<sup>th</sup>** – Material Pick up of personal items left in lockers when we left in March. We also will be giving out Spring Student Pictures that were not picked up. In order to follow guidelines, we kindly ask that you come to the school during your assigned times:

9:00 am – 11:00 am Student Last Names beginning with A-L

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Student Last Names beginning with M-Z

If you can't make it during your assigned time, we will also have evening hours from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

*(Items not picked up by the beginning of school, will be donated to charity.)*

**Returning Materials:** Materials must be returned to the school they were borrowed from (i.e. the student's 2019-2020 school). All materials returned will sit for a four-day period as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prior to being inventoried. Materials to return include but are not limited to: library books, HCPSS instruments (if student isn't playing this year or needs to size up), and books/materials borrowed from teachers. If your child attended our school last year, please drop off items on August 27<sup>th</sup>. **Please label items being returned (except Media Books) with your child's name.**

1. **Come during your designated time periods.**
2. **Wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines at all times.**
3. **Check in with staff (staff will be there to direct you)**

In case you missed it from August 14<sup>th</sup>:.....

Remember to check out our website <http://wlms.hcpss.org> for updated messages.

Principal – Christopher Rattay – [Christopher\\_Rattay@hcpss.org](mailto:Christopher_Rattay@hcpss.org)

Assistant Principal – Denise Young – [Denise\\_Young@hcpss.org](mailto:Denise_Young@hcpss.org)

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

Assistant Principal – James McVey – [James\\_McVey@hcpss.org](mailto:James_McVey@hcpss.org)

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

School Counselors –

Liza Bane – [Liza\\_Bane@hcpss.org](mailto:Liza_Bane@hcpss.org)

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. 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. 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.

**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](#)

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