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HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL | *Home of the Golden Hawks* HawkBlast for Rising 9th Grade Families

News & Updates for Rising 9th Grade Golden Hawks

We continue to be excited about the new group of Golden Hawks joining us in August. At Holly Springs High, we firmly believe in communicating early and often as that is the only way to truly involve both students and parents as partners in the high school experience. Below are some updates to support you in your transition to high school at Holly Springs High.

Athletics Program in 2017-18

We are quickly approaching a new year of athletics at Holly Springs High! Below are some details that will support families and students who are planning to participate.

- All students participating in high school athletics must have a current physical on file with the school. Middle school physicals cannot be accepted. This must be in place for summer workouts as well. If you need a new physical, please note that physicals for reduced cost are available to students on [May 17 at EmergeOrtho](#) and on [May 25 at Carolina Family Practice & Sports Medicine](#). If you have questions about athletics physicals, please contact our Athletic Trainer, Molly Arey (marey@wcpss.net).
- Over the next few weeks, we will begin sharing information about summer workouts and fall sports tryouts on the [HSHS Athletics site](#). You can expect all information to be posted by early June.
- We will have an athletics open house for rising 9th graders on Wednesday, May 17. This is a great opportunity to learn about the teams, meet coaches, and more. [Read more ...](#)

If you have questions, please contact Athletic Director Rod Whitesell at rwhitesell@wcpss.net.

HSHS Dance Program

The 2017-18 Dance Program spring general membership and planning meeting for all dance students and parents will be held in the Media Center on Wednesday, May 17 and 6:30pm. Please join our Dance Director, Ms. Stauderman, and the Dance Booster Executive Board as we review our year, approve our bylaws, form important volunteer committees and discuss calendar and other dance program plans for 2017-18. Please note the original date of this meeting has changed due to a schedule

conflict. We hope to see you on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30pm.

Flight Academy – 9th Grade Orientation

We hope you will all save the date for Thursday, August 10 for Flight Academy – our annual 9th grade orientation session. There are activities for 9th grade students and parents at this event. [This postcard](#) is being mailed to all rising 9th grade families.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

2017-18 Key Dates

Below are some critical dates for the upcoming school year. Please make note of the dates that relate to your student or family. All dates are subject to change, but we anticipate that these are fairly stable.

- Tuesday, August 22 – Meet the Teacher Night (free flowing event)
- Monday, August 28 – First Day of School
- Tuesday, September 12 – Open House (structured schedule to walk your student's schedule)
- October 16-20 – Homecoming Week
- October 23-27 – Fall Midterm Week
- January 12, 16-19 – Semester 1 Exams
- March 19-23 – Spring Midterm Week
- April 2-6 – Spring Break
- June 4-8 – Spring Exam Days (Note: If the end of the year moves due to weather, these dates will move as well. They will be the last five days of school.)

Purple Craze 5K

Join the Golden Hawks Club for the first ever Purple Craze 5K to support the Track & Field team. The event will be on May 27 at Sugg Farm. Sign up at [this link](#). New Golden Hawk families are welcome!

Booster Group Involvement

Many of our booster groups are working now to get their plans in place for the upcoming school year. This is a great way to get involved and support the Golden Hawks. More information about the booster groups can be found at [this link](#).

Have Questions?

We are committed to our 9th graders entering high school with a strong and successful start. Below are some resources you may find helpful.

- [9th Grade Information Website](#)
- [Feedback / Question Form](#)

Have a great remainder of the school year!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful end to your 8th grade school year. We will plan to reach out again in late June or early July with more information related to the start of the school year. Until then, please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to support a smooth and successful start to your high school experience!



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