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HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL | *Home of the Golden Hawks* **Summer HawkBlast, 7/15/2017**

Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year

I hope all are having a restful, relaxing summer. The school year is quickly approaching and the purpose of this HawkBlast is to proactively give to you all the information possible to set up your school year for success. If you have questions about any of this information, feel free to call the front office at (919) 577-1444, use the [online feedback form](#), or contact Mr. Pittman directly (bpittman@wcpss.net).

Calendars & Schedules

Below are district and school calendars to help you plan your school year.

- [WCPSS Instructional Calendar for Traditional Schools, 2017-18](#)
- [HSHS Student Activities Calendar, 2017-18](#). While all dates are subject to change, we believe this calendar is fairly stable and should provide you with good information to help you plan ahead for the school year.
- [HSHS Online Calendar](#). This is our website calendar and is always the most current, accurate source of information.
- [HSHS Bell Schedule, 2017-18](#). This is unchanged from the bell schedule last school year.

Student Service Day

On Tuesday, July 25 we are inviting students to join us for a few service projects on campus from 8:30 – 11:30. If your student would like to join us (counts as service hours!) or if you would like to volunteer your student, please sign up on [this document](#). There will be a combination of campus beautification, clerical tasks, relocating some furniture and other supplies, etc. Please contact Mr. Pittman if you have questions (bpittman@wcpss.net) and thank you for the help!!

Fall Athletic Tryouts

Tryouts for fall athletic teams will begin for many sports on July 31. Please take a look [at this link](#) for information on when and where fall tryouts are happening. Note that students must be eligible to participate and must have a current physical on file for participation. For 9th graders, it is important to note that the middle school athletic physical will not be sufficient to participate. Please see the team's coach or the athletic director, Rod Whitesell (rwhitesell@wcpss.net) with any questions about tryouts.

Student Parking & Off Campus Lunch Passes (Grades 11 & 12 only)

Juniors and seniors can apply to park on campus. The first round of parking assignments were made on July 14. Additional details can be found [here](#). Please see the note on this site about changes to when we will accept money for parking, fines & fees, etc. in the front office.

Off campus lunch passes can also be purchased [online](#). Forms are available on the website and can be submitted to the front office starting August 1.

Student Course Schedules

We are working diligently on student course schedules. They will be made available through PowerSchool on August 4. Please note that schedules will continue to change up to the first day of school to meet as many student needs as possible and to balance class sizes. See [this announcement](#) on the website for more information.

Critical Upcoming Dates

Please ensure the following dates are on your calendar for the beginning of the school year.

- **Flight Academy – Thursday, August 10.** This is an orientation session for students in grade 9. More information is available on the [9th grade information site](#). Contact Assistant Principal Doug Poppe (dpoppe@wcpss.net) if you have questions.
- **New Student Orientation (Grades 10-12) – Wednesday, August 16, 7pm.** This event is intended for parents and students in grades 10-12 who are new to Holly Springs High. More information will be sent to these families in the coming weeks. Contact Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net) if you have questions.
- **Open House – Tuesday, August 22, 5-7pm.** This is a “pass through” event where parents and students can walk the student’s schedule, meet teachers, and learn about various student activities. You may come anytime during the two-hour event. Contact Assistant Principal Melissa Hurst (mhurst@wcpss.net) if you have questions about this event.
- **First Day of School – Monday, August 25.**
- **Open House – Tuesday, September 12, 5:30-7pm.** This event begins with a more formal presentation by the administration followed by parents walking the schedule of their student with bells ringing between each class session. Contact Assistant Principal Melissa Hurst (mhurst@wcpss.net) if you have questions about this event.

Student Handbooks & Expectations

I encourage all families to look over the [HSHS Student Handbook](#) and [WCPSS Student Handbook](#) prior to the start of the school year. Questions about these documents can be addressed to the principal. Also, additional expectations and details about school functioning can be found at this [website](#).

PTSA & Booster Club News

Parent supporters are a critical part of our school! Please check out the opportunities below to get involved.

- **School Improvement & Other Committees.** Each school maintains a school improvement teams to help guide the continued growth of the school. We would like to increase parent input on this team and other advisory / planning committees within our school. If you are interested in exploring these opportunities, please email Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net).
- **PTSA Membership.** The Holly Springs High PTSA supports all students at the school. Joining the membership of the PTSA is a great way to support a large number of programs. Joining does not require you to attend any meetings, volunteer, etc. (although we hope you will). [CLICK HERE](#) for the form to join.
- **Rent-a-Hawk.** Student athletes can have their name and jersey number painted on one of the Hawks leading to the stadium. The deadline for submitting your information for this is August 21. [CLICK HERE for more information](#).

Get Ready for a GREAT Year!

It is important that ALL students and families feel like the year ahead is one where they can achieve both success and happiness in their school experience. If there is anything that the HSHS Team can do to support a great school year, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask. Great methods of communication during the summer include:



- Call the front office at (919) 577-1444 and they can help connect you with the staff member who can best help.
- Email your student's administrator or the principal ([see details](#))
- Use our [online](#) form for feedback, questions, and celebrations!!

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