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HOLLY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL | *Home of the Golden Hawks* HawkBlast | August 27, 2017

First Day of School

We are excited about the first day of school on Monday, August 28! It will be a great day for our Hawks! Quick reminders for the first day include:

- Students will report to 2nd period class first thing on Monday to receive their schedules. The bell schedule for Monday can be found [at this link](#).
- Students will be on a three lunch schedule. A student's lunch is determined by the subject area department of their third period class. Additional details are found at the link above. We anticipate starting HOT Lunch next week on Tuesday, September 5.
- Each student's official schedule will be available in their second period classroom on Monday morning. This is the schedule they must follow.
- Students with an off campus lunch pass may leave campus during lunch starting on Monday, Aug. 28.

If you have any questions about the first day of school, please email Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net) or starting at 6:30am on Monday morning, you can call the front office at (919) 577-1444.

Arrival & Dismissal Logistics

Students should not arrive on campus prior to 6:45am. For bus riders:

- Bus routes can be found [at this link](#). Bus riders are encouraged to arrive to their stop early on the first few days of school as they get to know the schedule.
- Bus riders are also reminded that school rules and expectations must be observed both on the bus and at the bus stop starting on the first day of school. Basic rules for the bus can be reviewed [here](#) and school expectations are found in our [HSHS Student Handbook](#).
- We will conduct our annual bus evacuation drills on September 6. You can view more information [at this link](#).

For students arriving by carpool:

- Please review basic procedures [at this link](#).
- When dropping off your student, please pull all the way forward. That will help to decrease the amount of time that you are waiting.
- Please remember that the lot by the tennis courts and courtyard is always off limits for student drop off unless pre-arranged with the school. Also, the bus loop is open in the mornings after 7:05am but is not open in the afternoons.

For Student Drivers:

- Those parking in the lot closest to the softball field may enter from either the bus loop side or the main entrance side.
- Those parking in the lot closest to the tennis courts & courtyard must enter through the entrance closest to Honeycutt Road as chains will be up to separate this lot from the main entrance / carpool loop.
- Please, Please, Please drive your route to school once before Monday and have some idea where your parking place is located. With road changes since the spring, it's important that you slow down and drive carefully. HSPD will be out to support safe travel.
- Only cars with a permit displayed are allowed to park on campus and only in the space assigned to them.

For questions about arrival to and departure from school, please contact Mr. Page (bpage2@wcpss.net).

Open House – Tuesday, September 12

Save the date!! Our fall open house will be on Tuesday, September 12 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. This will begin with a formal program in the gymnasium starting at 5:30pm. Parents will begin rotating through classes to hear from teachers at about 6:00pm and the evening will conclude by 7:00pm. More details are forthcoming. Please contact Assistant Principal Melissa Hurst (mhurst@wcpss.net) if you have questions.

After School Activities

Students who remain at school are expected to be under the supervision of an adult. We no longer have an after school study hall so students who are on campus after 2:45pm will either need to be with an adult or they will be asked to leave campus.

School House Chats

During second period on Tuesday – Thursday, all student will participate in school house chats. During this event, we will share both school-wide expectations and share grade specific information as well. All materials from the school house chat will be posted on the front page of the website on Tuesday.

Freshman Class Officer Elections

Student in ninth grade who are interested in running for office in Student Council should submit an application by September 7. More information can be found [at this link](#) or by contacting 9th grade class advisor, Ms. Cole (kcole2@wcpss.net).

Senior Parade & Breakfast

Seniors choosing to participate in the parade should plan to be at Holly Grove Middle starting at 6:25am. The parade will start no later than 6:45am. Given anticipated traffic, it is safe to assume that cars that are not at HGMS by 6:40 will probably miss the parade. The breakfast will be in the courtyard. Seniors do not have to participate in the parade in order to participate in the breakfast.

Odds & Ends: Resources To Know

Please note the following items and resources that may be helpful to you.

- [Student Accident Insurance](#). While students in some activities are required to have insurance, WCPSS also offers voluntary accident insurance to all students. While not required, it may be something that you are interested in.
- [Child Nutrition Services](#). You can view all information related to Child Nutrition including meal prices, menus, and complete forms for Free & Reduced Lunch online. Note that any student who was previously receiving free & reduced lunch must renew their application in the first few weeks of the school year for this to apply throughout the 2017-18 school

year.

PSAT Testing – October 11

On October 11, WCPSS will administer the PSAT Test at a variety of high schools in the district including Holly Springs High School. During the junior year, the PSAT is used to qualify students for National Merit Scholarships. Sophomores often take the PSAT to practice and get a sense of areas to focus on for improvement. Freshman are also welcome to sign up for the test if they choose. For more information, visit [this announcement](#) on the school website.

Junior-Senior Night! – September 19

Juniors and seniors should save the date for Tuesday, September 19!! On this particular evening at HSHS we will host a HUGE information night for students that will include admissions representatives from various colleges and universities, information on scholarships, planning for college, CFNC, etc. More information will be coming soon in a future HawkBlast email and on the school's website.

Athletics News: Letter Jackets

Information has been posted on the Athletics Website regarding purchase of letter jackets. You can view the information [at this link](#). If you have questions, please contact Coach Whitesell (rwhitesell@wcpss.net).

PTSA & Booster Club News

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

- **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.
- **Golden Hawks Club Membership.** Be sure to take a look at information regarding [GHC memberships](#). A membership will gain you an athletic pass that will get you entry into home athletic events (except playoffs and endowment games).

Upcoming Events at Holly Springs High!

This Week:

- Monday, Aug. 28 - First Day of School!!
- Monday, Aug. 28 - Soccer vs. Heritage HS (JV 4:30 / V 6:30)
- Monday, Aug. 28 - Volleyball vs Overhills HS (JV 5 / V 6)
- Tuesday, Aug. 29 - Volleyball vs. Heritage HS (JV 5 / V 6)
- Wednesday, Aug. 30 - Soccer vs. Leesville HS (JV 4:30 / V 6:30)
- Wednesday, Aug. 30 - Volleyball vs. Athens Drive HS (JV 5 / V 6)
- Thursday, Aug. 31 - JV Football vs. Panther Creek HS (6:30pm)
- Friday, Sept. 1 - V Football @ Panther Creek HS (7pm)



Looking Ahead:

- Monday, Sept. 4 - Holiday / No School
- Tuesday, Sept. 12 - Open House, 5:30 - 7:00pm
- Tuesday, Sept. 19 - Junior/Senior Night, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Interim Progress Reports Distributed
- Thursday, Sept. 21 - Teacher Workday / No School
- Friday, Sept. 29 - Early Release Day; Release at 11:40am

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