

DMS Welcomes Our Students and Families

Thank You!

The DMS faculty and staff would like to thank the DMS PTA for the wonderful breakfast they provided on Monday. We appreciate the continued support you provide to our students and staff, as well as our school programs.

6th Grade and New Student Orientation

We had a fabulous turnout for our 6th Grade and New Student Orientation yesterday. We are excited to welcome our new DMS Dragons and their families to the DMS CommUnity. We are looking forward to a great year.

First Day Procedures:

School opens Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:37 a.m.; students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:30 a.m. Students arriving for breakfast will be allowed to enter the building at 7:15 a.m.

When students arrive, they will report directly to their assigned [Alpha Group](#). Students will receive their schedule and other important information in their take home folder. The four days will be filled with engagement activities designed to help your student get to know their teachers. We want to start the year cultivating a positive learning environment where students feel **welcomed**, **nurtured** and **inspired** to learn.

Bus Schedule:

Our bus stop locator is now updated. Users can locate bus stops by entering their street number and name in the search field. Click the link to find bus stop locations and schedules! Bus Stop Locator: <http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=HCP2IOASIJVW>.

Please check out our website: <http://dms.hcpss.org/> for important information and updates, as well as to sign-up for School Messenger emails. Enjoy the remaining days of summer! See you soon!

Car Pool Procedures:

Parents: For your student's safety and the safety of our staff, please follow the following procedures for morning dropoff.

- Once buses have arrived, students must be dropped off at the stop sign.
- Cars in the carpool line should let students exit the vehicle in advance of reaching the actual stop sign.
- All students are asked to exit the vehicle on the side closest to the sidewalk to avoid being hit by oncoming traffic.
- Parents needing to park and enter the buildings should park the paved parking area before the stop sign (to your right).
- If your child is traveling to school with a project, large instrument, etc. please arrive early or later for their drop off- and lastly, if there is a substitute driver, please tell that person about procedures.

Family File

Please remember to update your contact information in Family File by logging into [HCPSS Connect](#). This information must be updated annually even if you do not have any changes. You will still need to click through each screen and click submit at the end in order for your Family File to be considered complete. Visit [HCPSS Connect](#) today and click submit on the final screen!

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to update/verify the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Please be sure **each section** is reviewed and completed. Click here to view the [Family File User Guide](#).

DMS Jazz Band Auditions will be on Tuesday, September 17 from 2:40-4:30 PM. Those interested in auditioning should pick up a permission slip and audition music in the band room starting on September 9. Any student who stays after school must return the permission slip to Ms. Henderson by Friday, September 6. All musicians who are auditioning should be in the band room from 2:40-4:00 PM. Those in the rhythm section will stay until 4:30 PM. Any questions, contact Ms. Henderson at patricia_henderson@hcpss.org

Upcoming Events

- **September 3** - School Begins for Students
- **September 12** - Canvas Parent Information Night from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center
- **September 12** - Back to School Night from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **September 17** – DMS Jazz Band Auditions 2:40 – 4:30 p.m. in the Band Room
- **September 27** - DMS Claire's Holiday Fundraiser Kickoff
- **October 21:** End of Sales for Fundraiser