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Dear HTMS Scholars and Families,

Welcome to the school year 2021-22! My name is Kevin Bacon and in the summer of 2018. I retired after a 32 year career as a teacher/administrator. I started as a middle school teacher and after many support roles and AP/VP jobs, I ultimately became the principal of schools at all three levels across all demographics. I enjoyed my time at the high school and elementary level but middle school has always been my passion. Twenty-two of my thirty two years were in the middle school setting. As I shake off the rust I am in a good space health-wise, I have a lot to offer and more to learn, the Black community is extremely important to me as is each scholar of HTMS. I am very excited to serve as Interim Principal and look forward to the year ahead. Enjoy the last days of summer!

Mr. Bacon

Help us say goodbye and thank you to the following educators:

Judy Brown - Vice Principal's Secretary/Registrar, Jefferson HS
Michael Harmon - Social Studies Teacher, Grant HS
Dr. Lynzi Stalak - Math Teacher, Parkrose Middle School
Aaron Longo - Asst Principal, Alder Elementary, Reynolds SD

Welcome to HTMS the following group of educators:

Suezann Kitchens, Asst. Principal
Elizabeth Casson-Taylor - .5 Site Support Administrator
Jennifer Koelbel, Instructional Specialist
Rachel Harris, Social Worker
Margarita Portillo, School Secretary
Chandra Padilla, AVID
Anne Laufe, Language Arts
Lexi Whittemore, Para Educator
Charles Ewing, Para Educator
Daniel Twiss, 6th Grade Math
James Helmsworth - Media Literacy/Cultural Heritage

Welcome the following staff members to different positions at HTMS:

Bryan Chu - 8th grade Social Studies
Kristin Werts - STEM and Math


Chromebooks

Chromebooks are considered a school supply and used daily in core classes. We ask for scholars to be ready to engage in learning daily by bringing their chromebook to school, fully charged. Chromebooks are used by teachers to deliver curriculum, provide class & assignment updates, and support student research and learning. If you are new to PPS and your scholar needs a chromebook, please contact the PPS IT department, (503)916-3375, to pick up a device prior to school beginning on September 1. The IT department is open from 8am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

COVID Safety

We are under an **all mask all the time mandate**. Covid safety protocols which were put in place during hybrid learning are still in effect. We will keep you updated as the district's health measures are modified.

Connect To HTMS!

 Connect to HTMS, August 30 @ 3pm

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available to families at the Connect to HTMS event on the 30th or live on the 31st through Student/ParentVUE. We have a new schedule change request policy:

Schedules may not reflect the choices students forecast for in the spring. Unfortunately, due to staffing changes, we are not able to offer many of the elective classes that were listed on the past forecasting sheet. If you are missing a class period, core class or have another issue please use the Schedule Change Request Form. This must be filled out, requested by the student. Changes might not be possible based on capacity and logistics. Until your schedule is officially approved and changed, STUDENTS MUST ATTEND CURRENT SCHEDULED CLASSES. Priority will be given to core classes, IEP needs, 504 needs and 8th graders.

School Supplies

Each student will receive the following school supplies at Connect to HTMS.

Supplies will include: 3-ring binder, 2 pocket folders(2) or subject dividers(8) ; spiral notebooks(2); pencils(12); highlighter(2); coloring pencils; pencil sharpener; pencil pouch; cinching backpack (by request only). Graphing composition notebooks will be distributed by math teachers.

Scholars who are unable to attend will receive supplies and welcome back information on their first day of school

First Day for Students/JumpStart Day

We have a solid plan to ensure our students are starting the year with plenty of support to reduce anxiety. On the first day of school, students will arrive at staggered times:

6th & 7th: 9:15 Start

8th: 11:15 Start

School Hours

The building opens for students at 9:07am and students are tardy at 9:15am. Please do not arrive earlier than 9:00am. Students enter designated doors by grade level. Student dismissal is at 3:45pm each day and students are immediately expected to be on their way home or to after school activities. Please pick up your student promptly each day if they do not ride the bus.

Registration Packets:

Student verification forms and take home materials will be distributed by the 8th period teachers, prior to dismissal on the first day of school. The Student Verification is especially important. Please update the information as needed, sign and date the form and return it to the teacher.

Important Dates and Times

First Day of School (Jump Start) - Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 9:05am

Labor Day No School - Monday, September 6, 2021

School Pictures - Monday, September 20, 2021

Back to School Night (**Virtual**) - Tuesday, September 21, 2021 @ 6pm

Student Drop-off/Pick-up Zone

Please use Commercial St., located on the westside of Lillis Albina Park, off Russell St. for drop-off/pick-up. This thoroughway is not for parking. For the safety of our scholars and staff assisting with arrival and dismissal, we ask families to refrain from driving through Flint Ave. - from Paige St. to Tillamook St. - during student transportation times. This stretch of road is our designated bus zone from 9:00am - 9:15am and 3:40pm - 3:55pm. We maintain consistent contact with the city to ensure that our passageways are safe and clear for vehicles and scholars.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch is free to all students every day. Lunch is grab and go. By mandate all students must eat outside. We are working on our systems to accommodate this mandate and will keep families informed.

