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To: Holly Ridge Middle School 8th Grade Parents

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Hornet eNews Update, July 2009

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1. Hornet eNews Update Background

Welcome to the 8th grade year! I hope all finds you well and enjoying the summer. This email provides some key information as the new school year approaches. If you are a new parent, welcome! This email listserv is used to communicate information to parents weekly. If you would like to update the email address being used on this listserv, please contact our Data Manager, Mrs. Jones, at NCWISE450@wcpss.net.

2. Key Dates & Events

Please plan to attend the Open House for 7th & 8th graders on Tuesday, August 18 from 4:30 - 6:30pm. This is a pass through event and has no formal presentation. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or the whole two hours. Representatives will be present from the Child Nutrition staff and the Transportation Office. Student schedules will be available for pick-up and teachers will be available for "meet and greet."

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 25 and we will still begin at 7:30am and now ends 10 minutes later at 2:25pm. Below are links to the 2009-2010 WCPSS Instructional Calendar and information on early release days and early release on all Wednesdays. There is also a link to the bell schedules at HRMS for 2009-2010.

<http://www.wcpss.net/Calendars/2009-10/09-10-trad.pdf>

<http://www.wcpss.net/Calendars/2009-10/2009-plc-wednesdays.pdf>

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/bells.htm>

3. Class Schedules & Supply Lists

Students and parents will notice a significant change in our schedule for 2009-2010. Classes will be a bit shorter (about 52 minutes) which has helped us to manage the larger class sizes resulting from budget issues. Also, it allows us to provide students with the option of taking TWO electives during the day. Next week we will mail additional information to all families. Stay tuned!

Class schedules will not be mailed home. They will be available for students and parents to pick up at the Open House on August 18. Also, a general supply list is posted on the website, but we strongly encourage you to wait and get specific supplies after you've talked with teachers at orientation.

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/supplies.pdf>

4. SPAN

Many of you already have SPAN accounts. We will reset all student accounts in August to ensure that all students have an active username and password. Parent accounts are not being reset, but you need to be sure to log in at some point in the summer so you are not locked out. Information on SPAN is available at the link below. Questions can be addressed to Mrs. Jones (NCWISE450@wcpss.net).

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/span.htm>

5. Athletic Tryouts and Physicals

Athletic tryouts are usually in the first few weeks of the school year. Coaches conducted meetings in the spring

and distributed information. We will post tryout information on the website when it is confirmed. In the meantime, please remember that a current athletic physical is required to participate. There is a link to the form below or a copy is available in the HRMS office. If you believe you have a physical on file that is still current, I strongly encourage you to confirm that with the Athletic Director (smoss@wcpss.net) or the coach prior to tryouts starting.

<http://www.wcpss.net/forms/ms-athletic-form.pdf>

6. Useful Websites

HRMS Website: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/>

HRMS Calendar: http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=swebb@wcpss.net&ctz=America/New_York

SPAN Information: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/span.htm>

Bus Stops: <http://www.wcpss.net/school-directory/bus-routes/450.html> (updated by county as information is available)

Lunch Information: http://www.wcpss.net/child-nutrition/school_menus.html

These emails will not become weekly events again until mid-August. I hope you find the information helpful. There will be additional information mailed to all families next week. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me (bpittman@wcpss.net).

Brian Pittman, Principal

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