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To: Holly Ridge Middle Parents – 7th & 8th Grade Parents
 From: Brian Pittman, Principal

Hornet eNews Update

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1. Open House, August 18 – 4:30-6:30pm

Students and parents of 7th & 8th graders are invited to Open House on Tuesday, August 18 from 4:30-6:30pm. This is a "pass through" event so you can arrive at any time during this range. Students will be able to pick up schedules, meet teachers, etc. Also, we will have staff available for you to: (1) purchase and receive your student agenda (\$4), (2) purchase a new PE uniform if necessary (\$10), (3) add money to your lunch account, (4) talk with representatives from the Transportation Office, (5) talk with Special Education Staff, etc.

If you cannot attend, you are welcome to send a note with a friend giving them permission to pick up your schedule or stop by the Guidance Office any time after August 18 to pick up your schedule.

2. New Elective Options

We've been excited to see students interested in the new elective options that we have been able to offer this year. If you would like to add one of these to your schedule, please email me (if before August 17) or your counselor (on or after August 17) to add to that class. Some courses will be scheduled only when there is enough interest in them (marked with **). Others are already available now.

- Drama
- Guitar
- Music Appreciation
- Introduction to French (offered through the AG program)
- Speech & Debate
- Short Stories / Creative Writing
- Exploratory Class: Introduction to Engineering **
- Enrichment Classes in Social Studies, Math, and Science **
- Science Olympiad **

All classes will not fit into the class schedule for all students. The earlier you request these classes, the more likely we can fit them in. Students will all be enrolled on a first come, first serve basis.

3. Schedules

Students can pick up schedules at the August 18 open house. Because of cuts to staff, classes are much tighter this year – particularly in electives. While we will accept requests to change electives, please understand that unless you are moving into one of the new electives above, movement will be very limited simply because most sections are full. Also, we have worked hard to balance core teams and needs on each team. We are not able to accommodate any requests for team changes.

4. Athletic Tryouts and Physicals

Information on fall athletic team tryouts is located on the website. Some start as early as the first day of school. Please plan ahead and remember that you must have an athletic physical on file to participate in tryouts. Physicals must be updated each year. Please do not assume that we have your physical. Contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Moss (smoss@wcpss.net), to confirm that your physical is current and on file. This helps to avoid much heartache and frustration on the first day of tryouts.

5. PTA Board Positions

There are a few positions open on the PTA board including Fundraising Chair, Academic Incentives Chair, School Improvement Team representative, and Reflections Program Chair. If interested in serving in these positions or in volunteering on one of the other committees, please contact PTA President, Linda Brendel at cbslick@yahoo.com.

6. Student Activities Calendar

A great resource that is available to you is the HRMS online calendar that is available through the HRMS website. We also provide a one-page Student Activities Calendar that provides an "at-a-glance" snapshot of the year's events so you can plan ahead. This calendar is always a draft as dates can change, but 95% of these dates are set and unchanging. Visit the link below for a copy of the Student Activities Calendar. <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/studentactivities0910.pdf>

7. Bus Routes

Bus routes are developed by the county and are displayed on the WCPSS website. While they have not been posted yet, you will be able view them at the link below when they are posted. <http://www.wcpss.net/school-directory/bus-routes/450.html>

Enjoy these last few days of summer!

Brian Pittman, Principal

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