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To: All Holly Ridge Middle Parents  
 From: Brian Pittman, Principal

## **Hornet eNews Update, 8/22/2009**

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*On Monday, I will send a phone message home with this information. After this week, phone messages will only go to homes for which we do not have an email address. If you would like to continue receiving both, please let me know.*

### **1. Arrival & Dismissal from School**

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 25. Students should arrive to school by 7:25am but no earlier than 7:00am. For those riding carpool, the main circle is the carpool drop-off and pick-up area. Holly Springs PD will direct traffic. In the mornings only, once all bus routes have arrived, HSPD will open our bus loop for carpool as well. This usually happens about 7:05 or 7:10 and helps carpool flow tremendously. Once open, they will direct all cars from the Holly Springs ES side of campus to enter through the bus loop. All traffic from the direction of Middle Creek will be directed into the main circle. Please have students exit anywhere where they are next to sideway on the loop. Please also note that dropping students off or picking them up in the neighborhood behind the school is prohibited by town ordinance.

### **2. Bus Routes & Transportation**

Bus routes are available online at the link below. Questions about bus routes should be directed to Holly Springs Transportation Office at 577-1440. Students are encouraged to be at their stop early until they know when the bus will come to their stop. Please also take a moment to review bus expectations with your child. A link to this handout is also below.

<http://www.wcpss.net/school-directory/bus-routes/450.html>

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

### **3. Class Schedules**

An up-to-date copy of each child's schedule will be distributed in their homeroom on Tuesday morning. Changes have been made to balance class size. Student/parent requests for changes from open house are being processed by counselors as quickly as possible. Schedules can be viewed on SPAN.

<https://span.wcpss.net/include/login.php>

### **4. TDAP Vaccinations**

Any student presently in 6th or 7th grade should have their TDAP vaccination on file. State law requires that any student who does not have this vaccination on file be excluded from school after 30 calendar days. I will send a phone message on Monday to all families for whom we do not have a vaccination record. We will also send written notice via the student during the first week of school. Click the link below for more information.

<http://www.wcpss.net/parent-tips/health/tdap.html>

## 5. Team Email Listservs

We are attempting to set up team email listservs to give teachers a tool that they can use to communicate easily with families. These should be up and running soon. Some lists were not set up appropriately to block any responses to the whole group. We are correcting that. Apologies for any flooding of your email.

## 6. Fall Athletic Tryouts

Athletic tryouts for fall sports begin quickly after the school year starts with some starting on the first day. Details are available on the school's main website. Please remember that physicals must be on file to participate in teams or tryouts and physicals must be renewed each year. Contact Mr. Moss, the athletic director, with questions ( [smoss@wcpss.net](mailto:smoss@wcpss.net) ).

## 7. Wake Wednesdays

Please remember that schools release one hour early on Wednesdays this year. Our first early release will be the second day of school - Wednesday, August 26. Please plan accordingly to have students picked up. We will include as a regular part of these weekly emails a quick summary of how teachers are using the time that you have given to them. We hope you find it helpful.

## 8. Policy Reminders

Please remind students of dress code as they prepare for the first days of school. Short shorts/skirts, sleeveless or spaghetti strap shirts, and tank tops are great for summer but not permitted at school. Also, please remember to leave electronic devices at home. Parents can review the student handbook at the link below.

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

## 9. PTA

The Holly Ridge PTA welcomes volunteers to help with a variety of projects throughout the year. Volunteer forms can be downloaded from the school website at the link below. Also, all volunteers are reminded to renew their volunteer status online in the front office at any time.

<http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/pta/index.htm>

## 10. New Spirit Wear

Several sixth grade parents asked where they could purchase the shirt that we displayed at orientation this past week. You can purchase this tie dye shirt for \$10 from Ms. Cave's classroom before school on Thursday and Friday of this coming week as supplies last. We will take orders for an additional run of shirts if/when we run out.

## 11. Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - First Day of School

Tuesday, Aug. 25 - Football Tryouts Begin

Wednesday, Aug. 26 - One-Hour Early Release

Wednesday, Aug. 26 - Information Meeting for Students Interested in Cheer Tryouts, 7:00am

Wednesday, Aug. 26 - 6th Grade Band Instrument Night

## 12. Useful Links

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

HRMS Daily Instructional Postings: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/faculty.htm>

HRMS Daily Announcements: <http://hollyridgems.wcpss.net/announcements.htm>

HRMS Calendar: [http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=swebb@wcpss.net&ctz=America/New\\_York](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=swebb@wcpss.net&ctz=America/New_York)

**HAVE A GREAT FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL! GO HORNETS!**

**Brian Pittman, Principal**

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