



October 2020

Dear HHS Families,

First and foremost we would like to thank you for your understanding as we transition back to the HHS we all know. We are aware of the difficulties that have been placed on families to navigate through this school year and are grateful for your cooperation. That being said, it is truly a relief to have students here and that we do have some semblance of order to our school. We still have a long way to go, but it's worth the discomfort now in order to get back to the place where we are all comfortable.

Here are a few updates as we continue to move forward.

Attendance:

- Please continue to be diligent about checking in with your first period teacher on your off days and with your advisor on Wednesdays.
- Please call our school nurse, Mrs. Lyford at 646-6305, when you are calling in a student absence. This is also true for days students are remote learning. She has mandated protocols she needs to follow and the process will be more efficient by calling her directly. Don't forget to bring in a note the next day you're in school. Even when you're absent on a remote day.

Building Doors Opened

- Thank you for your assistance in having our building opened at 7:20. With our questionable Buffalo weather there will be a time when we will need to open the building for students before 7:20. We will look to open the doors on inclement days at 7:00 am. On those days students will need to enter through the front doors at the circle and report directly to the cafeteria. Students will be dismissed from the cafeteria at 7:20 and report to their first period class.

Chromebooks

- Really no update. We will let you know as soon as they are available.
- To prepare for their arrival please fill out the Hamburg High School Chromebook Registration 2020-2021 form on [Family ID](#).

Lockers

- Beginning Thursday, October 8, 2020 we will allow limited hall locker access due to the fact that students will need a place to hang their coats during the day. We are asking that students limit going to their lockers only at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. We do not want students hanging out at their lockers so please be quick about it. Locker numbers and combinations will be available on the portal. Freshman lockers will be randomly assigned.

Open House

- Please follow this [link](#) to watch the welcoming and instructions to view teacher presentations.
- You can view all teacher messages in their course syllabus, through the parent portal 'website' link in your child's schedule.

Grading

- Please remember that our regular scoring/grading procedures are in place and students should be using their remote days wisely.

PSAT

- For Juniors on Wednesday, October 14th. Please contact Mrs. Gilhooly in the Counseling Center with any questions.

Senior parking

- Please do not worry about registering cars at this point in time. It has been going very well and we still have plenty of parking available each day. We are going to maintain the current system and will adjust when the time calls for it.

Time Management

- Students have much to manage and keep track of each day. The choice on how they use their time is the best way to keep up with the demands of school in this hybrid model.
- Students are still responsible for keeping up with their assignments on their off days. Waiting until 8:00pm to start homework is not the best practice. Students need to use the time between 7:35am and 2:20pm as much as possible on their off days and everyone on Wednesdays. If students are working all day and into the night on assignments, please let us know. That is simply not healthy.
- On our part we are still learning on a daily basis and working to improve our approach to teaching in this hybrid model.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Gallagher

Michael J. Gallagher, Principal
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