

George M. Hampton Middle School

IB World School



Welcome Newsletter
2018-2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hampton Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you, your child and your family. With parents, students, administration and teachers working together, we will meet our challenges, set the stage for academic excellence, and achieve our goals.

Middle school is a new beginning for each and every one of you. The work load and social adjustments are greater here than at the elementary level. Students will be expected to attend school regularly, complete all assignments, and behave appropriately. Middle school years will be exciting and filled with many new opportunities.

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 27, 2018. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.

At the beginning of every month, *Hampton News* will be published on the school's website, <http://hamptonms.pwcs.edu>, to maintain the Prince William County School going *Green* initiative.

The staff at Hampton Middle School is very excited about the new school year and welcomes you to join us in the many activities planned throughout the school year.

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

In order to assist our sixth grade students with a smooth transition from elementary to middle school, we are inviting all sixth graders to attend a "Gateway to Hampton" Orientation on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Hampton Middle School. The orientation will provide students with the opportunity to:

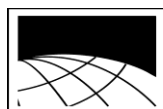
- Meet administrators, counselors and staff.
- Learn about classes offered
- Tour the building
- Practice breakfast & lunch procedures
- Learn how to read schedules
- Learn about sports and extracurricular activities including the 21st Century program.
- Practice opening lockers

School bus transportation will be provided for Hampton students. Transfer students will need to provide their own transportation. Bus stop information will be posted to the website and on the school's front doors as soon as we receive it.

Orientation is for students only. Students can be dropped off at school and picked up by their parents.

OPEN HOUSE will be Thursday, August 23th.

6 th Grade	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
7 th Grade	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
8 th Grade	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, walk through their schedule, and learn about the curriculum and expectations in every classroom.

Sixth Grade:

September 17th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Seventh and Eighth Grades

September 20th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All students regardless of age entering 6th grade (and students new to Prince William County Schools in 7th and 8th grades) **must submit written valid documentation of Tdap vaccination after the age of 7 years.**

One dose of Tdap is required, regardless of the interval since the last dose of pertussis-containing vaccine. Valid documentation needs to include: the student's name, name and date of vaccination given, name/address/telephone number of facility giving the vaccine and the signature of healthcare provider. ***Without proof of this vaccination, by State law, students will not be allowed to attend the 2018-19 school year. Also, students will not be permitted entrance to class the first day of school and will be sent home.***

Please submit all updated immunization records **before** the first day of school. **Make a copy for your own records prior to submission.** Please see PWCS Regulation 755-1 for information regarding required documentation for Religious and Medical exemptions.

The school nurse will be available at Hampton beginning on August 20th. Please submit all immunization documentation to the nurse before the first day of school and keep a copy for your records. You may contact the school nurse at 571-589-3793, after August 20th if you have any questions.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP)

Hampton Middle School is an authorized IB World School. All students at Hampton are considered IB students. Each month we will focus on one of the IB Learner Profile characteristics. Parents and guardians can help by encouraging the development of this characteristic at home and in the community.

Activities for parents/guardians:

- Encourage your child to try out new things such as new food, games, and activities.
- Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations and traditions and be sure to present them in a non-judgmental way
- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they speak.

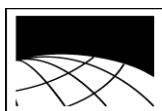
ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to arrive at school and be in class on time. The doors open at 8:00 a.m. each day and the tardy bell rings for homeroom at 8:10 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:10 a.m. will be considered tardy. Parents are asked to call the attendance line at **571-589-3788** by 9:00 a.m. if a student will be absent for the day.

Please leave a message on the school's answering machine with the student's full name, grade and date of absence. A note stating the reason for the student's absence is required when the student returns. Requests for extended absences should be sent to the Attendance Office for Principal approval.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

School Food and Nutrition Services operates in each school to offer students nutritious meals at a reasonable price. Breakfast can also be purchased at all schools. Students who qualify for free/reduced meals will eat free or at a reduced price of \$.40. All other students are required to pay the full price of \$2.65.



purchase a new agenda in the school store for \$6.00.

Free or Reduced applications are available at the school or on the school division website:

<http://pwcs.menus.schoolfusion.us/>.

Applications to reapply are sent over the summer to returning students who have previously been on the free or reduced program. If an application has not been received, please contact Food & Nutrition Services at 703.791-7314. Parents may also prepay lunches at www.myschoolbucks.com. The cafeteria manager can be reached at **571-298-0934** once school begins.

BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops and Labels for Education helps schools earn millions of dollars each year. Help Hampton earn money for student programs by collecting labels. You or your child may bring cut out labels to the Attendance Office located at the main entrance to the school.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

School news and general information are posted on the Hampton website. Please visit our website regularly so that you are kept informed about what is happening at school.

An **Automated dialer** system allows us to make contact with parents by telephone. It will be used to deliver important messages. If you miss a call from Hampton Middle School, please be sure to check your voice mail messages and school website first for important information.

AGENDAS are used by students to write down all homework assignments and keep track of important school policies and procedures. Teachers use the agenda to write notes to parents or to make comments about progress. Your child should take it home every day. The agendas are also used as Hall Passes. **Please check your child's agenda every night**, and make sure you keep up with new information. Agendas are provided to students at no charge; however, if your child loses his/her agenda, they may

INTERIMS and REPORT CARDS

They are sent home with students at the middle of each grading period and each nine weeks. Both will provide parents with insight on their child's academic progress.

Interim	Report Card
October 10 th	November 14 th
December 19 th	February 6 th
March 8 th	April 9 th
May 17 th	Mailed by June 19 th From Central Office

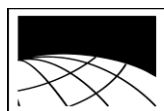
PARENT PORTAL

Access student information by registering for the Parent Portal. Parents and students will be able to view student grades and attendance information. Visit the Hampton website at: <http://hamptonms.pwcs.edu> and click on *Parent Connect Portal* (blue link on the left side of website) for registration information

PTSO and Advisory Council Meetings 3rd Thursday of Each Month 6 pm Library

PTSO (Parents-Teachers-Students Organization) is a way to bring parents, teachers, students, and administrators together so they can work towards improving the lives and education of students. Annual membership dues are just \$5 for the entire family and it entitles each adult to vote at meetings on how we spend the money raised from fundraisers and who to elect for officers. Membership forms will be sent home with students the first week of school. Forms are also available in the attendance and main office, and on the PTSO webpage under the "For Parents" section of the school website.

ADVISORY COUNCIL is looking for parents to become involved in school improvement! Each school advisory council shall assist in the annual preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan and will assist in the preparation of the school's annual budget and



decision-making process.

CLASS PREPARATION

Successful students are prepared for class each day with basic supplies such as paper, pencils, notebooks, textbooks, their agenda and other materials as determined by the teachers. The supply list is available at:

<http://hamptonms.pwcs.edu>

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please remind your child that if they plan to stay after school for clubs, sports, tutoring or other approved after school activities, they should have these plans finalized before arriving at school. If plans should change during the school day, please contact the school.

Activity buses are offered to those students who are participating in approved after school activities and live within the immediate Hampton Middle School boundaries. The activity buses are not provided for transfer students. Activity buses will run on certain days of the week and information will be available the first week of school. Please check the school's website.

ATHLETICS

Students who wish to try-out and participate in school sports must be both academic and conduct eligible per VHSL. Sixth graders start with a clean slate; however, seventh and eighth grade eligibility is based on the fourth grading period from the 2017-2018 school year. **Students must have a** Virginia High School League (VHSL) Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physical Examination Form (***Sports Physical***) on file dated May 1, 2018 or after.

Students must also participate in ***Concussion Education*** with one adult each year. The first year in middle school must be a Face-To-Face session at the middle school level. Each year thereafter, the student and parent may meet the concussion requirement by completing the online version of concussion education. <https://online-concussion.pwcs.edu/>.

If a parent has both a child in middle school and high school, the parent must attend a high school concussion session with the high school student. This is due to the significant differences in which concussions will be handled.

Concussion Training at Hampton

August	22	7 pm
November	5	7 pm
January	10	7 pm
March	11	7 pm

Other dates for Middle School sessions may be found at: (<http://healthpe.departments.pwcs.edu/>).

Sports Physicals at Hampton

Sports physicals will be offered to students at the school on **Wednesday, August 29th starting at 3:00 pm** and continue until the doctor sees all students in line. **The cost is \$30.00** with payment made to ***Family Medicine***. The student must have payment and the VHSL sports physical form with Sections 1, 2 and 4 completed and signed by the parent and student.

Sports Try-Outs (last for 3 days)

Fall- Thursday, August 30th from 3-5pm.
(Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Track, Volleyball)

Winter 1- Wednesday November 7th, 3-5pm
(Girls Basketball)

Winter 2- Tuesday, January 22th from 3-5pm
(Boys Basketball and Wrestling)

Spring- Monday March 25th from 3-5pm
(Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Boys Track)

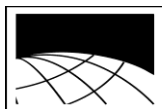
*Dates for Try-Outs are Subject to change.
Please check Website for updates.*

All Games Begin at 5:00 p.m.

Admission Prices:

Students/Children \$1.00

Adults \$3.00



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Talk to Your Child. Remind your child to follow instructions for their own safety. Reassure them that principals and staff have been trained and know what to do in an emergency.

Whenever there is an emergency or need to take precautions, official PWCS news sources will share information and updates as quickly as possible. Remember that students and other people may not have accurate information; therefore, please avoid rumors and speculation. School may be the safest place for students. School officials work with emergency officials to ensure that students and staff are safe inside their schools. Please help us keep your student safe by following these guidelines:

- Stay calm. Remember, most emergency actions are precautionary.
- Monitor your school Web Site(s), PWCS Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites, and pwcs.edu.
- Avoid calling or visiting the school(s), unless instructed to do so. Do not inadvertently interfere with emergency response personnel.
- Check your email and text messages for urgent messages.

PWCS specific terminology for emergencies.

- ***Evacuations*** – used to avoid the threat of potential internal hazards, such as fire, fumes, or unexplained alarms.
- ***Secure-the-Building*** – provides added safety in cases of potential external risk, such as police actions nearby. Students are brought indoors and building entry is restricted. Normal education activities continue.

- ***Shelter-in-Place*** – provides protection from potential environmental risks occurring outdoors.
- ***Lockdown*** – happens during a reported threat to the school. Buildings are locked, classes are suspended, and students are secured in their immediate areas.

HELP US HELP YOU!

PWCS will keep you informed through email, phone, text, E-News, PWCS Facebook and Twitter feeds, and local media.

- **Make sure the school has accurate emergency contact information on file at your child's school. Notify the school immediately of any changes.**
- If you move, notify the school immediately of your new address, then **provide *Proof of Residency*** to the school's Counseling Department.
- **NOTE: *The school cannot change the address based on information provided on the school's emergency card.*** Please contact the school *Counseling Department* for more information.

