

# HAMPTON



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**George M. Hampton Middle School**  
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Hampton Families,

Good afternoon! Hope everyone is having a safe, happy, and restful summer break. The beginning of the school year is approaching quickly and here are some important information we need to share:

### **Laptop Distribution:**

All students are required to have a **school laptop** for the 2021-2022 school year. Sixth grade students who attend the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, will receive their laptop during the technology session of their schedule.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade laptops will be distributed the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you did not turn in your laptop from last school year, you will not be given a new one for this school year.

### **2021-22 Student device distribution: Know the plan**

#### **Student device (laptop and hotspot) procedures**

1. PWCS is now a 1-to-1 School Division, and Canvas will be used as the learning management system for students attending both in-person and virtually.
2. Every student (in-person and virtual) will receive a laptop for the 2021-22 school year, prior to the first day of school (**August 23, 2021**) or on the first day of school.
3. Parents/guardians must acknowledge the Digital Device Student Loan Agreement in The Hub at the start of each school year as part of the “New School Year Packet” in the online records section.
4. Parent/guardian may purchase [optional digital device insurance](#).
5. Schools will issue devices and will place the student number in The Hub. Parent will be responsible for payment of any device not returned or damaged.
6. All students must use their PWCS login on their device. There is no longer a “generic” login.
7. Student documents need to be stored in their OneDrive and not on the device.

#### **2021-22 Student hotspot distribution**

1. Hotspots will be provided to students who are in need of internet access at home.
2. Hotspots can be provided to in-person and virtual only students.
3. Parent will be responsible for payment of any hotspot not returned or damaged.

#### **First Day of School is August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- The 2021-22 school year will begin on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> for students

- Be sure to check back in early August regarding back to school information
- If you are moving out of PWCS or attending a different middle school, please contact our registrar, Mrs. Evelyn Hussain @ 703-670-6166 or [hussaie@pwcs.edu](mailto:hussaie@pwcs.edu)

## Mask Guidance

On August 23, we will begin a new school year, and safety will remain top of mind for everyone, for caregivers and families, for educators and staff, and for all of us across Prince William County. Our students are best served in person. We know this paves the way for the greatest outcomes for everyone and is important for students' academic progress, social-emotional growth, and well-being. There will be a large number of students returning, and we are taking precautions to ensure every student's safety and to minimize disruptions to learning.

**Universal indoor masking will be required in all PWCS schools at the start of the 2021-22 school year for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status with some exceptions.** Additional exceptions may include medical conditions or students whose disability may prevent masking. Through masking, our schools will be:

- Maintaining a layer of mitigation for staff and students when physical distancing is not possible.
- Significantly reducing potential disruption to the educational environment caused by student quarantines.
- Providing time for vaccines to become available at all ages and for more students to receive vaccinations.
- Reducing potential impacts to staffing due to employee illness or quarantine.

## Sports Tryouts

Sports tryouts will begin August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Students trying out for sports and required to have a physical and complete concussion training prior to trying out. This year, all concussion training will be online. Please print or email the certificate as evidence of class completion.



### Reminder, Sports Physicals :

To tryout and participate in athletic activities, students must meet participation requirements and have a current **physical** dated after May 1.

[High School Physical Form \(pdf\)](#)  
[Middle School Physical Form \(pdf\)](#)

**Concussion Training**  
 hamptonms.pwcs.edu  
 Click "I Love Sports"  
 Begin Training

## School Grounds Parking

When using the track and fields on school grounds, please park in the main parking lot. Anyone parking at the top may be towed. Also, please do not litter, there are trash cans on the fields. Let's continue to keep our school and community looking great.

## Tennis Court

US Soccer Association, and Black Players for Change, along with several sponsors, put forward a grant to create a 50' x 104' futsal court, which will replace our tennis court. Futsal is a type of soccer that is usually played indoors on a smaller field. Black Players for Change Board Member, CJ Sapong attended Forest Park High School and selected Hampton Middle School as the location for the futsal field. There are many community benefits from providing this mini pitch courts. The mini pitch system offers the community a contained area to play a faster paced, pick-up type game of soccer, with fewer players per side, and they have the potential to encourage more active recreation for neighborhood youth. We fully support this project and appreciate the Foundation's interest in selecting Hampton as the location for the court.

### Important Dates:

August 13 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open House – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 12:00pm - 12:45pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 1:00pm – 1:45pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 2:00pm - 2:45pm
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of School
August 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Tryouts
September 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day Weekend Holiday – School Closed
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rosh Hashana – School Closed
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Patriot Day
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yom Kippur – School Closed
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Constitution Day
September 20 <sup>st</sup>	Sukkot Start
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fall Begins
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night – 6:00pm – 8:30pm
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night – 6:00pm – 8:30pm

The admin team looks forward to developing some very rewarding relationships this year. I believe the most productive learning environment is one where everyone collaborates and is treated with respect and dignity. Together we can all meet the challenges of the year with positive outcomes. We encourage our parents to join our PTO or Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

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George M. Hampton Middle School