

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Welcome to Memorial Middle School and the 2023 - 2024 school year! I hope you have enjoyed another wonderful summer in Hull. Teachers have been back in their rooms preparing to open. Ms. Casey, our Building Secretary, and I have been working with our Custodians to prepare the building for the safe return of our students. The remainder of this letter contains helpful information as you and your child prepare for the return to school.



Summer Work and Supply Lists

Please help your student to prepare for the first days of school. Students need to complete their summer math and reading before the first day of school. Summer Work as well as Supply Lists can be found on the school website:

<https://www.hullpublicschools.org/middle-school/family-students/pages/summer-reading-math-and-supply-lists>



The First Days of School – Construction Update

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 30th. Students must arrive by 7:55 a.m. and be in homeroom/class by 8:00 a.m. Students arriving at school after 8:00 a.m. must report to the office for a tardy pass to class.

Please Note: Due to a recent inspection, the front entrance to the school will be closed for approximately *two months* while repairs are made to the façade that overhangs the entrance. *Bus students* will still be dropped off on Central Ave in the front of the building at the same location as previous years and will enter the school using the first side entrance on the L Street side of the building. *Parents that drive students* should turn down M street, drive around the back of the building, turn left on L Street and drop students off near the intersection of L Street and Central Avenue next to the school.

Dismissal for students that ride the bus is at 2:45 p.m. All other students are dismissed at 2:55 p.m. after the buses depart. Please do not pull up to the school early as students cannot be dismissed until the buses are parked in front of the school.

There is no school on Friday, September 1st, or Monday, September 4th.



Tardy and Early Dismissal Procedures – Construction Update

One of the most important skills a student can learn is regular, on-time attendance. Please help us to reduce disruptions to the classroom by ensuring that your student arrives on time and early dismissals are kept to a minimum. Students miss instruction and learning when they are tardy or dismissed early. *While the front entrance is closed, students that are tardy or dismissed early will need to use the back entrance.* There is a small parking lot behind the school that will be used for temporary visitor parking.

For students that are tardy, please use M Street to drive around to the back of the building. There is no need to park. Please drop your student off at the entrance to the parking lot and they can enter the building through the back door. Your student should ring the door bell and the front office will “buzz them in.” Your student should report to the office to sign-in.

For students that are dismissed early, please use M Street to drive around to the back of the building and park in one of the 30 minute visitor parking spaces. Ring the door bell and the front office staff will “buzz you in.” Parents/Guardians must report to the office to dismiss their child. Please remember to bring a current photo ID or we cannot dismiss your child.



Homeroom Assignments

Grade 7	Grade 8
Room 233 Mr. Massari Azzarito through Edwards	Room 318 Mr. MacDonald Arevalo through Gatto
Room 238 Ms. Dillon Effinger through Kenerson	Room 322 Ms. Grabowski Guardino through Lin
Room 244 Ms. Parsons Lenahan through Nielsen	Room 327 Ms. Cocchi Littlefield through Orpen
Room 246 Mr. Getchell O’Hara through Z	Room 329 Mr. Whittle Pike through Z

Homerooms meet during the first couple of days of school and occasionally during the school year. Please see the chart above for your student’s assignment. In homeroom, students will receive their schedules, grade level expectations, emergency cards, handbook receipt, and other information. Much of this information must be signed by parents/guardians and returned to homeroom.



Bus Schedules

As in previous years, the bus schedule will appear in the *Hull Times* just before school starts. The schedule will also be posted to our school website. Most students have access to the bus. Students that live on the alphabet streets walk to school. During the first several days of school, please arrive at your bus stop early.



School Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, October 16th. More information will follow when we are closer to the date.



School Breakfast and Lunch

Great News! With the new FY24 state budget, Massachusetts has extended universal free meals. The new state funds will be used to supplement federal USDA reimbursements, allowing for the National School Lunch Program to provide **FREE breakfast and lunch meals to all students** for the upcoming school year!!

- Menus for all schools will be posted at www.hullpublicschools.org
- Snacks and a la carte items will once again be offered for purchase along with milk, juice or water (student accounts will be charged for these items)
- Although we will accept cash & checks at the registers this year, we strongly encourage families to pay on-line
- To pay online, students MUST have an account set up at www.myschoolbucks.com

Please contact Patty Gardiner 781-925-4400, x1112, for further assistance.

A healthy breakfast and lunch is essential to a child's ability to do well in school. As the father of three, I know that kids are not always hungry when they first wake-up. At Memorial Middle School, students have the option of attending breakfast before school begins and eating in the cafeteria between 7:35 and 7:55 am. Our Enrichment and Intervention program will begin Monday, September 25th after 2nd period. Students may get their breakfast during this time. Students can also bring their breakfast to school and eat during the Enrichment and Intervention period. Since we started the school day breakfast program, students and teachers report that student focus has improved and behavior issues have decreased.



School Council

School Council serves as an advisory board to the Principal. The Council consists of at least three parents, three teachers, a community member, and the Principal. Should we have more than three volunteers, elections for the position will be held at the Open House on September 15th. Interested parents/guardians or community members should contact the Principal by email at ahrivnak@town.hull.ma.us. The primary functions of The School Council are to review the student handbook, the school improvement plan, the curriculum accommodation plan, and the school budget, and to advise the principal. The School Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

October 11
March 20

November 29
May 15

January 24
June 5 (Tentative)



Important Dates

Below is a listing of upcoming dates. Please refer to the middle school calendar on our website for additional dates:

<https://www.hullpublicschools.org/node/14/events/month/2022-08>

Aug 30:	First Day of School, 7:55 a.m.
Sept 1:	No School
Sept 4:	Holiday, No School
Sept 14:	Open House, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 25:	Late Bus starts
Sept 25:	Enrichment & Intervention starts
Sept 29:	Mid-term
Oct 6:	Mid-term Progress Reports Posted to Aspen
Oct 9:	Holiday, No School
Oct 11:	School Council 6:30 p.m.
Oct 16:	School Pictures Day!!
Oct 18:	Early Release Day
Oct 25:	Grade 8 Dance Decoration Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.



Information from our School Nurse

Our School Nurse is Sharon Striglio. She can be reached by email at sstriglio@town.hull.ma.us, by phone at 781-925-2040, x1106, or by fax at 781-925-8002. The nurse has sent letters to families of students with medical conditions (diabetes, asthma, allergies, seizure disorders). Any medical documentation can be sent to her.

All grade 7 students should have an updated physical on record in the Nurse's Office before the start of the school year. Physicals can be sent in with your child on Wednesday, August 30th. Please place the physical form in an envelope to the attention of Sharon Striglio, School Nurse.

If you have any questions regarding your child's medical needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to her.



Chromebooks

All students will receive their Chromebook after students and parents sign the handbook signature pages. The handbook can be found on the school website. The signature pages will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Students will receive the same Chromebook in the same condition that students returned in the fall. New students will be issued new or refurbished Chromebooks.



Cell Phones

Technology continues to be a great resource to assist with learning and instruction. As all students are issued Chromebooks, students do not need cell phones in the classroom. Students will be able to store their cell phone in their locker during the school day. We understand that some students need to have their cell phone to help track and transmit medical information. Should an emergency occur where a parent must communicate with their child, please call the main office and we will assist you.



School News and Announcements

To receive our daily school announcements, simply sign-up through the website. To sign-up, go to the website at <https://www.hullpublicschools.org> and click on "Subscribe" at the top of the page. Fill out the form and click "Subscribe Me" at the bottom of the page. This is the best way to stay connected to the middle school and to find out about upcoming events and activities at school.



Consolidation Update

This school year will be last school year for Memorial Middle School. As the year progresses, High School Principal Mike Knybel will reach out to both 7th and 8th grade parents/guardians about the transition process. He looks forward to working with you during this unique transition opportunity.