

2011

2012



Preschool:
 Open House
 Tuesday, Aug. 23
 AM: 10:30 a.m.
 ALL DAY: 1:30 p.m.
 PM: 2:30 p.m.

Back to School

A Note From Our Superintendent

I would like to be the first to welcome you to the new school year. Hamilton Local Schools continues to be one of the best school districts in Central Ohio, and that is due to the commitment to excellence that our students, employees, and community members show year after year. Please take a moment to read all of the information in this newsletter to understand requirements, policies and procedures to assist us in beginning this school year smoothly.

– *Christopher T. Lester, Superintendent*

URGENT Registering Your Student Before School Begins Is Critical To Success

Our district has a centralized registration office located in the Hamilton Education Center (775 Rathmell Rd.) and holds a "Registration by Reservation" policy. Registration is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please schedule now to avoid any delay in your child's education. To schedule your registration reservation, please call 614-491-8044 ext.1204 or ext. 1233. You will need to bring all completed registration forms with you during your appointment.

If you need a registration packet or individual forms, please stop by the Hamilton Education Center or download them from the "Student Registration" section of our district web site.

Cafeteria Lunch Prices Remain The Same

HTHS: \$2.75 daily; HMS: \$2.50 daily; HIS: \$2.25 daily; HES: \$2.00 daily

** Breakfast is offered for free to those who aren't able to eat before arriving to school.

** A-la-carte lunch options are available in our intermediate, middle and high schools at variable costs.



EZ Pay Continues

For the 2nd consecutive year, we are happy to offer the convenience of EZPay Online Bill Pay for families who would like to pay fees, fines, or for their child's Lunch Box account through a secure, online payment system. You may access this easy, secure payment system by clicking the EZPay logo located on our district home page.

Elementary School:
 Orientation Night
 Monday, Aug. 22
 Kindergarten: 3:30 p.m.
 1st Grade: 4:30 p.m.
 2nd Grade: 5:30 p.m.
 3rd Grade: 6:30 p.m.

Intermediate School:
 Open House
 Monday, Aug. 22
 4:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.
Middle School:
 Open House
 Monday, Aug. 22
 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

High School:
 Freshmen Orientation & Parent Meeting Night
 Monday, Aug. 15
 Begins at 5:00 p.m.
 Schedule Pick-up
 10th, 11th, & 12th grades
 Wednesday, Aug. 17
 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Clinic Instructions:

Parents are responsible for informing the school each year of their child's specific health problems, especially life-threatening bee sting or food allergies. This includes medications that are not taken at school, especially if they are important to your child's well being. If your child requires an epi-pen for allergies, you are responsible for providing the school with the medication and a signed physician's statement directing when and how the epi-pen is to be administered. Please contact your child's school with any health concerns. The district nurse travels between buildings throughout the day. She is on call at any time an emergency may arise. Hamilton Elementary and Intermediate Schools have a paraprofessional on duty Monday-Friday.

Name _____
Address _____ Date _____

Rx Required Vaccinations For Kindergarten & 7th Grade Students:

Please make certain your child has had the following vaccinations and doses if they are going into kindergarten:
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis: 5 Doses
Polio: 4 Doses
Hepatitis B: 3 Doses
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (Chicken Pox): 2 Doses

If your child is going into 7th grade, they will need a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) or Td (tetanus and diphtheria) booster. Of the two boosters, Tdap is preferred because it provides vital protection against pertussis, which is commonly known as whooping cough.

MD _____
Signature _____

Medications At School:

Students needing occasional medications, such as penicillin, for colds, earaches and sore throats, are to take those medications at home, if possible. However, if a physician indicates that it is necessary for your child to take medications during school hours, the following procedures must be followed:

1. A written order form for each medication, prescription or non-prescription (Tylenol, Advil, Tums, Cough Drops, etc.) must be completed by your child's physician and returned to school before that medication will be given by school personnel. This authorization form can be obtained in the school office.
2. All prescription medication must be sent to school in a properly labeled container from the pharmacy with the child's name on the container. Non-prescription medication should be sent in its original container.
3. A parent or guardian must also sign the parental permission line of the Physician's Request for either prescription or non-prescription medication.
4. ALL medications that come into the school must be turned into the office.
5. Parents are responsible for picking up unused medication at the end of the school year. Medications will not be sent home with your children.



District Conducts Annual Health Screenings

In accordance with Ohio State Law, Hamilton Local Schools conducts annual health screenings. Vision screenings are conducted in preschool, kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades. Hearing screenings are required for grades preschool, kindergarten, first, third, fifth and ninth. Grades kindergarten, third, fifth and ninth will participate in BMI screenings as well. If your student is in one of the screening grades and you do not wish for your student to be screened, you must submit a request, in writing, for your child to be exempt. The request must include the date, student's name and grade, the screening for which they are to be exempt and the parent/guardian's signature. Submission of the request for exemption must be received by your student's school office by Friday, September 16, 2011.

School Fees and Fines

Our Board of Education voted to waive the \$50.00 student supply fee for the 2011-12 school year. Our student supply fee is usually paid in addition to any other course fees that may apply. In accordance with board policy, report cards, records and diplomas will be withheld for those students who have not met financial obligations and/or have not returned all school/district property.



Visitors & Emergency Cards:

State law requires that any person visiting any school report directly to the school's main office. State law also requires that all students must have an accurate emergency medical card completed, signed by a parent or guardian and filed in the office.

New Pay To Participate Fee Structure Allows Families To Save Some \$\$\$

Our Board of Education voted to approve a slight change to charges related to pay to participate that saves families money if they have children playing multiple sports in the same athletic season.

Students who participate in multiple sports during the same season will only be required to pay the \$75 once during that season. For example, if a student-athlete plays Football and Soccer, they will only have to pay \$75. In seasons past, the family would have had to pay the fee for both sports (Totaling \$150). If your child is a cheerleader, they only have to pay the \$75 fee once to cover the entire year.

The maximum charge for each student per year is down to \$225 (a savings of \$50) and a family with multiple athletes will pay a family max of \$450 (a savings of \$100).

The "Pay to Participate" program does not affect activities related to the course of study or those that meet predominately during the school day. This includes strength and conditioning since it is part of the athletic team program.

** All school and activity fees will be collected during schedule pickup / student orientation night.

District Dress Code:

General Guidelines

No article of clothing, accessory, or appearance shall:

1. Distract from the educational process
2. Discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, or religion

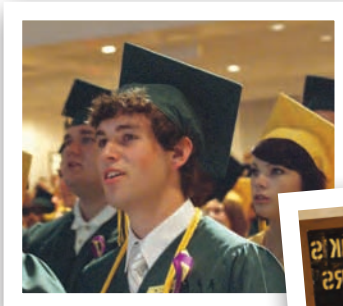
Unacceptable Clothing, Accessories, or Appearances

Items that are not permitted include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Hats, head dresses, bandanas (Except with permission from the principal)
2. Shorts/skirts shorter than mid thigh, regardless of what is worn underneath (e.g. leggings or tights)
3. Shirts shorter than mid-thigh worn with leggings, tights or spandex
4. Sunglasses or non-essential eyewear (Unless prescribed by a physician and/or approved by the principal)
5. Sleepwear or loungewear
6. Slippers, house shoes, or shoes with wheels
7. Chains or chain-like items

8. Bare midriffs (shorts/pants must rest/hang at or above the hips)
9. Sleeveless, tank, spaghetti straps, tube tops, or low necklines
10. Mesh, sheer, or see-through clothing
11. Unnatural hair color
12. Visible undergarments
13. Coats worn inside the building during the school day
14. Tears or holes above the mid-thigh area, regardless of what is worn underneath
15. Associations with tobacco, alcohol, drugs, obscenities, profanities, sex related, or violence
16. Defamatory toward any person, school, community or nation
17. Gang related or affiliated

Students will be expected to comply with stipulations placed on them by District staff members or educational programs that consider standards of dress and grooming as parts of their programs. (Examples: field trips, athletic squads, work programs, etc.)



Bus Rider Rules & Route Schedules:



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Many of our students are transported to and from school by bus. Our primary concern is the safety of each student. Every student will be assigned a seat, and as they board the bus they are to go directly to their

seat, sit down, keep their hands and feet in their own space, and talk quietly. If all students follow these procedures, there should be no problems and the bus ride should be safe for everyone. Your child may lose transportation privileges for violating any part of the student code of conduct, and may receive additional disciplinary action. Transportation will then become the parents' responsibility.

Bus schedules are posted in the "Parents and Students" section of our district website for easy viewing or printing. If you have any questions concerning route information please contact our transportation department at 614-491-8044 x1236.

Improving Achievement through Total Accountability and High Expectations

First day of school is Wednesday, August 24, 2011

HAMILTON ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY
775 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
Director: Allyson Price
School Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Main Office: 614-491-8044 Ext.1240

HAMILTON PRESCHOOL
775 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
Coordinator: Jan Strahm
All Day: 8:40 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
AM Classes: 8:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
PM Classes: 12:40 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.
Main Office: 614-491-8044 Ext.1240

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
745 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
Principal: Mark Tyler
Asst. Principal: Josh Conley
School Hours: 8:40 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Main Office: 614-491-8044 Ext.1300

HAMILTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
765 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
Principal: Mike Meade
Asst. Principal: Amy Siegel
School Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Main Office: 614-491-8044 Ext.1600

HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
755 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
Principal: Jeff Endres
Asst. Principal: Kelly Buxton
School Hours: 7:20 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Main Office: 614-491-8044 Ext.1500

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
1105 Rathmell Road
Columbus, OH 43207
Principal: James Miller
Asst. Principal: Ryan Fitzgerald
School Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Main Office: 614-491-8044 Ext.1800

Building Contact Information:

October 3 - 7, 2011: OAA - 3rd Grade Reading Only
Oct. 24 - Nov. 4, 2011: OGT - Grades 11, 12 & 12+
Mar. 12 - 23, 2012: OGT - Grades 10, 11, 12 & 12+
Apr. 30 - May 4, 2012: OAA - Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
June 18 - July 1, 2012: Summer OGT - Grades 10, 11, 12 & 12+

OAA & OGT Dates:

For the most up-to-date information concerning the Hamilton Local School District and its schools, please log onto our web site www.hamilton-local.k12.oh.us.

Latest Info On District Web Site:

NOTE: If you have questions about policy or procedure concerning your child's school, please refer to their student handbook to find your answer. If your question isn't answered in the handbook, please contact the school's main office.