



"HOME OF THE JUNIOR AVIATORS!"

Mr. Joseph Mastropietro, HHMS Principal

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August 30th, 2022

Middle School Parents & Guardians,

At Hasbrouck Heights Middle School, we are committed to creating the very best learning environment possible for our students and staff. We will continue to work as a TEAM in order to provide a learning experience in which our students feel safe and supported, as well as challenged and nurtured, so that they may continue to grow into well-rounded, responsible young adults. Our outstanding team of educators will work diligently to ensure that our students develop the necessary skills needed to be successful in high school and beyond. We will continue to set high expectations for our students and we will encourage them to push themselves to reach their full potential each and every day!

We are committed to your child's education and we will work tirelessly to ensure that each student achieves their highest academic standard, while at the same time, develop their interpersonal skills, character, and self-esteem. We truly believe in our teachers, support staff members, community, and most importantly, our JUNIOR AVIATORS! We look forward to working with our students, parents, guardians, PTSA, and the entire community of Hasbrouck Heights throughout the 2022- 2023 school year. **The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 7th, 2021 at 7:55am!**

THANK YOU!

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to our outstanding custodians, secretaries, security, and maintenance staff, as well as our technology department for their tireless efforts in preparing our building for the upcoming school year. They continuously go above and beyond to ensure that our school is ready to go in September!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW JUNIOR AVIATOR STAFF!

- Mrs. Cafferty – MS Spanish Teacher
- Ms. Giaquinto: Language Arts Basic Skills
- Mrs. Minichiello – MS Paraprofessional
- Mr. Schmarak – Physical Education Teacher

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- **New!** Middle School Entrance- Door # 15 (see Handbook and Email from Mr. D'Amico for more information);
- MS Spanish is a new course for all Junior Aviators;
- All students will have full access to Chromebooks during instructional time;
- Continuation of the ***Link It*** benchmark program, which is used to assess and analyze student mastery of state standards;
- **SchoolWide** - New Language Arts program to be utilized in ELA courses;
- Clubs and Field Trips (including Overnight) will be back for the 2022-23 School Year!
- New Floors in Cafeteria, Media Center, and Weight Room!



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- New/ Renewed educational platforms, including but not limited to: *Google Apps for Education, ScreenCastify, Go Math, Khan Academy, NewsELA, IXL, Ed Puzzle, TCI, FlipGrid, Sora, Jamboard, Padlet, Go Guardian, Edulastic, and Quaver Music.*
 - Continuation of a positive school climate! → In addition to our *Character Education Day* in October 12th and our regular Junior Aviator Class Assemblies, all students will have an opportunity to participate in our character-education program: students can earn a Character MVP Card from a teacher, administrator, or support staff member anytime they are **caught in the act of doing something good!**
 - **Covid-19:** As we have done throughout the pandemic, we will be communicating regularly with our students, parents, and community members in regard to updated guidance, protocols, and procedures to be implemented in our school regarding Covid-19. Furthermore, students should **NOT** report to the school building if they are exhibiting the following:
 - ✓ **Two (2) or more of the following symptoms:** chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, runny nose;
 - OR**
 - ✓ **One (1) or more of the following symptoms:** cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, fever, or new taste disorder.
 - **Chromebooks:** All Junior Aviator students are expected to bring their school-issued Chromebook to school (fully charged) on September 7th. At the beginning of this year, all Middle School students will receive a brand new Chromebook. If you are having any issues with your Chromebook, or any of your school accounts, please do not hesitate to call our **Tech Department at (201) 639-6911** for assistance.
 - ✓ **Incoming 6th grade Junior Aviators-** simply bring your Chromebook from Euclid or Lincoln with you on September 7th (fully charged). Please do not worry at all! You are in great hands and your teachers will walk you through everything that you need to know.
 - **Lunch:** We are very happy to be able to have our normal lunch setup back at our school! Students may bring in their own brown-bag lunch from home **OR** pay for a school lunch from Maschio’s at school.
 - **Lockers:** MS students will be assigned a school locker for the 2022-2023 school year. However, students will **ONLY** be permitted to visit their locker during the following designated times:
 - ✓ Upon arrival prior to Period 1
 - ✓ Lunchtime (mid-day)
 - ✓ At dismissal following period 8
- *Backpacks may be brought to and from school, but students will not be able to have them during the school day. Drawstring bags **ONLY** will be permitted in the classrooms, hallways, etc.



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- **Attendance:** If a student is to be absent, it is vital that the parent/guardian call the **Middle School Main Office at (201) 393-8170**. Please be sure to leave a voice message if Mrs. Mason or Mrs. Behr do not answer.
- **Managing Back-to-School Anxiety:** Knowing that the end of summer and the adjustment to new routines can cause angst for our students, we have included the following resource for your reference: [Back-to-School Anxiety in Kids: What to Watch Out For](#)
 - ✓ Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can assist your child with any aspect of adjusting to the return to school.
 - ✓ Mrs. O'Hagan, Mrs. Gesell, Mrs. Christianson, and our new Director of Guidance, Mr. Barchini are outstanding educators and are available to support all of our students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRANCE

- **NEW!** The Middle School Entrance has been re-located from its previous location (formerly Door # 12 near Tennis Courts). The MS Entrance will now be located at **Door # 15**, which is physically located at the corner of Paterson Avenue and the Boulevard.
- **Some very important items to know regarding the NEW Middle School Entrance:**
 - ✓ **This is a STUDENT ENTRANCE ONLY.** All Visitors, Guests, Parents, and Guardians will need to report to **Door # 1** located on the Boulevard (Main Entrance) for early student pick-ups, meetings with school staff, dropping off lunches/school items at **ANY** time during the school day.
 - ✓ A Visitor Monitor will be available at **Door # 1** each school day to assist you upon your arrival. The hours of operation are 7:15am-3:15pm Monday through Friday during the school year.
 - ✓ MS Students are expected to use the MS Entrance (Door # 15) to enter the school building each school day any time after 7:25am. Students should **NOT** arrive any earlier than 7:25am as there will be no supervision for the students.
 - ✓ **IMPORTANT:** Students who are tardy to school after 9am must report to Door # 1 (Main Entrance) as the MS Entrance will be closed after 9am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph Mastropietro- Middle School Principal	(201) 288-1218
Mr. Frank D'Amico- Middle School Vice Principal	(201) 338-8815
Mrs. Lisa Mason- Main Office/ Attendance	(201) 393-8170
Mrs. Cathy Behr- Clerical/ Main Office	(201) 338-8169
School Counselor- Mrs. Lindsey Gesell Grades 6-8 (A-L)	(201) 393-8167
School Counselor- Mrs. Kerrie O'Hagan Grades 6-8 (M-Z)	(201) 393-8156
CST Case Manager- Ms. Angela Gallina (Grades 6 & 7)	(201) 393-8361
CST Case Manager- Ms. Dawn Johnson (Grade 8)	(201) 393-8368
Mr. Vincenzo Barchini- Director of Guidance	(201) 393-8163
Mrs. Dominique Vetrano- Director of Curriculum	(201) 639-6902



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Main Office Fax #-

(201) 288-2083

School Nurse- Mrs. Mary Neumann/Mrs. Rita Perdomo

(201) 393-8160

SAC Counselor- Mrs. Barbara Christianson

(201) 288-1426

Special Services Department

(201) 393-8151

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOALS: 2022- 2023

Goal #1 – Throughout the 2022- 2023 SY, high quality assessments will be used to evaluate student progress based on the curriculum & standards taught to prepare students for High School. This will be measured by the collection of SGOs, marking period summative assessments, and common assessments. Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, all assessments will include cover sheets that review the standards and the level of questioning being assessed. Common Assessments will be tracked on Google Sheets.

- 1) Marking period assessments with cover sheets in all subject areas.
- 2) *LinkIt* Benchmark Assessment (ELA and Mathematics)
- 3) Data Sheets including Math *IXL*, Science *IXL*, Social Studies Writing, Language Arts, Writing and Basic Skills Growth.
- 4) SGO’s with standards and student grouping/results
- 5) Lesson plans weekly in Google Teacher Folders _

Goal #2 - The Middle School will be focused on student growth in all content areas with a strong focus on ELA and Mathematics.

- 1) Student Growth measured by *LinkIt*, *SchoolWide*, *IXL*, and *Go Math*
- 2) Continued Implementation of *SchoolWide* and *IXL* to all students
- 3) Restructuring of ELA and Math Courses aligned with curriculum
- 4) Continued Planning with Grade Level and Department (vertical and horizontal articulation)

Goal #3 - The Middle School will continue the high-level of communication with all of the community stakeholders during this unprecedented time.

- 1) *Friday Folders* updates weekly
- 2) “*Mondays With Mr. Mastro*” updates monthly
- 3) Guidance Newsletters quarterly
- 4) Opening of School (Summer Reading/Supply List/Orientation/Handbook/Schedules/Drop off procedures/Opening Day Letter/Opening Day Assurance Sheet/Class Syllabi/Back to School Night/Title 1 Night /Extra Help Schedule/Important Policies)
- 5) Middle School news information & articles in the town electronic newspaper (*TapInto*) involving academics, clubs, and activities.
- 6) School events including Middle School Play/Geography Bee/Spelling Bee/Beta Induction/Book Fairs/School Play/Music Concerts/Field Trips (including overnight)/Field Day/Dances/PI Day/Read Across America Celebration/Junior Aviator Night/MS Sports/Etc
- 7) Teacher Meetings including I&RS, Team Meetings, IEP meetings, ELL meetings, and 504 meetings, Department Meetings, ScIP meetings, School Safety Team Meetings, parent information meetings, and individual teacher meetings
- 8) Staff reaching out to parents and students (email/phone call) including assisting struggling students, positive message of the week, or any other positive communication
- 9) Meetings (in-person/virtual) with parents and students as needed.



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

August 31 st	6 th Grade Parent Orientation 7:00pm MS/HS Auditorium <i>*Parents/guardians of new students should also attend*</i>
September 7 th	1 st Day of School Single-Session (7:55am- 12:24pm)
September 7 th MS Entrance on Paterson Avenue (by the MS sign)	“ <i>First Day of School Photos</i> ” with Franklin, the Junior Aviator! 6 th Grade 1:30 to 2:30pm 7 th Grade 2:30 to 3:00pm 8 th Grade 3:00 to 3:30pm
September 9 th	6 th Grade Ice Cream Social
September 15 th	8 th Grade Washington DC Parent Night – 7:00pm 7 th Grade Camping Parent Night – 7:45pm
September 29 nd	MS Back-to-School Night 6:30pm MS/HS
October 6 th	MS School Picture Day

We hope the information included in this letter has outlined what the start to the 22-23 school year will look like. However, please take the time to review our **Student/Parent Handbook**, which is located on our webpage, OR by clicking here: [Junior Aviator Student/ Parent Handbook](#)

Thank you in advance for your support and collaboration. We are truly looking forward to an amazing school year!



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