



Hasbrouck Heights Middle School
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“HOME OF THE JUNIOR AVIATORS!”

Mr. Joseph Mastropietro, HHMS Principal

Mr. Frank D’Amico, HHMS Vice Principal

August 22nd, 2019

Middle School Parents & Guardians,

At Hasbrouck Heights Middle School, we work hard each day to create the best possible learning environment for our students and staff. We will continue to work as a team in order to provide a safe learning environment that is both challenging and nurturing, so that our students 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 be the very best that they can be each and every day.

We are committed to your child’s education and we will work tirelessly to ensure that they achieve the highest possible academic achievements, while at the same time, develop their interpersonal skills, character, and self-esteem. We truly believe in our teachers, staff members, community, and most importantly, our Junior Aviators! We look forward to working with our students, parents, PTSA, and the entire community of Hasbrouck Heights throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 4th, 2019. School starts at 7:55am.

THANK YOU!

We would like to say THANK YOU to our outstanding custodians and maintenance staff, as well as our secretaries and technology staff 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 for September!

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Welcome to our NEW Junior Aviator Staff Members!

- Mr. Aiello: Supervisor of Guidance: Grades 6-12
- Mr. Cocozzo: Social Studies Teacher- Grade 7
- Mrs. McComas: Mandarin-Chinese Teacher- Grades 6, 7, & 8 (*pending BOE approval*)
- Mrs. Giaquinto: Visitor Monitor (PM)- Middle School (*pending BOE approval*)

CONGRATULATIONS, JUNIOR AVIATORS!

NJSLA State Assessment-Spring, 2019

Hasbrouck Heights Middle School has again performed above the state average on this year's NJSLA state assessment in both Language Arts and Mathematics. Furthermore, each grade level has outperformed the entire state of NJ in each of the subclaim categories for both ELA and Mathematics (4 in Mathematics and 5 in ELA), with the exception of one component. Congratulations to all of our students, teachers, and the entire school community!!!

More Great News!

Hasbrouck Heights ranked #66 best school district in the state of New Jersey!

Click here: NJ School District Rankings- Patch.com

Important Items for 2019-2020 School Year:

- New Middle School courses: 1) Mandarin- Chinese; 2) Personal Finance;
- Brand new lockers throughout the Middle School/High School;
- New Clubs including the **Book Club, Gay/Straight Alliance Club, Golf Club;**
- All students will have full access to Chromebooks during instructional time;
- **Link It** program which will be used to assess and analyze student mastery of state standards;
- Updates to various BOE approved policies in progress: **Attendance, Code of Conduct, Substance Abuse; Field Trips**
- Continuation of **Go Math** and **Vocabulary Workshop** series;
- Continuation of our **Junior Aviator Character MVP Program!** In an effort to maintain a positive school climate, students will have the opportunity to earn an MVP Card from a teacher, administrator, or support staff.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRANCE

- The Middle School Entrance is located on Paterson Avenue next to the Tennis courts, which is the same entrance that our middle school students have used in recent years. All visitors to HHMS will be required to use the Middle School Entrance. A Visitor Monitor will be stationed at this entrance to greet you upon your arrival.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Middle School Principal- Mr. Joseph Mastropietro	(201) 288-1218
Middle School Vice Principal- Mr. Frank D'Amico	(201) 338-8815
Main Office/ Attendance- Mrs. Lisa Mason	(201) 393-8170
Clerical/ Main Office- Mrs. Cathy Behr	(201) 338-8169
Main Office Fax #-	(201) 288-2083
Nurse- Mrs. Mary Neumann	(201) 393-8160
Guidance- Mrs. Kerrie O'Hagan (Grades 6 & 7)	(201) 393-8156
Guidance- Mrs. Lindsey Gesell (Grade 8)	(201) 393-8167
Special Services Department	(201) 393-8151
CST- Ms. Dawn Johnson (Grades 6 &7)	(201) 393-8368
CST- Mrs. Suzanne Gallo (Grade 8)	(201) 338-8818
SAC- Mrs. Barbara Christianson	(201) 288-1426

Middle School Goals: 2019-2020

Goal #1

Throughout the 2019-2020 SY, high-quality assessments will be used to evaluate student progress based on the curriculum/standards being taught in order to prepare students for high school. This will be measured by the collection of SGO's, marking period summative assessments, common assessments, *Link It* Benchmark assessments, and Quarterly assessments.

- 1) Marking period assessments with standards in all subject areas
- 2) Quarterlies with cover sheets that show correlation of standards covered and level of questions in major subjects
- 3) SGO's with standards and student grouping/results
- 4) Lesson plans weekly in Google folders
- 5) Google Sheets including *Go Math* Unit Assessments, Social Studies Writing, Science Writing, Language Arts Writing and Vocabulary

Goal #2

By June 2020, 80% of students in grades 6-8 will demonstrate a minimum growth of 3 points on a standards-based computer assessment for Language Arts.

- 1) Develop a district assessment schedule for *LinkIt* administration (3 times);
- 2) Train teachers on *LinkIt* reports and standards-based data to drive instruction and remediate students;
- 3) Continue curriculum alignment for Language Arts;
- 4) Continue development of common assessments in Language Arts;
- 5) Continue common planning and grade level/department articulation (vertical and horizontal)

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Goal #3

By June 2020, 80% of students in grades 6-8 will demonstrate a minimum growth of 3 points on a standards-based computer assessment for Mathematics.

- 1) Develop a district assessment schedule for *LinkIt* administration (3 times)
- 2) Train teachers on *LinkIt* reports and standards-based computer assessment for Mathematics
- 3) Continue curriculum alignment for Mathematics
- 4) Continue development of common assessments for Mathematics
- 5) Continue common planning and grade level/department articulation (vertical and horizontal)

We are truly looking forward to an outstanding school year!

Joseph Mastropietro and Frank D'Amico

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