Hixson Middle School
Welcome Back!

August 3, 2020
Information current as of this date.
At Hixson Middle School, our mission is simple:

**To work as a community to promote academic and personal growth for all learners.**
A little about us...
Dr. Rogers

Principal

- 10th year as principal at Hixson
- Grew up in the Hixson Community
- Past educational experience:
  - Middle School Math Teacher
  - Instructional Coach
  - Assistant Principal
Dr. Caraccio

Assistant Principal

- 1st Year at Hixson Middle School
- Live in the Hixson Community
- Past Education Employment:
  - High School Math/Science Teacher
  - Instructional Coach
  - Basketball & Soccer Coach
Hixson Middle School

A community of learners

- 650 students
- After School Program called **HxMS CommUNITY School** in partnership with Northside Neighborhood House
- TN STEM Designated School
- Level 5 School
- VW eLab (1 of less than 1,800 worldwide)
Daily Schedule

- Homeroom
- RTI Time (Remediation/Enrichment)
- Academic Blocks by cohort
- Related Arts Blocks (In phase 2 and 3 students will only attend 1 Related Arts Block each day.)
6th grade Organization

**Thundercats:**
- Mr. Lynn, Math
- Ms. Breazeale, PBL
- Mrs. Todd, ELA
- Ms. Mathews, Science
- Ms. Quan, Social Studies

**Cheetahs:**
- Mrs. Alderman, Math
- Ms. McCullough, PBL
- Mr. DeVore, ELA
- Mrs. Powell, Science
- Mrs. Bailey, Social Studies

**Related Arts:**
- Mr. Ailey, Chorus
- Mr. Harwood, Bible History
- Coach Miller, Girl’s PE
- Coach Wood, Boy’s PE
- Mr. Weger, Art
- Mr. Rose, Band
- Mrs. Daniels, Strings
7th grade Organization

**Jaguars:**
- Ms. Little, Math
- Mrs. Birch, ELA
- Ms. McDaniel, Science
- Ms. Thacker, Social Studies

**Panthers:**
- Mr. Nelson, Math
- Mrs. Howard, ELA
- Mrs. Byars, Science
- Mrs. Thacker, Social Studies

**Related Arts:**
- Mr. Ailey, Chorus
- Mr. Harwood, Bible History
- Coach Miller, Girl’s PE
- Coach Wood, Boy’s PE
- Mr. Weger, Art
- Mr. Rose, Band
- Mrs. Daniels, Strings
8th grade Organization

Mountain Lions:
- Mrs. Howard, Math/Algebra
- Mrs. Bales, ELA
- Ms. Felton, Science
- Mrs. Brewer, Social Studies

Pumas:
- Mrs. Jibrin, Math
- Ms. Metcalf, ELA
- Mr. Faircloth, Science
- Mrs. Lane, Social Studies

Related Arts:
- Mr. Ailey, Chorus
- Mr. Harwood, Bible History
- Coach Miller, Girl's PE
- Coach Wood, Boy’s PE
- Mr. Weger, Art
- Ms. Cox, Spanish
- Mr. Rose, Band
- Mrs. Daniels, Strings
HMS@Home Organization

- Mrs. Howard, Algebra
- Ms. Ellis, Math
- Ms. Fogo, ELA
- Mr. Young, Science
- Mrs. Williams, Social Studies
How to stay informed:

1. Visit www.hixsonmiddle.com
2. Follow @hixsonmiddleTN
All students are assigned 2 short stories by Ray Bradbury for summer reading:

- “All Summer in a Day”
- “Dark They Were and Golden Eyed”

A link to these short stories is found at www.hixsonmiddle.com
HxMS CommUNITY School

HxMS CommUNITY School is a collaborative partnership between HxMS and Northside Neighborhood House. The Community School Coordinator is the connection point between the school, students, families and community members. The CommUNITY School promotes the education, well-being, and independence of all students, families, and individuals within the school footprint by empowering student learning, equipping families and engaging the community.

Programs and Partners:

ROAR- Mon/Tue & Thu/ Fri 2:30p-5:30p
Helen Ross McNabb- Bre Smith

HxMS Care Closet
Family Engagement Events
Connection with community resources

Community School Coordinator: Ms. RaeKenya Walker
423-637-7604
walker_raekenya@hcde.org
COVID Updates

Masks
Students and staff will wear masks upon entering the building, in hallways, and anytime social distancing is not possible. Students will provide their own masks.

Lunch
We are still working in plans for lunch that will allow students to remain safe while eating. Students could eat in the classroom, cafeteria, outside, or in another room while supervised by HxMS Staff.

Other changes:
Student will be allowed to carry a backpack as lockers will not be assigned. Depending on the phase, temperatures may be checked upon arrival.
**COVID Updates**

**Arrival:**

Students will report directly to homeroom in Phases 2 & 3. Breakfast will be available. Students will go through the breakfast line and eat in homeroom. Students can only be dropped off in the front of the school building by cars.

Doors for arrival will open at 6:50.

Temperatures may be taken upon arrival.

**Departure:**

**Cars:** Students will be required to wear masks while waiting for their cars outside as social distancing is not possible. Currently working on a QR Code system to begin the school year to limit group size.

**Bus:** Students will be dismissed in small clusters by bus number.
COVID Updates

- Sanitation will be a priority.
- Students will not share resources or classroom supplies.
- Equipment and supplies will be sanitized after each use.
- Students will move as a cohort throughout their academic blocks.

- Still waiting on clarification for Related Arts classes such as Band, Chorus, Strings etc.
- Classes will be structured so if a student is at home, they can still participate in learning from home. For example, student is quarantined, but not experiencing symptoms. Attendance guidance for such circumstance is forthcoming.
Return to school

- **August 12-13:**
  - Students with last name beginning in A-L will report on **August 12.** Monday/Tuesday group for Phase 2.
  - Students with a last name beginning in M-Z will report on **August 13.** Thursday/Friday group for Phase 2.

- **August 14** will be a virtual day for all students.

- **August 17** will depend on the current phase, which will be determined August 5, 2020.
Chromebook Distribution

- There is a link located on our webpage and PTSA Facebook Group to a Google Form that will allow you to sign up for a time to pick up your Chromebook.
  - [https://hms.hcde.org/](https://hms.hcde.org/)
  - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/142584249102502](https://www.facebook.com/groups/142584249102502)
We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Any questions?

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