

WELCOME TO HACKETTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Back to School Night 2016-2017

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Hackettstown Middle School

- ▣ Opened in 1875 – Historic building with a rich tradition of success
 - 140 years and counting!
- ▣ Grades 5-8 with approximately 440 students (rising enrollment)
- ▣ A special place to be
 - Committed staff and the very best students
- ▣ Nurturing learning environment
- ▣ Supportive, challenging programs
- ▣ Safe yet welcoming

Tonight's Objective

- ▣ Same page expectations
- ▣ Tonight is about programs, procedures, opportunities, learning objectives for the school year
- ▣ Not conferences
- ▣ Your child should have brought home a schedule for you to follow tonight
 - If you don't have one, please see Mrs. Brotzman or Ms. Kilbourn after this presentation for a copy
- ▣ Tried to condense schedule to reduce confusion yet rotate parents through so you get a sense of your child's program – not perfect
- ▣ PA announcements to signal the start of periods

Philosophy

- ▣ We are passionate about public education – American Dream
- ▣ Foster academic excellence while cultivating social and emotional growth
- ▣ Content areas are the vehicle for developing 21st century citizens who can synthesize in an information-based society, think critically, collaborate, problem solve, and advocate
- ▣ Opportunity, opportunity, opportunity – Best MS
- ▣ HMS is the pathway to success!
- ▣ Believe in our children - Yet

Housekeeping

- ▣ Please make sure you read the student handbook
- ▣ Late procedure – Need to be in homeroom by 8:15
- ▣ Must wear a helmet if on a bike, scooter, skateboard, etc.
 - Must be walked on school grounds
- ▣ Dress code
 - Tank tops (1.5" wide, no midriff, can't see undergarments, arm opening cannot be excessive, and dress must be deemed appropriate by staff and administration)
 - Clothing cannot be more than 6" above the knee
- ▣ No platform shoes or high heels
- ▣ Lanyards coming soon (beginning of October)
- ▣ Fair, respectful, high expectations

How Can I Help my Child Succeed???

- ▣ Make school a priority – Attendance, nutrition, sleep, etc.
 - Breakfast club
- ▣ Talk with your child about school
 - Realtime – Parent portal (gradebook, homework, etc.)
- ▣ Extend learning beyond the school day
- ▣ Be as involved as ever
 - PTA
 - HFEE
- ▣ Never be cautious to reach out and ask questions

Building Initiatives

- ▣ Building goal
 - “Foster literacy, problem solving, and critical thinking across all content areas and beyond the School’s walls in an information rich, global society.
- ▣ Benchmark assessments
- ▣ Follow us on Twitter @HackMSTigers
- ▣ Google classroom
- ▣ Maximize our youngsters’ potential

**We Look Forward to Having a
Great Year @ HMS!**