

Connections



Today is the best preparation we have for what tomorrow may bring.

PICTURE DAYS...

AUGUST 31 - 6th grade

- 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1

- 7th grade & 8th grade

- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Students will be receiving their class schedule and locker assignments on their assigned picture day. There will be no formal tour so come as you wish. We encourage parents and students to attend. We understand that picture day may conflict with vacation plans, therefore, we have scheduled the lunch hours of September 26 to have your picture taken if you miss the summer dates.

Personal Information Cards

The personal information card that is included in your summer mailing is partially filled out with information we already have on file. If any information has changed, especially phone numbers, please cross them out and write the correct numbers on the card. It is also very important to put work phone numbers on the card and to fill out the back side with other emergency contacts. These cards should be returned to school on picture day.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

If you qualify for free or reduced lunch you **MUST** fill out a new form every year. Please return the form on picture day to allow us time to process it.

Athletic Season Passes

If you attend several home sporting events you may benefit from purchasing an athletic season pass. Regular admission for high school events is \$5.00 for students and adults. Regular admission for middle school events is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. If you purchase a season pass it is good for all home (regular season) events for the middle school and the high school. Adult passes are \$50.00 and student passes are \$40.00. Family plan - for a family with three or more children - \$200.00. Season passes will be on sale at the fall sports meeting on August 15 and in the office during normal office hours.

FALL SPORTS MEETING



There will be an important meeting at the middle school on **Monday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **west gym** for all **fall sports athletes and their parents**. Fall sports for middle school include **girls' volleyball, cross country, football and boys' soccer**. Middle school sports are for 7th & 8th grade students. Sixth graders may participate in cross country only.



If your child is planning on participating in any fall sport, he/she must have the following items turned in to the middle school office **before** he/she may try-out or practice: **\$30.00 insurance paid, physical on file in the MS Office (dated after April 15, 2011) and an athletic code* signed**. **We will be collecting these items at the parent meeting on Monday, August 15 and on September 1 from 2:00 p.m. —7:00 p.m. (during picture day).** On August 15 we will be available at 5:00 p.m. to start collecting these items. Come early!

*Since there were no changes in the athletic code this year only 7th graders need to sign a code. 7th graders - your code was mailed home in the summer letter. It is the athletic emergency/permission form. Please bring this to the meeting on August 15.



WISH Program

If you would like to volunteer for any classroom activities, after school activities or field trips you must fill out the WISH volunteer profile online. If you do not have access to the internet, please pick up a form from the office.

Student Handbooks

The student handbook can be found inside your child's planner that each student will be given on the first day of school. Please read it. Students need to be aware of the dress code, participation standards and much more. Much confusion will be avoided if both students and parents read and understand the handbook. Only one planner will be given to each student. We will have a few replacement planners, for a fee, in the office.

Backpacks

When you are looking for a new backpack, please do not get one with wheels. Backpacks with wheels do not fit in our lockers.

Community Picnic

The annual Community Football Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 24 in the parking lot of the football stadium. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend.

REPORT CARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

We will only be mailing report cards at the end of the school year but you can access your child's grades through our Power School program. If you do not have internet access you may contact the office at the end of the marking periods and request that a copy be sent home with your child. To view your child's grades all you need to do is visit our website at www.hamiltonschools.us and click on the Power School logo located on that page. It will ask you to sign in. If you need your child's login name and password, just contact the middle school office. 7th and 8th grade students, your login and password will be the same as last year. 6th grade students, if you did not use this program last year, we will have your login information available on picture day. This is a great tool to use and is very helpful keeping up with your child's grades. You can even see what assignments have been given, if they have been turned in and what grades were received for each assignment. Please note that grades can be viewed at any time. Do not wait until conferences to find out how your child is doing academically.

Doctor, Dentist, Orthodontist Appointments

When making appointments for your child, please try to avoid school times (7:48 a.m. - 2:48 p.m.) if at all possible.

Fall count day is October 5, 2011. It would be very helpful if you do not have any appointments scheduled for that day. We need all students to be in school for the full day.

Lunch Accounts

Food service personnel will be present of picture day to set up your child's lunch accounts and to answer any questions you may have concerning our lunch program. Please bring money to deposit into your child's account. By doing this on picture day, lunch hours will run more smoothly on the first day of school.



School Locks



School locks will be on sale during picture day for \$5.00 each. If you are in gym class or involved in after school athletics, you will need a lock. For security reasons we ask that you use the school locks rather than your own. Using a lock is the only way to be sure your belongings are protected.

Morning Drop-off

School doors do not open before 7:25 a.m. Please do not drop your child off at school before that time. The weather is often not favorable for kids to wait outside in the early morning.

Early Pick-up

If your child needs to leave school before the end of the school day, please write a note and have your child **get a dismissal pass from the office. DO NOT GIVE IT TO THE TEACHER!**

This will allow for less classroom disruption and the office will have a better account of the whereabouts of all students. The person picking up a student must sign the student out in the office.

Bus Passes

Bus passes will only be issued if a student needs to be dropped off at a non-custodial parent's house in our district. We will issue a pass to that parent's house with a note from a parent. Bus passes are not issued to go to a friend's house to do homework or to play.

6th grade supply list:

- pencils and erasers
- pack of colored pencils
- highlighter
- 2 green or red pens or fine line markers for corrections
- 70-count spiral notebook for math
- scientific calculator – Texas Instruments TI-30-XS Multiview -This is required
- zippered pencil pocket that attaches to your 3-ring binder to hold your calculator and pencils for math
- loose leaf paper (no spiral bound -please get enough for whole year)
- 5 two-pocket folders for all other subjects
- 1 trapper or notebook to combine all subject materials is optional but highly suggested

7th grade supply list:

- folders for each subject
- Pencils
- Red pen for editing
- Blue or Black Ink Pens –no other colors
- Ruler
- Spiral notebook for Science only
- Calculator –TI-30-XS Multiview
- Colored pencils/markers—optional
- If you are in resource room you will also need a 1 1/2" 3-ring binder

8th grade supply list:**Math Materials:**

- 2 pocket folder just for Math
- loose leaf paper
- scientific calculator (teachers recommend TI-30-XS Multiview)
- pencils (no pens on homework)
- non-black pen for correcting

English Materials:

- 3 ring binder for English
- 2 two pocket folders with prongs
- 1 spiral notebook
- loose leaf paper
- 4 binder dividers
- blue or black pens
- pencils

Science Materials:

- scientific calculator (may be the same one used for math)
- 3 ring binder (**2 inch or larger**) for Science only (D-ring works best)
- loose leaf paper
- ruler (metric & standard measurements)
- blue or black pens
- pencils

Social Studies Materials:

- 2 pocket folder OR a 3 ring binder with pockets - your choice to organize your papers
- notebook paper
- colored pencils
- blue or black pens
- pencils

Student Supplies

Listed above are the supplies that your teacher suggests that you will need for their classes. Getting school supplies should not be a hardship for you. If your family is having difficulty getting supplies call LOVE INC at 269-751-2533. They have a back-pack ministry to assist you in getting a backpack filled with school supplies.

Everyone
buying
a ticket
gets a
HAWKEYE
t-shirt

Check out the
Dance Q&A
on the website
in the summer info

Great
Raffle
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Dinner
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Admission to
Football game
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MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION 2011

When: October 7, 2011

What: Dancing, Great Raffle, Hawkeye Spirit T-Shirt, Food (meal), Fun & Admission to the Homecoming Football Game

Time: Immediately following the Homecoming Parade (approximately 4:30 p.m.) until 5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00*

Buy Your Tickets: On picture days, August 31 & September 1



The Middle School Homecoming Celebration is for Hamilton Middle School students ONLY! No guests please. Tickets must be paid for in advance—NO EXCEPTIONS! We need to sell tickets in advance so we are sure to have a t-shirt for everyone.

The celebration will begin immediately following the homecoming parade. The parade starts between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. and usually takes about a half hour. Students often stay after school but we DO NOT supervise them. They will be free to watch the parade on their own. Students need to report to the west gymnasium immediately following the parade. We will have several chaperones to supervise the dance and also the doorways (no outside guests allowed). Students will not be allowed to leave early unless a parent comes in to pick them up. Approximately 5:45 p.m. we will begin dismissing students to get their meal. Once the students are done eating they are free to go to the football game or home. All students who plan on going to the football game will need to meet Mr. Haggerty by the southeast entrance of the football field (by the baseball field) to get in for free. You MUST have your Hawkeye T-shirt on to get in to the game for free through that gate only. If you have a season pass and want to go to a different entrance feel free to do so. The cost of everyone's ticket for the evening is \$15.00* whether you have a season pass or not. We will be counting all students who enter through that gate and reimbursing the athletic department for the admission so if you would like to save the student council some money please use your pass. If your child does not plan on attending the football game, you should pick your child up in front of the west gym no later than 6:15 p.m. Once the kids are dismissed to the football game, we will not be chaperoning. You must have ride arrangements made with your child to be picked up after the game. The school will NOT be open to make phone calls. *If money is an issue there are partial scholarships available, please ask in the office.

Please return bottom portion with your \$15.00* on picture day.

_____ has my permission to attend the Middle School Homecoming Celebration on Friday, October 7, 2011.

I understand that students will be dismissed to the football game after they are finished eating (approximately 6:00 p.m.) and they become my responsibility at that time. If my child does not plan on attending the football game I will arrange to have my child picked up in front of the west gym no later than 6:15 p.m. I have also discussed with my child that if they leave the dance they will not be readmitted. I also understand it is my child's responsibility to follow this rule.

CIRCLE ONE -SHIRT SIZE:

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Parent Signature _____

Homecoming Celebration FAQ 's.....

Is it fun?

Yes, the Homecoming celebration is really fun! This is middle school so come and hang out with your friends, dance to fun songs in large groups (no slow dances at all) and have a great time!

What is the dress code?

All students will be given a t-shirt. The t-shirt is your ticket. You must wear the t-shirt to get into the celebration and you cannot change shirts once you are in. You will also need to wear your t-shirt to get into the football game.

May my parents or my siblings come?

No. Parents and all others are NOT allowed in to the celebration unless they are chaperones. There are usually 400-450 students that we are responsible for during the dance and we just cannot allow others into the school. This is for security reasons, please respect that.

What if my parents want to chaperone?

All chaperones are screened through our WISH Program and it is those parents who have volunteered to work the celebration that will be in the school with the students. Please have your parents turn in their volunteer profile on orientation day. Do not worry if your parents are not asked to chaperone this event, there will be more opportunities for chaperoning with other student council events during the school year.

If my parents chaperone can they watch the parade first?

No. Unfortunately we need all volunteers to report to the west gym about the time that the parade starts. This way we can make sure we have everyone we need in place and ready to go as soon as students start arriving. It creates chaos if we are not ready.

What about my backpack?

Your backpacks can stay in your lockers and you may get them after the dance. If your parents want to pick them up after school you should make arrangements to meet them some place. If you make arrangements with your parents regarding your backpack please do NOT enter the celebration until you have seen your parents because they are not allowed into the gym/dance area they cannot come and find you.

May I leave the celebration and come back in?

Absolutely NOT! There is only one entrance that we allow students to enter from but all doors are open to get out (fire code). So, if you leave you will not be allowed back in. It will be made very clear to the students which door they may enter from. Parents, please make sure your child understands this rule.

2011/2012 Hamilton Middle School Yearbook Order Form

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Exploratory Teacher (on your schedule)_____

Amount (check one) \$26.00 cash_____ or \$26.00 check_____

\$30.00 cash_____ or \$30.00 check_____
(made payable to Hamilton Middle School)

You have a wonderful opportunity to order and reserve a copy of the Hamilton Middle School Yearbook! You will be able to order a yearbook when you come to orientation/picture days on August 31 & September 1. The cost of the yearbook this year is \$26.00. You can pay in cash or with a check made out to Hamilton Middle School. For \$4 more your name can be printed on the front cover. This will make your yearbook uniquely yours, and cut out any confusion about ownership. This added option will make your copy of the yearbook \$30.

To order your yearbook, just fill in the form above, bring it to school on your picture/visitation day with cash or a check for \$26.00 (or \$30.00 with name). If you are unable to attend these special visitation days, yearbooks can still be ordered during the first 2 months of school, until November 1. Just have your student bring a check or cash to Room 43 in the mornings before school or turn it in to the office and it will be passed on to the yearbook staff. Order your yearbook to make sure you have one reserved!

Yearbooks are typically handed out to student at the end of May.

If you have questions or suggestions, please call Miss Naber @ 269-751-4436, ext. 471.

If you do not have access to a printer, please stop in the office for a copy of any forms needed for orientation. Please call 269-751-4436 prior to making a special trip as our hours are limited during the summer.