

# Hudson Junior High School Parent Monthly Newsletter - September 2022-



Upcoming Events:	PTO
<p>September 7th: First day of School!</p> <p>October 12th: Meet the Teacher Night</p> <p>October 17th-20th: Spirit Week</p> <p>October 28th: Activity Night</p> <p>November 3rd and 4th: School Pictures (During PE class)</p>	<p><b>DEAR FAMILIES,</b></p> <p>We would like YOU to join the Hudson Junior High School PTO. We want to ensure that your voice is heard in our school. Meeting dates are TBD at this time, however please email Mr. Baez at <a href="mailto:baezt@hudsoncsd.org">baezt@hudsoncsd.org</a> if you are interested in joining the PTO!</p> <p><b>**If you already filled out the survey from Parent orientation, you do NOT need to email Mr. Baez again to express your interest</b></p>


 Principal's Message
 



Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you had a great summer!

It is with great joy that I welcome each and every one of our scholars back to our junior high school. As we get ready to begin a new school year, please remember to review our school website for all pertinent information. Additionally, please prepare your children for the beginning of the school year by re-instituting the structures that you put in place for your children during the school year. We know that a new school year can sometimes bring anxiety for children. Therefore, I would encourage you to take the time to prepare them for school by talking to them about school; reviewing the positive experiences that they had in school and also buying their school supplies in anticipation of the first day of school. I look forward to meeting each and everyone of you.

Cheers to a great school year!  
Mrs. Cooper

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**Attendance Matters!!** Attendance will be taken daily. Students are expected to attend all classes and participate in all aspects of learning. Grades will be assigned for the academic progress of our students and will be monitored by their teachers.

**If your child will be absent, please make sure you send in a note when they return.**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Week

The annual Junior High Prep Academy was held this year from August 22-25 and welcomed approximately 45 incoming 6th graders. Students were anxious and nervous on Monday, but by the end of the week they felt comfortable and are looking forward to the exciting transition to the Junior High campus in September. Feedback from students was positive as they welcomed the opportunity to hang out with friends and get acclimated to their new surroundings ahead of the first day.

Students spent their time this week getting to know each other, meeting administrators and teachers, touring their new building, and learning how to open combination locks. There were also many fun activities including, building a marshmallow catapult, launching balloon rockets, a cup stacking challenge, and planning supplies for a deserted island adventure. Students' questions were answered, snacks and lunch were provided, and each student received a welcome bag to help prepare them for this upcoming school year. (By Emily Cukerstein, Michelle Cousens, Audrey Craft)

### Family Orientation

We recently had our family orientations. These orientations included two events (one in-person, one virtual) where our principals met with families to not only discuss routines and procedures for the upcoming school year, but also field questions and concerns regarding Hudson Junior High School. During family orientation, a survey was sent out not only to serve as another forum for parents to articulate what they believe is going well and their concerns, but also to gauge interest in the Family-Staff Organization (FSO, more commonly known as a PTO.) If you are interested in completing the survey, see the link below. We are always recruiting for the FSO, so even if you have not filled out the survey, please contact us to express your interest.

Link to Powerpoint:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1bD8kUS982bk2gpNJ2kJFmal-dM8OhwTSJscP1V3Pb60/edit?usp=sharing>

### Handbook

There is a student/family handbook available to the HJHS community. This handbook has a plethora of information regarding procedures in the school, contact information and district policies. Please review this handbook with your child at your earliest convenience.

Link to Handbook:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-kJPZHTfiNS\\_QfeD48hbJZXBK2enX9ektF6dI6-pWYI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-kJPZHTfiNS_QfeD48hbJZXBK2enX9ektF6dI6-pWYI/edit?usp=sharing)

## Family Fun Day

Columbia County Mental Health and Berkshire Farm Center are hosting a family fun day on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am to 2pm. There will be music, food, face painting and most importantly, bubbles. Family Fun Day will be located at Greenport Park, 405 Joslen Blvd., Hudson, NY,12534. Contact the Berkshire Farm Center at 518-671-6550 with any questions.

## Delays

Please see the attached links below for both the school calendar and the 2 hour delay, one hour delay and half day schedules. Likewise, please review the Student/Family Handbook for the school calendar.

Delay Schedule:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cvWuBvj3vJI05VKtv0FHIALQtpVt0\\_G3J0hkcc2QqR4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cvWuBvj3vJI05VKtv0FHIALQtpVt0_G3J0hkcc2QqR4/edit?usp=sharing)

## Chromebooks:

Students will be loaned a Chromebook at the start of the year for use during and after school. Chromebooks are still district devices, are monitored and should only be used for educational purposes. Chromebooks will be given out the **First day of school, during Period 1**. Prior to the first day of school, families will receive a Chromebook Contract. Please fill that out and send with your child to the first day of school.

District Technology Policy:

[https://www.hudsoncsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/4526-E-Computer\\_Network-Acceptable-Use-BOE-061521.pdf](https://www.hudsoncsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/4526-E-Computer_Network-Acceptable-Use-BOE-061521.pdf)

## Lockers:

Each student will be given a locker for their usage during the school day. The locker is still school property and is given as a courtesy to each student. School staff can search lockers at any point during the day if necessary. Students in the Junior High School will be allowed to use the locker before 1<sup>st</sup> period, before and after lunch and at the end of the day.

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