

**Holly Area Schools** 

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August 1, 2023

Hello HMS Families,

Welcome to Holly Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year! At HMS, we are honored and excited to be able to live our Vision: *To develop habits and skills that inspire us to be compassionate people, leaders, and lifelong learners.* We are looking forward to an outstanding school year as students, teachers, and families work together to make this our best year yet!

At HMS, our Schedule Pick-Up days can provide students/families with an opportunity to become familiar with the building, check in with counselors, and meet/talk with our office staff. For students specifically, we strongly encourage you to attend Schedule Pick-Up because you'll have an opportunity to do the following:

- Get your schedule
- Tour the building (find classes, "walk through" your day)
- Find your locker, practice your combination, and begin to organize your locker ③
- Take your school picture and get your school ID (make-ups are normally scheduled for October)

We've found over the years that being able to familiarize yourself with the building, lockers, locations, etc. helps to build excitement for the "first day" of school!

Our Schedule Pick-Up dates and times are:

- 6th Grade: Monday, August 21st 8-11am & 12-3pm
- 7th/8th Grade: Tuesday, August 22nd 8-11am & 12-3pm
- Any Grade: Monday & Tuesday 4pm 7pm

We will again be hosting an **Open House on Wednesday, August 23rd starting at 5pm**. More details will be shared later this month.

Our building schedule will follow the same format as last year, students will have 6 classes each day with the school day beginning at 7:44 am and ending at 2:41 pm. On half-days, students are dismissed at 10:58 am. Each morning, students will be able to begin entering the building at 7:25 am. More specific details about daily schedules will be shared as we get closer to the beginning of the year.

Following this page you will be prompted to complete several steps that finalize the beginning of the year process. This online verification must be completed each year. It also includes a careful review of the Parent/Student Handbook. If you need assistance or a hard copy of any information, please contact the office. We hope you enjoy the rest of summer break and look forward to seeing you soon!!

Please remember that our 1st day of school is on **Monday, August 28th** and it is a 1/2 day of school.

Thank you,

Eric Curl

Eric Curl Principal, HMS