

HUNTINGTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

HHS UPDATES

Every Friday during the school year updates are posted on the HHS website.

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Dear Hurricane Family:

Summer is almost over and a new school year is only 10 days away. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and productive summer. The school staff has been busy preparing for the 2017-2018 school year creating schedules, cleaning the building, and analyzing data from the past school year. I am excited and proud to let you know that Huntingtown High School has been selected once again by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the nation's top high schools. Everyone in the Huntingtown community should be proud of this outstanding accomplishment. This type of success cannot be achieved without the combined efforts of staff, students, and community members. To all parties involved, keep up the outstanding work.

Students will receive their official schedules the first day of school in their Advisory Period. In the meantime, if they have questions about their course selections or have a desire to change a course they selected, counselors will be available the rest of the summer. **Student schedules will not be finalized and official until the first day of school. Please do not call the school requesting schedule changes due to teacher preference. Some schedules may change due to class balancing.**

Huntingtown High School has had tremendous success since its inception. It is the mission of the school's staff to make this upcoming school year the most successful yet. It will take hard work and determination on everyone's part to accomplish this mission, but I feel certain that with the staff, students, and community working together we can do it.

For the 2017-2018 school year, all newsletters will be posted on the HHS website and sent via school messenger. This newsletter is loaded with information that I hope will assist you in accomplishing your goals for the year. For starters, I have listed some key dates, and information for you below.

- **Freshman and new student orientation will take place on Friday, September 1st from 7:15 am to 10:15 am.** Please review the enclosed memorandum on pages 4-5.
- Classes for all students begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Students arriving before 7:10 am must report directly to the cafeteria or the gym lobby. The school day runs from 7:25 am to 2:20 pm.
- Please inform your children that on September 1st (orientation) their regularly assigned bus will pick them up and take them to school. Students should be at bus stops five minutes early. The regular bus number and schedules may be found on the Calvert County Public Schools' website on [August 23rd](http://www.calvertnet.k12.md.us) at www.calvertnet.k12.md.us under Quick Links > Bus Status > Bus Routes – Summer. All students are encouraged to ride the buses for the first few days of school to cut down on traffic congestion around the campus.
- Students are not allowed to walk to or from school. Bus transportation is available to all students.
- Student parking is on the southern side of the campus and student drivers must enter the school through the cafeteria or hallway "E" entrance. Procedures for student parking are outlined in the parking application.
- The area in front of the building facing Route 2/4 is reserved for school bus drop off and pickup from 6:45 am to 7:25 am and from 2:00 pm until 2:45 pm.
- For students in private vehicles, student drop off and pick-up is on the **northern side of the campus** where students will enter through the **gym/auditorium lobby**. Vehicles are to proceed from Route 2/4 to the right side of the building, around the back of the building, proceeding to the gym/auditorium entrance for the student drop off and pick-up.
- From 7:00 am to 7:25 am, we enforce a very strict traffic pattern around the campus. This is done to ensure the safe and efficient arrival of nearly over 1450 students in a very short period of time.
- All Calvert County Public Schools have security measures in place. Once students are admitted to the building in the morning all entrance doors will be secured. Visitors may only enter from the front entrance of the building and to do so must ring the office to be admitted. Once in the school all visitors should report immediately to the main office and sign in on Keep N Track. I hope this doesn't cause you any

inconvenience but I am sure you will agree that these measures provide additional protection for your student(s) and outweigh any minor inconvenience they might cause. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

- **On Tuesday, September 5th all students will be directed to their grade level, alphabetical advisory period. Student schedules and other important information will be distributed during these periods over the first two days of school.**
- Students will be receiving lots of important information over the course of the first week of school. Please review all school and classroom information with your child.
- **Students must be dressed appropriately for school starting on Freshman Orientation day.** The dress code is in accordance with the Calvert County Student Code of Conduct. The policy requires the following: (1) Clothing that is too tight or too revealing is not acceptable. (2) All trousers (shorts, slacks, etc.) must be worn around the waist. The waistline of the trousers must not hang below the waist. **Students that are not dressed appropriately will be asked to change into acceptable school attire.**
- The meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year are: secondary breakfast: \$1.65 & secondary lunches: \$2.80. Reduced meal prices will remain the same.
- Announcements for students during FLEX Lunch will only be made in cases of emergencies. If it becomes necessary for you to pick up your child during FLEX Lunch, it is imperative that you know ahead of time where he/she plans to be or have your student arrange to meet you at the attendance office at the appropriate time.
- **Open House Dates: Career Technology Academy Open House on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30p.m** and Wednesday, September 19th HHS Open House will start promptly at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

The administrative team would like to thank the building service staff at Huntingtown High School for the outstanding effort they put forth this summer in preparing the facility for the opening of school. If you have an opportunity to thank one of the building service workers for his or her efforts, please take advantage of it. Huntingtown High School has the hardest working building service staff in the school system.

We welcome several new staff members to the Hurricane team. **These include – Social Studies teacher, Amy Cox; Instructional assistants, Robin Lane and Michelle Awalt and Charlie Raphael; Math teachers, Peg Blacker and Sam Smigielski; Science teachers, Jennifer Shoup and Meghan Conley-Johnson; Special Education teacher, Angela Sita; ROTC instructor, CMDR George Hartwell and Main Office secretary, Theresa Young. Please make every effort to welcome these people to the Hurricane family.**

This newsletter is designed to focus primarily on information you need for a successful start to the school year. Please look through the enclosed information very closely. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

The beginning of a new school year is always very exciting but can be very stressful as well. Your cooperation and understanding will help us get off to a positive start. We look forward to working with you to making this a most productive and successful school year for our students and staff.



Rick Weber
Principal

“Success is a choice.”
“Work hard – get smart.”

HUNTINGTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Attendance Office Phone: 443-486-8814

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Ms. Tina Gall (Grades 9-12 A-D) GallT@calvertnet.k12.md.us
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The easiest way to contact most staff members is via email.

The email address is normally the staff member last name, first initial, and then @calvertnet.k12.md.us

(for example, the email address for John Doe would be doej@calvertnet.k12.md.us).

Please contact the main office if you need assistance in emailing a specific staff member or refer to our school website.

Screening System for School Volunteers – KeepnTrack

Calvert County Public Schools will be using KeepnTrack for visitors and volunteers to sign-in and sign-out of all schools and facilities. All visitors and volunteers are required to sign-in at a designated computer with a driver's license or other approved ID. All visitors and volunteers will be scanned using the KeepnTrack screening system. KeepnTrack will compare information from visitors and volunteers against the National Sex Offender Registry. All visitors and volunteers will be screened each time they enter a Calvert County Public School or Facility.

Anyone wishing to volunteer in any of our schools or facilities will need to complete an online application at least two weeks prior to beginning service as a volunteer. Online applications are now available and can be accessed on calvertnet.k12.md.us from any internet connection. If completing an application online is not possible, paper applications are available in all schools. Applications can only be submitted after the prospective volunteer has completed all parts of the application process.

Anyone wishing to serve as a chaperone for a field trip or special event must be an approved volunteer. Overnight volunteers must be fingerprinted to be able to participate. Thanks to our many volunteers who have already submitted their applications and been approved for volunteer service.

CLASS OF 2018

Our school has contracted Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch as our "Official Yearbook Photographer".

If your son or daughter did not have their portraits done during the summer, you will receive an appointment card along with information regarding a variety of sitting levels in the mail about two weeks prior to make-up picture day.

Make-up picture days are September 19th, September 25th, and September 29th.

Please call Lifetouch directly with questions. (Lifetouch phone number)

Class of 2018, good luck your senior year!

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents of Students Entering 6th and 9th grades
Principals

FROM: Edward C. Cassidy, Jr., Director of Transportation

DATE: June 16, 2016

SUBJECT: **Orientation Program – Friday, August 26, 2016**

The 6th and 9th grade orientation program will be provided as follows:

- **PLEASE NOTE; 2016-2017 is the first year that Orientation Day for 6th and 9th graders will be on a Friday and that the first official day of school for all students will be on a Monday. To be consistent with the pick-up times during the school year all Orientation Day bus routes will run at the same time as the other 180 days of the school year.** The normal bus stop locations will be used to pick up and drop off students. Students are to stand outside at bus stops five minutes early, every day.
 - (All bus routes to all schools will be driven on Orientation Day, but buses will not pick up elementary school students or Calvert Country School students.)
- Before Orientation Day please go to the Calvertnet website to Departments → Student Transportation → Safety Items for Parents and Students to review information designed to enhance safety for your student; the Student Safety Video, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Parent Rights and Responsibilities, and the Regulations for Riding the School Bus. It would be a good idea to review these safety items with your child during the school year, as well.
- The regular bus number and the approximate pick-up times for the bus stops can be found on the Calvert County Public Schools' website after August 10. Go to www.calvertnet.k12.md.us, click on Departments, click on Student Transportation then click "Bus Stop & School Locator" or "Bus Schedules."
- Please remind students to be careful; to safely walk to and from the bus stop and to stand ten to fifteen long paces away from where the bus actually comes to a complete stop. Everyone should stand still as the bus arrives. No one should move towards the bus until it is completely stopped and the driver has activated all the lights. Students should not be wearing headphones or using their cell phone when boarding or unloading; they must pay attention to their surroundings for their safety.
- Parents of students who will be new to the school, but who are not 6th or 9th graders, must contact the secondary school in advance to determine if their child(ren) may also attend orientation programs. With school approval these students may also ride the buses on Orientation Day.

SCHOOLS	PICK UP TIMES	PROGRAM TIMES	DROP OFF TIMES
Huntingtown HS, Northern HS, Northern MS, Patuxent HS, Calvert MS	6:15 to 6:45AM	7:15 to 10:15AM	10:20 to 10:45AM
Calvert HS	6:30 to 7:05AM	7:25 to 10:25AM	10:30 to 11:05AM
Mill Creek MS, Plum Point MS, Southern MS, Windy Hill MS	7:15 to 7:45AM	8:10 to 11:10AM	11:15 to 11:45AM

Please review the safety recommendations & rules on the reverse of this page and

on the Calvernet website at Departments → Student Transportation → Safety Items for Parents and Students.

The transportation of our children is a shared responsibility between the home and the school system. As stated in CCPS policy "It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to provide supervision for their child(ren) while walking to and from or waiting at the designated stop." With this in mind, **the expectation is that parents have students outside and at their assigned bus stop five (5) minutes before the established time that the bus arrives. Below are some other safety recommendations regarding bus stops. Please review these with your children.**

- Students should stand five to ten long paces away from where the bus will stop.
- No one, adult or child, should be standing in the road waiting for the bus; this should be done off of the road.
- No one should be moving towards the bus as it approaches the bus stop. Only after the bus driver has brought the bus to a complete halt, with the red lights flashing and the stop arm out, should students approach the bus to board.
- No one should step out from in between parked cars as a bus is approaching a bus stop.
- Parents who drive to a bus stop must park more than thirty (30) feet away from the stop sign/intersection.
- Vehicles should be parked only on one side of the street, and should not idle for more than five (5) minutes.
- Parents must actively supervise their children so they do not exit their private vehicles and step directly into traffic, or walk in between parked vehicles into traffic without looking for oncoming traffic.
- Private vehicles waiting for the bus must provide adequate space for standing students to see the bus, for the bus driver to see students, and so children do not have to walk in between those private vehicles
- Private vehicles cannot be parked in such a manner as to prevent the bus from making a turn onto an intersecting street.
- When boarding the bus, students must be fully seated as quickly possible so that the bus can depart the bus stop in a safe and efficient manner.
- Students are to be seated facing forward in their seats. Remember "toes and nose to the front!"
- Students are to be seated on their backsides (not sitting on their legs or kneeling).
- Students are to remove their backpacks from their backs when seated.
- Students must remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop, BEFORE they rise from their seats to leave the bus, whether at school, home or any other locations.

School Bus Rules and regulations are established with student safety in mind. They are in the Students' Rights, Responsibilities and Code of Conduct, and the "yellow school bus rules card." Both are distributed to each student and family annually. These rules are explained at the beginning of each school year, and they are reinforced throughout the year. Your support will help us to provide each child with a trip to and from school that is safe both emotionally and physically. **Parents are asked to review them with your child(ren), as well.**

1. Except for ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is expected.
2. Be courteous; use no profane or abusive language.
3. Do not bully, tease or harass anyone on the bus.
4. Do not eat, drink or chew gum on the bus.
5. Keep the bus clean.
6. Enter and leave the bus through the front door. Rear doors are to be opened for an emergency only.
7. Keep the aisle clean.
8. Do not damage or deface any part of the bus. Student and/or parents must repay the cost of repairing parts or replacing any damaged equipment and/or the student will be prosecuted.
9. The use or possession of tobacco products is prohibited on the bus.
10. Stay in your assigned seat.
11. Do not extend any part of the body out of the bus window at any time.
12. Do not spray any perfume, cologne, deodorant, etc.

The expectation for students, the driver, the contractor, and the school administration is that School Bus Discipline Referrals shall be written for students who choose to behave in a manner contrary to these most basic safety expectations. We aim to provide safe and efficient transportation. The driver bears the responsibility of making sure the bus is on schedule each day, operating the bus safely, assigning seats for each student and maintaining discipline on the bus. Please do not hesitate to contact Transportation with questions or concerns about these matters at 410-535-7227 or 7295.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Calvert County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or genetic information or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:



- Director of Student Services
- Director of Human Resources
410-535-1700

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the Office of Civil Rights Complaint Assessment System at: <http://ocrcas.ed.gov> or call 1-800-421-3481.

Anti-sexual, Anti-racial and Anti-disability Harassment Statement

Discrimination can manifest itself in behaviors such as bullying, harassment, or intimidation of individuals.

Calvert County Public Schools does not tolerate any form of harassment including, but not limited to, sexual, racial, or disability. Any individual (student, employee, or community member) who believes that he or she has been subjected to any form of harassment is encouraged to report the allegation of harassment. Students, parents and community members may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Kimberly Roof
Director of Student Services
Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Employees may report allegations of harassment to:

Ms. Laveeta Hutchins
Director of Human Resources
Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Calvert County Public Schools is committed to conducting a prompt investigation for any allegation of harassment. If harassment has occurred, the individual will be disciplined promptly. Disciplinary actions for students found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or expulsion. Disciplinary actions for employees found to have engaged in any form of harassment may result in suspension or termination.

Calvert County Public Schools encourages all students, parents, employees, and community members to work together to prevent any form of harassment.

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