



Huntingtown High School

Newsletter

HHS Update

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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 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.”*

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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.

Class of 2018, good luck your senior year!