



# **Welcome, Jr. Titan Families!**

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**New Student Orientation**

**Hercules Middle School**

**August 12th, 2019**

# Administrative Team

Mr. Shaw  
Principal



Ms. Rivera  
Assistant Principal



# Mission

*Hercules Middle School is committed to providing a rigorous academic environment that promotes the educational needs of the whole child.*



# HMS School Values

Titans Show Respect

Titans are Kind

Titans take Responsibility

Titans Collaborate

Titans strive for Academic Excellence

Titans work Harder to get Smarter



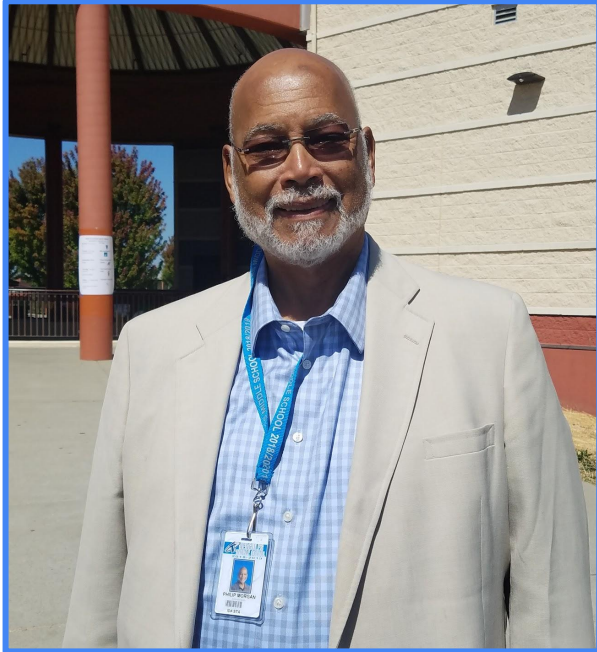
# MS. CHEN – OFFICE MANAGER



# Counseling Team

Mr. Morgan

6th Grade & 7th Grade A-M



Ms. Mendes

7th Grade N-Z & 8th Grade



# Classes

- Common Core Math- Big Ideas
- Common Core English- Study Sync
- Common Core History- TCI (new adoption soon)
- Common Core Science- Prentice Hall (new adoption soon)
- Physical Education
- ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

# Electives

- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Dance
- Team Sports
- Graphic Arts
- Multimedia
- Art
- Yearbook

# School Safety - How You Can Help

- Student IDs
- Parent Sign-in
- One Entry Point
- Student Pick-Up & Drop-Off
- Monitor Social Media



# Main Entrance

After 9:00 AM this is the single point of entry for the campus



# Middle School Office



# The Turn Around

Drop off in the morning-  
Until 8:58 AM

Pick up in afternoon



# Safety Traffic and Parking



# Early Check-outs

- Parents who need to have students released prior to dismissal, please send the student to the office with a note prior to the start of school.
- We will then issue the student an early dismissal slip.
- The student will present the slip to their teacher and meet the parent in the office at the appropriate time.
- This will prevent classroom interruptions.

# Student IDs and Lanyards

- IDs are mandatory-Must be worn daily
- If a student does not have a lanyard, they can use our loaner ID
- Students must report to the library to get the loaner
- If students get the loaner before school starts, then there is no loss of class time and no consequences assigned
- If a student misses class time to get a loaner, then they may receive a consequence
- Loaners must be returned to the library at the end of the day
- Lost loaners will result in a replacement cost
- Lanyard and ID replacement is \$5.00



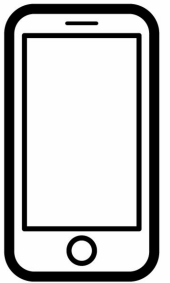
# One To One Student Tablets

- Each students receives a district issued tablet.
- Students are responsible for bringing it to school charged daily.
- We need support from parents to monitor appropriate screen time.
- Signed use of technology agreement required.




# Cell Phones

- Can be used before school, during lunch and after school
- Cannot be used during class time including passing periods
  - Checking a text is using the phone
- Phones are confiscated if used during inappropriate times or used inappropriately
- Please monitor your student's use, social media and screen time



# PBIS

- Positive relationship-based culture that supports all members of the school district community through positive behavior, interventions and support (PBIS).
- Students are explicitly taught the expected behaviors on campus.
- The behavior expectations are posted in the different areas on campus.
- Our staff utilizes *Titan tickets* to recognize students for following our behavior expectations of being **kind**, **responsible** and **safe**.

|  HERCULES MIDDLE SCHOOL<br>School-wide Expectations |  |
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| BE KIND  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support everyone's opportunity to learn</li><li>• Respect personal space and property</li><li>• Use school appropriate language and voice level</li><li>• Be polite - Use please, thank you, and excuse me</li></ul> |
| BE RESPONSIBLE   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be on time</li><li>• Be prepared with ID and materials</li><li>• Keep the school clean</li><li>• Accept responsibility for actions and work</li><li>• Keep belongings with you and safe</li></ul>                    |
| BE SAFE  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself</li><li>• Follow rules and expectations of the school</li><li>• Follow directions the first time</li><li>• Stay in designated areas</li></ul>                               |

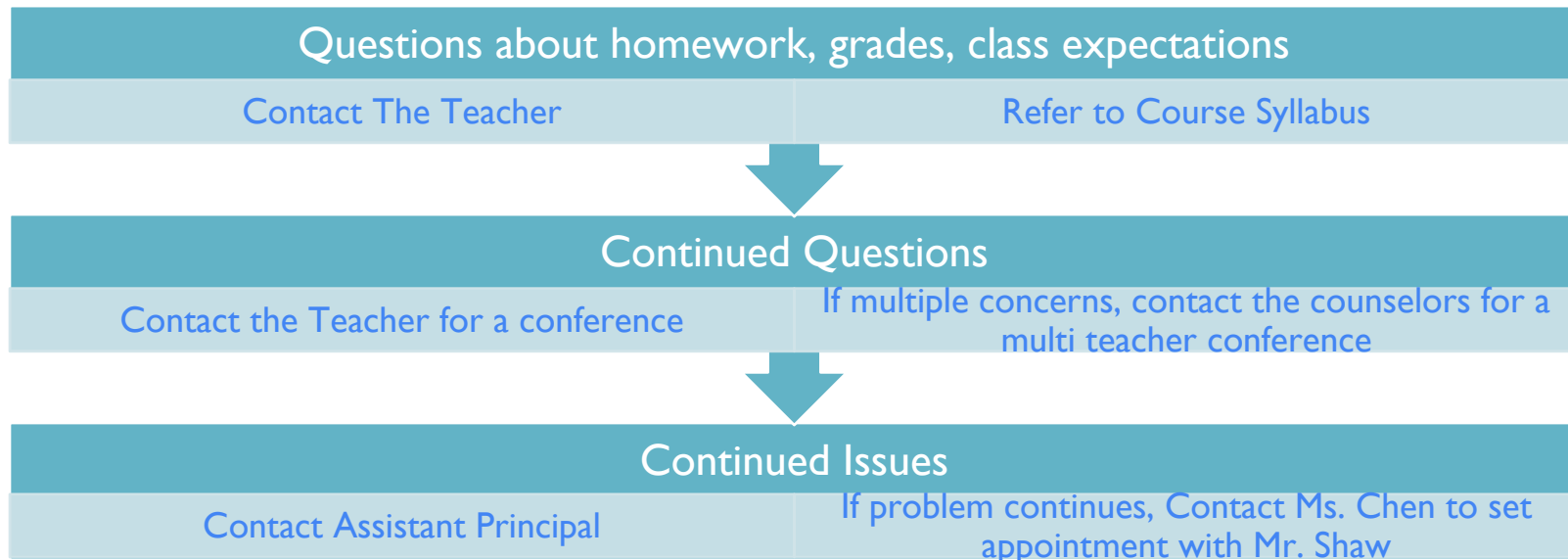
# Progress Report & Report Cards

- Progress reports will be given to students approximately every 5 weeks.
- Students will receive a mix of progress reports and report cards (mailed).
- The final report is the official grade of record.
- Perfect attendance is given to students who have missed no days of school and have no tardies.

# PowerSchool

- PowerSchool gives parents and students an instant visibility to attendance, assignments, scores, grades, comments and progress toward each standard.
- PowerSchool gives a direct link to the teacher through email, and gives a look at progress report and report card marking.
- Each teacher uses PowerSchool to different levels but all are required to update at progress report and report card marking times.

# The Middle School Difference



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Questions about student to student conflicts, possible harassment concerns

Contact The Counselor

Refer to district and school handbook



Continued Concerns

Contact Assistant Principal



Continued Issues

If problem continues, Contact Ms. Chen to set appointment with Principal Shaw

# Parent-Teacher Communication

## How To

- Email teacher
- Set up appointment
- Check in to the main office-We will call the teacher and let them know you are on the way

## How Not To

- Show up at classroom unannounced



# After School Programs

- After School Study Hall
- Mafanikio Program
- Role Play Gaming (World of Dragon)
- Sports (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Flag Football)
- Sign Language
- Library Club
- Makers Club
- TUPE
- MESA

# How can I help?

Our goal is 5 hours of participation per year

- Lunch supervision
- Attend monthly coffee chats
- Host an activity or club
- Chaperone a dance, rally, study trip
- Support fundraising opportunities
- Purchase an item(s) on our teachers' wish list
- Become a School Site Council Member (one vacancy)
- JOIN THE PTO



# School Site Council

- Committee comprised of the principal, teachers, staff, parents and students.
- Monitors the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
- Need- 1 parent and 3 students, elected by peers.
- Declaration to run coming soon.



# Contact Us

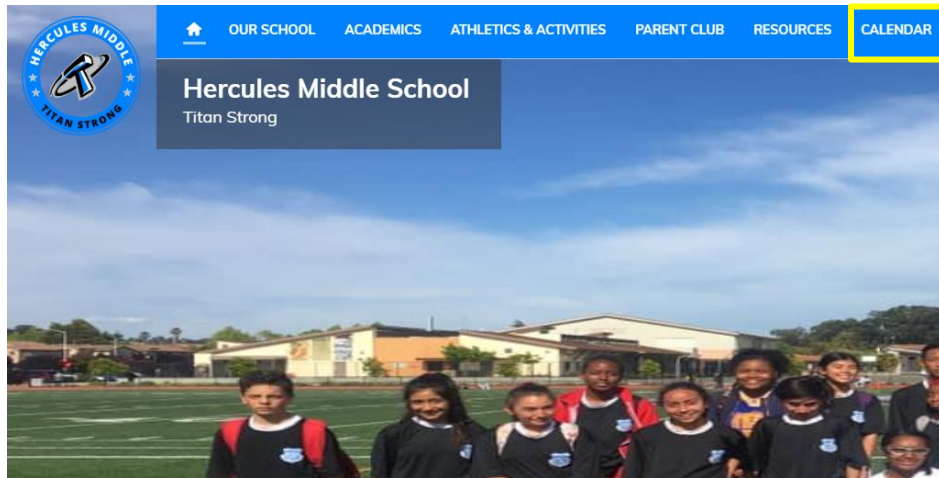
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- Ms. Mendes email – [Mmendes@wccusd.net](mailto:Mmendes@wccusd.net)
- Ms. Rivera's email – [Mrivera@wccusd.net](mailto:Mrivera@wccusd.net)
- Mr. Shaw's email – [Rshaw@wccusd.net](mailto:Rshaw@wccusd.net)
- Teacher email address can be found on the district website:  
<http://www.wccusd.net/herculesmiddle>
- Communication Text Messages on Remind  
Text 81010 – in the message type @herculesm



# Staying Informed

## Website

[www.wccusd.net/herculesmiddle](http://www.wccusd.net/herculesmiddle)



## Facebook Group

Hercules Middle School Information Page

