

WELCOME TO HMS 6TH GRADE!



2023-2024 School Year

YOUR 6th GRADE TEAM

- Ms. Scheibli – Math
- Ms. Hardiamon - Math & Science
- Mrs. Thibault – Science
- Mr. Bautista—History
- Mr. Hahn – History
- Mr. Gadd—English
- Mr. Murray – English
- Mr. Owens - ELD
- Ms. Colliver – PE
- Ms. Besas - RSP
- Mr. Arman – RSP
- Mrs. Lombardi - MMSN
- Ms. Manipis – Art
- Ms. Barrett - Dance
- Ms. Giusto - Debate
- Vacant— Music
- Mr. Young- College & Career
- Ms. Barron - Librarian

COUNSELORS: Ms. Erika – Counselor (A-L)
Ms. Wong - Counselor (M-Z)



WELCOME TO TEAM 6!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HOMEWORK ALREADY!
I JUST GOT BACK TO
SCHOOL!



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I HAVE TO WRITE A
PARAGRAPH ON WHAT
I DID OVER THE SUMMER!
A WHOLE PARAGRAPH!!



NEW REVELATIONS

In the elementary years the brain is occupied with making connections between memories and what is being learned now. Students memorize routine knowledge, both academically and socially, but nothing is yet routine enough to free up space for more rigorous concepts.

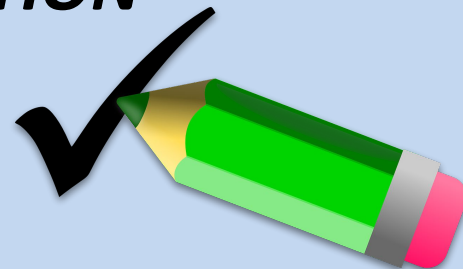
New ways to see and think about things-
Welcome to secondary education!



TRANSITIONING FROM ELEMENTARY TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

- *Please check-in with your student frequently for at least the first quarter...*
 - Elementary \Rightarrow 1 class, 1 teacher
 - Secondary \Rightarrow 6 classes, 6 teachers

SKILLS: *TIME MANAGEMENT & ORGANIZATION*



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- To help with the time management and organization we are requiring students to keep a planner daily.
- Please check their planners regularly to stay up on what your student is doing and the dates things are due.
- Successful transitions happen the most frequently in students who have a lot of support at home with time management and organization (crucial Quarter 1) for the first semester.

TRANSITIONING FROM ELEMENTARY TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

- *Change in structure of schooling changes the norm of how the partnership may have worked in elementary school, and the amount of student responsibility for their learning and learning spaces increases.*

Availability Changes:

At Hercules Middle 1 teacher \Rightarrow 180-250 students

Elementary \Rightarrow A full day with your 1 class of students

Secondary \Rightarrow 50 minutes with your student

THE TRANSITION IN COMMUNICATION

- **Academic and class behavior ⇒ Contact teacher first**
-Email, websites, syllabi
- **Library ⇒ Mrs. Barron (teacher librarian)**
- **Textbooks & Tablets ⇒ Mrs. Williams**
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays only
- **Absences & late notes ⇒ Attendance Clerk Ms. Pera**
Email: hmh_attendance@wccusd.net
- **Dropping off items & checking out students early**
 - ⇒ Mrs. Petroni (main office)
 - ⇒ Call 510-231-1429 ext. 25121 when you arrive downstairs
- **Course changes, discipline outside of class, bullying/relationship issues ⇒ Ms. Erika (A-L), Ms. Wong (M-Z)**



Communication Is Still Important... It Just May Look Different

**Please reach out and open the communication
when the need arises-don't wait!**



STEP 1 ⇒ Email

- *emails will be checked and returned during the school day, and within 2 school days*
- **include-student name, specific question/issue**
 - *If you have not gotten a response within 2 school days (not counting weekends) please re-email, or call counselor*

STEP 2 (if needed) ⇒ Could include *team conference, meeting with counselor, or other team check-in.*

Ways Your Team Provides Communication About Your Student's Learning

- **Student Planners**: teachers may stamp or sign, teachers may write notes, and students write homework and general announcements.
- **Course Syllabi**: course information, grading policies, behavior expectations, absence/make-up work information, materials needed, and more!
- **Google Classroom**: Sit down with your child and have them log in to their account. Go through each classroom on a regular basis with your child.

Ways Your Team Provides Communication About Your Student's Learning

- **Teacher websites**: course information, homework, contact information, handouts, announcements (*currently being updated*)
- **Powerschool**: scores and grade information posted at progress report and quarter grading periods (*some before that*)
- **Parent Square**: used by staff for mass communications



ABSENCES

Report the absence:

- Email the attendance clerk
- OR complete the google form linked here:
tinyurl.com/yrkfn3kh
- OR scan the QR code for the form:



Once you've reported the absence:

- *Email the student's teachers*
- *Check each teacher's syllabus for their make up policy*

ABSENCES/MISSED ASSIGNMENTS

- *Students are required to make up missed assignments and tests.*
- *Tests/Quizzes are generally made up after school by appointment with the teacher.*



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- We are a device-free campus from 8:30 AM until the end of the school day
- Emergency - call the main office
 - 510-231-1429 ext. 25121
- *Device Free = Distraction Free*



PBIS-HELPING WITH THE TRANSITION

TITANS WILL
BE KIND
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE SAFE

Students “caught” being KIND, RESPONSIBLE or SAFE receive a TITAN TICKET!

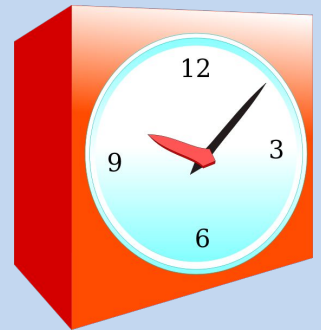
Titan tickets can be redeemed at the Titan Ticket Store for different items.



TITANS ARE RESPONSIBLE...

The 6th grade team is focusing on this expectation the most right now. We are trying to develop HABITS.

Responsible learning HABITS we are working on are:



- ***Being on time – time management.***
- ***Having a pen/pencil, paper, and necessary learning materials for each class, each day BEFORE the bell rings!***
- ***Having a CHARGED tablet & charger with them.***
- ***Completing homework assignments by the due date.***

HABITS OF SUCCESS

- Independence & Sustainability
- Perseverance
- Mindsets for Self & School
- School Readiness
- Healthy Development



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Q: Can you email me my student's HW assignments daily or weekly?

A: Unfortunately, No. We use planners in all of our classes to write homework daily that you can check. Most of us post regularly on our Google Classroom, too.

It is also helpful in middle school to have a HW buddy student or parent in case your student was absent, or missed/was confused about the assignment given and was not able to clarify with the teacher.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Lunch time supervision**
- **Assisting office staff**
 - **Delivering IDs**
 - **Up & Down (late student drop off, item drop off)**
- **Library help**
- **Textbook & Chromebook help at start & end of year**
- **Copies**
- **Set-up & Clean-up for school events & activities**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- *All volunteers must be cleared and badged through the district.*
1. Apply online at www.beamentor.org/now. You will receive a welcome email once you complete the volunteer application and the health questionnaire.
 2. A second email will be sent to you with your login information and instructions on downloading and completing the Live-Scan form and where to schedule your FREE fingerprinting appointment online.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

3. Your fingerprint appointment will be at
1108 Bissell Ave. Room 109, Richmond, CA 94801.

Please bring the following documents to your appointment:

- *Completed Live Scan form and*
- *A valid US Government Issued picture I.D. or consulate I.D./Passport*

**** Keep posted for district sponsored Fingerprint Parties ****

4. A WCCUSD volunteer badge will be mailed to you after all documentation is received and verified.

****Please note that this process may take up to 45-60 days.***

6th TEAM NEEDS



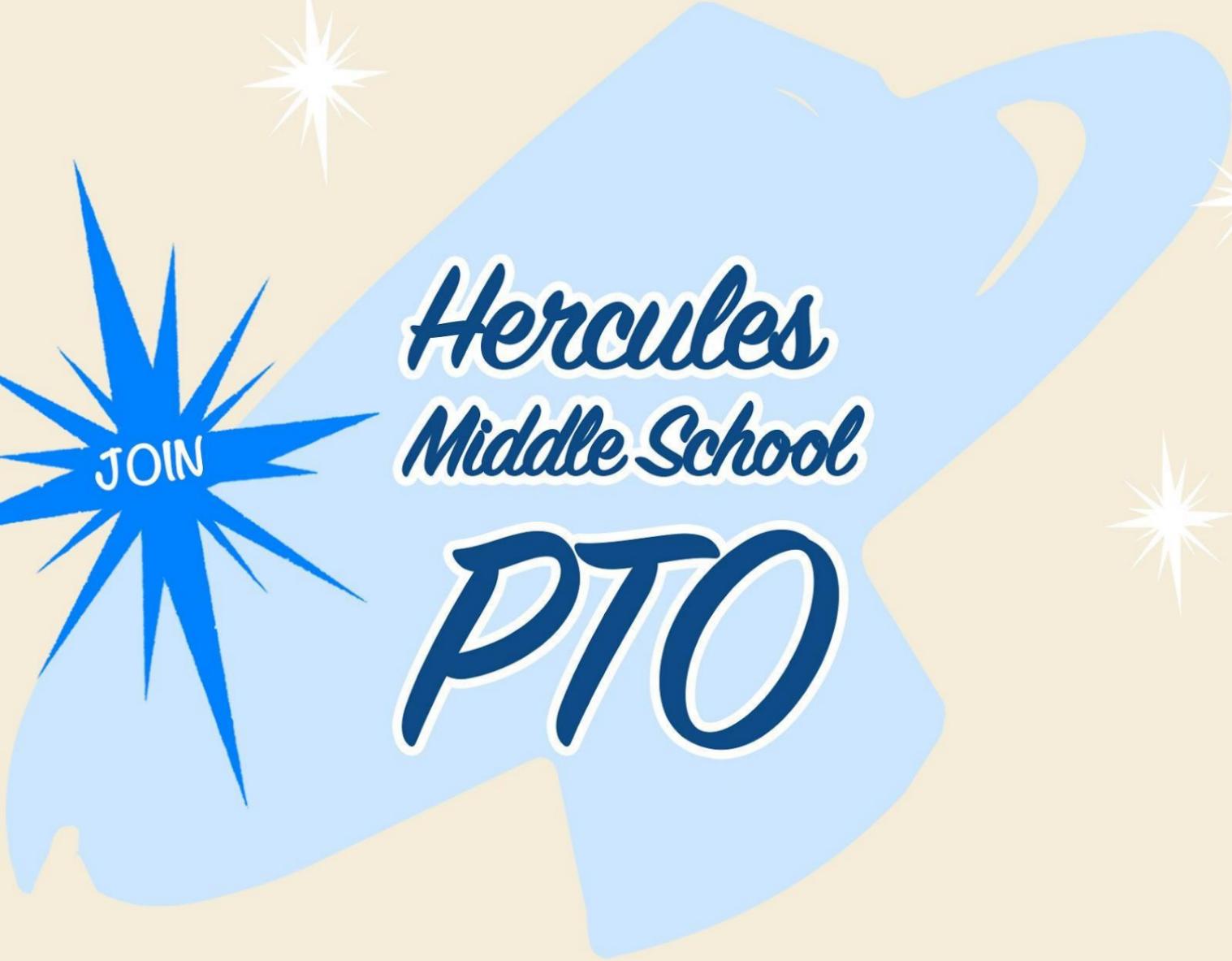
If you can donate any of the items on the handout they are helpful for class learning and are greatly appreciated.

Please either send with your student directly to the teacher, or drop off in the office and label it with the teacher's name.

THANK YOU!!!!



JOIN



Hercules
Middle School
PTO

First Meeting! September 5th, 6pm HMS Cafeteria

HMS PTO Annual Activities



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- Boo Grams
- Valentine's Dance
- 8th Grade Dance
- Teacher Appreciation
- Support Local School Sports
- AND MORE!

\$20 per member/year •hmspto411@gmail.com •HMS PTO (FB Group)

THANK YOU 6th GRADE FAMILIES!!!

Before we snack & chat, please take a moment to share your feedback on tonight's event with the QR code here:



THANK YOU 6th GRADE FAMILIES!!!

*Thank you for coming and being part of
the team!*

*Enjoy some dessert, meet other parents,
and stop by and say hi!*

