

August 2016

Hello Hadley Families,

We are very excited to welcome you to Hadley Junior High for the 2016 - 2017 school year. We would like to highlight some important information. To assist you in making your final preparations, please carefully review the following information.

6th Grade Welcome to the Den – Tuesday, August 9th 10– 11:30 a.m.

This is a PTA event designed for 6th grade students only. Students will be grouped and will visit various stations in the school for the purpose of learning their way around Hadley. This is not a time for locker set-up and teachers will not be present. Registration for this event is not necessary.

Wildcat Welcome – Thursday, August 11

Open house drop in for all grades anytime between 2-6 pm.

During this time students will receive their schedule and locker assignment. This will be a perfect time to put school supplies in lockers prior to the beginning of the school year. Due to the anticipated large crowd on this day, district business such as fees, registration, and free/reduced lunch should be addressed before August 11. Hadley office hours beginning August 1st are 8-4 p.m. Please stop by the Hadley office starting August 1st if you need assistance with registration or fees.

Please pay all fees or make payment arrangements before Aug 5. Fees can be paid online using Skyward Family Access. Fees can also be paid by cash or check during business hours at the district or the Hadley front office. Students will not receive a schedule at Wildcat Welcome if school fees have not been paid or if a waiver form has not been approved.

** Make-up day for Wildcat Welcome is Thursday, August 18 from 4-6 p.m.

New for 2016 – 2017

1. Students will no longer be using padlocks for hallway lockers. All hallway lockers now have built-in combination locks.
2. For safety in the classroom, students are not to bring any bag but their chromebook bag into classrooms. Lockers are close to academic classrooms for student use during passing periods. A backpack is still needed for home/school, however drawstring bags are not to be used in the school. The chromebook bag can be used for small items.
3. **SIP days are now scheduled from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Student dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. on SIP days.**
4. Calculators and goggles that were purchased through school fees will be distributed on the first day of school. There is no supply pick-up on Wildcat Welcome.
5. A technology fee has been added to registration fees to help cover the cost of replacement and repair insurance on every child's chromebook. Please pay this fee for your child to receive their chromebook this fall.

First Day of School

The first day of school is Monday, August 22, 2016. It is a full day. Doors open for students at 8:15 a.m. and school starts at 8:30 a.m.

Students are highly encouraged to ride the bus on the first day of school. Buses will unload on Glencoe Street. As students arrive, staff members will be available to direct students to designated locations.

Students should enter the building through their grade level entry door. 6th grade enters through the gymnasium entrance, 7th grade enters through door #24 by the large portable, 8th grade enters through door #25 by the small portable.

Upon arrival on the first day students will report to:

Grade 6 = Large Gym

Grade 7 = Cafeteria

Grade 8 = Small Gym

Student Lockers

All student lockers have a built in combination lock. Masterlocks are no longer used. School supplies should be stored in lockers. Smaller materials used on a daily basis can be carried in a pencil pouch or in the chromebook bag.

Physical Education

PE uniforms are required for each student. Students may use the uniform from last school year. Uniforms may be purchased through:

Squeegee Brothers – 945 W. Geneva Rd., Wheaton, IL (630) 668-4492

Online from Skywriter skywritershirts.com

Health Services

All incoming 6th grade students and any student new to the district must present proof of the required State of Illinois physical examination and immunizations. **All 6th grade students are required to have the Tdap, meningococcal vaccine and two doses of Varicella vaccine (chicken pox).**

If this is not completed, your student will not be able to start school on August 22, 2016.

Incoming 6th grade students are also required to present proof of an oral health examination completed by a licensed dentist. This dental exam is due by May 15, 2017.

A vision exam is required of all students enrolling in a public school for the first time. Written proof of having been examined by a licensed optometrist will be required.

Athletic Participation

Any student who plans to participate in a sport **MUST have a current physical on file at school, before tryouts begin.** Please mail or bring your updated physical form to our health office. Students participating on one or more athletic teams will be required to pay a \$40 sports participation fee.

Pictures and ID's

School and ID pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Aug 24, during the school day and IDs distributed before August 31. There will be a picture make-up day in November.

Registration

New student registration will be held on August 4 at Hadley for all district families from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have not yet filled out your registration packet, please do so immediately and bring it to the Hadley front office BEFORE Aug 11. Please note that non-registered students are marked as inactive and do not have a confirmed schedule until registration is completed. The Hadley front office is open daily from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

School Supplies

School supply lists are available for all three grade levels on our website. Hard copies are available in our front office. Safety goggles and calculators are included in registration fees for all new and 6th grade families. Students are encouraged to use these items all three years at Hadley. Please remind your returning child to bring back his/her calculator and goggles.

Parents who ordered PTA school supply kits earlier in the summer can pick them up at Wildcat Welcome.

Schedules & Locker Assignments

All students will receive their schedule on Wildcat Welcome day on August 11 or on the first day of school. Schedules will also be available on Skyward starting August 12, pending payment completion or arrangements. Locker numbers and combinations are printed on the student schedule.

PTA Information

Thank you to all of the families who have already joined the Hadley PTA. Your participation is important to us. If you have not already joined the PTA, we will have copies of the registration form available on Wildcat Welcome day and in the main office. PTA also has a link on the Hadley website.

Bus Schedule

Bus schedule information will be available on Skyward Family Access on August 18. Parents are encouraged to visit the district's website and click on the transportation link to get details about their child's bus route and times. Students should memorize their bus route number.

Numbered cards placed in the passenger window next to the door identify bus routes. Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned and should be at the designated stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.

Bus routes are fluid and may change. Please verify your child's bus route before the first day of school.

Hadley Junior High School students **must show their student ID** before boarding the bus. Students do not need an ID to ride the bus on the first day of school. (Drivers will begin checking IDs on August 31, 2016)

Students will receive their IDs before Aug 31st. If they lose or damage their ID, they may purchase a replacement ID for \$5.00.

Food Service

Our food service operation is located in the cafeteria and we serve breakfast and lunch. A variety of hot and cold entrée menu choices are available. This is a cashless system where students use their ID as a debit card. This system gives students and parents the opportunity to pay for their meals in advance. This can be done by making a payment in the cafeteria between 8:15-8:30 a.m. or online through Skyward Family Access by using a credit or debit card. Both parents and students will be able to view their balance on Skyward Family Access. Students may also bring their own lunch to school.

Breakfast- \$1.75 Lunch- \$2.50/2.75/3.00

Free and Reduced Meals

District 41 participates in a federally funded program to supply free/reduced lunches/breakfasts to students of families whose income qualifies them for such assistance. ***In order to qualify, families must re-submit a Free/Reduced Priced Meals Application yearly.*** The 2016-2017 applications are available online or at the school's main office. Please call (630) 790 6450 if you have further questions.

Absence Procedures

Regular and punctual attendance is essential to a student's success at Hadley. If your student will be absent or arriving late, please call the Hadley absence line, (630) 534-7201, by 9 a.m. Calls are accepted 24 hours per day.

Students who are called in for vacation are marked with unexcused absences.

Early Dismissal Procedures

If at all possible, parents should not schedule appointments or other personal business during school hours. However, if your child needs an early dismissal, please have your student bring a note to the main office the morning of the early dismissal to obtain an early dismissal pass. Your child is responsible for reporting to the front office at the assigned time for parent pick up. Parents must sign out students who leave school early.

Important Calendar Information

Please mark your calendar regarding the upcoming school events.

8/22/16 Classes Begin
8/24/16 School Picture Day
9/5/16 NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
9/8/16 Hadley Curriculum Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm

We look forward to a great start of the school year!

See you soon,

Steve Diveley, Principal

Jill Amrhein, Assistant Principal

Robert Guzzetti, Assistant Principal