

August 2019

Hello Hadley Families,

Welcome to a new school year! 2019 - 2020 is exciting as we have new spaces, new enhancements to our schedule, and feeling great as a middle school! This important letter will highlight how we get the year started, so please take a few minutes to review this information and include your child in the discussion, if possible.

Wildcat Welcome – Tuesday, August 27, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (all grades)

During this time students will receive their schedule and locker assignment. Any district business such as fees, registration, and free/reduced lunch can also be addressed. This will be a perfect time to put school supplies in students' lockers prior to the beginning of the school year.

Students will not receive a schedule if school fees have not been paid or if payment arrangements have not been approved.

1. For safety in the classroom, students are asked to only bring their chromebook bag into classrooms. Lockers are placed close to academic classrooms for student use during passing period. Students can carry their class supplies to class and use lockers as needed. If a stringbag is needed, students can purchase a PTA stringbag or a Hadley stringbag, both available during Wildcat Welcome. Only these bags are allowed. A backpack is still recommended for home/school.
2. All school supplies that were purchased through school fees will be delivered on the first day of school. If you ordered supplies through the PTA, they **will** be available on Wildcat Welcome.
3. 6th grade schedules will be distributed in the Large Gym (Gym A). Please enter through the athletic/6th grade entrance (Door #9).
4. 7th/8th grade schedules will be distributed in the auditorium. Please enter through the main entrance.
5. ***Chromebooks can be picked up by parents at Wildcat Welcome (6th grade and some 7th/8th grade).***
All Hadley students and parents must sign a Responsible Use form. This form is on Skyward Family Access for digital signature and will also be available hard copy. Returning families must also acknowledge the form with a signature.

New for 2019/2020

1. Hadley welcomes several new staff members this year, including our new Assistant Principal Amanda Connell. We are excited to have her as part of our leadership team.
2. 10 new learning spaces - a new addition to Hadley!
3. Renovated bathrooms, flooring, roofing, and new heating/cooling units in classrooms.
4. Science and Social Studies will be 80 minutes in length and will switch at the midterm (each 4 ½ weeks).
5. Busses will now unload on D41 property, in front of the new wing; no longer parking on Glencoe!
6. Optional fees on Skyward
 - a. 2019/2020 yearbook

- b. Sports participation fee
- c. Club participation fee

First Day of School

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 28, 2019. It is a full day. Doors open for students at 8:15am and school starts at 8:30am.

Students are highly encouraged to ride the bus on the first day of school. Buses will unload in our new bus lane. 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 door # 9, 7th grade enters through door #24 and all 8th grade students enter through door #26.

Students who are dropped off are asked to still enter through their grade level entrance as that is where the supervision and teachers are.

Upon arrival on the first day students will report to:

Grade 6 = Large Gym

Grade 7 = Cafeteria

Grade 8 = Auditorium

Student Lockers

All student lockers have a built in combination lock. Students' school supplies should be stored in their locker. Students should carry materials to their classes and visit their lockers several times throughout the day. Lockers are placed close to academic classes to assist in easy travel with supplies.

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

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 students entering 6th grade for the 2019-2020 school year are required to turn in a current physical examination and an updated immunization record. Immunizations must include: Tdap, 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox), a completed Hepatitis B series, 2 doses of MMR, and a Meningococcal vaccine. A physical exam and immunizations are a requirement of the State of Illinois. The physical must be dated within one year of the first day of school.

If this is not completed, your student will not be able to start school on August 28, 2019.

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, 2020.

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.

Late Bus

District 41 provides a late bus for students at Hadley. Students can stay after school for extra academic help, sports, and club activities. The late bus leaves Hadley at 4:45 PM Monday through Thursday.

Late bus routes are different than regular routes and will be posted and shared the first week of school.

Late bus starts Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019.

Pictures and ID's

School and ID pictures will be taken on Friday, August 30 during the school day. There will be a picture make-up day on October 4, 2019.

Registration

If you have not yet filled out your registration packet, please do so immediately! Please note that non-registered students are marked as inactive and do not have a confirmed schedule until registration is completed.

School Supplies

School supply lists are available for all three grade levels on our website.

<https://www.d41.org/domain/355>

Hard copies are available in our front office. 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.**

PTA school supply kits can be picked up at Wildcat Welcome.

Schedules & Locker Assignments

All students will receive their schedule on Wildcat Welcome day on August 27 or on the first day of school. Also, schedules will be available on Skyward starting August 26. 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 final information will be available on Skyward Family Access by **August 21**. 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 ID's on September 11, 2019)

Students will receive their ID's in the first two weeks of school. 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 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- \$3.25

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 2019-2020 applications are available online or at the school's main office. Please call (630) 790-6450 if you have further questions.

Absence Procedures

Hadley Junior High absence line telephone number is (630) 534-7201. Please call this number by 9am if your student is going to be absent from school or is going to be arriving late. Calls are accepted 24 hours per day.

Students who are called in for vacation are marked unexcused absence.

Early Dismissal Procedures

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***.

Our focus is to not disturb the classroom by calling teachers. Students should come down to the main office for early dismissal during a passing period (about every 40 minutes).

Important Calendar Information

Please mark your calendar regarding the upcoming school events.

8/28/19	Classes Begin
8/30/19	School Picture Day
9/2/19	NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
9/4/19	Fall Sports Begin
9/12/19	Hadley Curriculum Night 6:30

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

See you soon,

Steve Diveley, Principal

Robert Guzzetti, Ass't. Principal

Amanda Connell, Ass't. Principal