

HARDYSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEEKEND UPDATE SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

ATTENTION VETERANS OF HARDYSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Sussex Elks Lodge #2288 and the American Legion Riders of Branchville and Franklin will be sponsoring The Moving Wall in Sussex County this week. The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. This replica travels the country and has not yet visited Sussex County in its 30 year history.

We would like to invite veterans to join our elementary students as we witness the passing of the Moving Wall. If you have a veteran in your family that is available to join us this **Thursday, September 9**, please be in touch with Mrs. Cimaglia for more details jcimaglia@https.org or 973-823-7000 ext. 8206

LUNCH MENUS

This link will take you to the current lunch menus for the ES and MS.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND & CHOIR SIGN-UP 2021-22

UPDATED GUIDANCE FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#)

[The Road Forward](#)- updated September 1, 2021

Key Update Regarding Masks:

In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.(updated 8/21)

***Students who are wearing well-fitted masks will NOT need to be quarantined if they are a close contact of an infected student in the school.**

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

Currently, the CDC recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated.

Domestic Travel

According to the CDC, unvaccinated individuals who do travel should get tested 1-3 days before their trip, 3-5 days after travel, and stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after domestic travel.

For those traveling to New Jersey, domestic travel is defined as lasting 24 hours or longer to states or US territories other than those connected to New Jersey, such as Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware.

For more information, refer to the [CDC's guidance for domestic travel](#).

International Travel

The CDC requires all air passengers arriving in the United States from a foreign country to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight.

For more information, visit the [CDC website](#).

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Please be sure to log in to the parent portal to view your child's bus information. Bus numbers and pick up/drop off times have changed.

Please arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time and drop-off time. Similar to last year, siblings will be seated together. Students will be seated from back to front.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

First day of school for all students: Tuesday, September 7

Back to School Night, grades 6-8: Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 pm

Back to School Night, grades 1-4: Thursday, September 23. To accommodate families who have students in multiple grade levels, there will be two sessions. ****parents/guardians only***

- **Grades 1 & 2** will be held from 6 - 6:45 *parents report directly to the classroom at 6 pm
- **Grades 3 & 4** will be held from 7 - 7:45 *parents report directly to the classroom at 7 pm
- **Assigned Arts, intervention, speech teachers, and (select) CST members** will be available in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **The Hardyston PTA and other organizations** will also be in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 8 pm

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

A complete physical is needed if your child wants to participate in any school-related extra-curricular activity.

Every student entering grade 6 requires the following immunizations:

- DTaP
- Meningococcal

Documentation must be submitted to the Health Office by **September 15, 2021**. Students who do not have documentation of the above immunizations will be excluded from school.

APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FREE AND REDUCED SCHOOL MEALS

If you would like to participate, please click on the links below for more information.

[Letter](#)

[Instructions for Application](#)

[Application](#)

PICKUP PATROL

PickUp Patrol eliminates the need to write notes or make phone calls when changing your student's dismissal plans. New parents will receive a welcome email inviting you to set up an account.

If you have any changes, please log into your account and record your pick up preference for the new school year.

Pickup Patrol - How To Use The App



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP

Click [here](#) to learn more about SEPAG.

VOLUNTARY STUDENT INSURANCE INFORMATION

[Voluntary Claim Form](#)

[Bollinger Flyer](#)

[Athletic and Student Injury Form](#)

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

GIRLS ON THE RUN

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Health and Safety Protocols

- Temperature checks
 - Temperatures **will not** be screened at school
 - Parents are asked to continue to take the temperature of their child(ren) before leaving for school. If your child has a fever of 100.0 or higher, please do not send them to school
- Transportation
 - Students must wear a mask while riding the bus
 - Social distancing on the bus will be enforced, when possible
 - Siblings will be sat together
 - Windows on the bus will be open, weather permitting
- Masks
 - All students, educators, and staff will be required to wear face masks inside of the classroom and hallways when changing classes, regardless of vaccination status for the start of the 2021-2022 academic year
 - Face shields are not a substitute for a cloth face covering as they do not provide enough protection from aerosolized particles. Masks with vents are also not permitted
- Frequent handwashing will be part of the daily schedule.
- Each classroom has a properly working and well maintained univent system that circulates air in each room
- Classrooms
 - Desks have been spaced out 3 feet for social distancing, when possible
 - Students will not be changing for physical education classes
 - Students in grades 4-8 will be assigned lockers
 - All students will travel through the building to attend their classes
 - All teachers will maintain seating charts in the event that we need to contact trace
 - Classroom materials and toys will be shared. Students will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands before and after use
- Lunch
 - Lunches are FREE again this year
 - Elementary school - to ensure social distancing, students will eat lunch in either the cafeteria or in the gym. Students will be spaced out and lunch will be delivered to the students in their seats
 - Middle school - students will be spaced out as much as possible in the cafeteria and they'll have the opportunity to eat outside as weather permits
- Playgrounds will be open this year. Students will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands before and after recess
- Band and chorus will continue and we will follow recommended guidelines in order to practice safely
- Visitors
 - There will be limited access inside the buildings. Items will be able to be dropped off or picked up
 - To every extent possible, meetings with parents and outside agencies will take place remotely utilizing an online platform, such as Google Meet. Any person entering the building will be required to sign in and wear a face mask. This will ensure the security

of our building as well as secure the visitor's contact info for contact tracing purposes, if necessary

- Class parties with visitors will not take place

Sanitizing/Disinfecting

- Schools will be fully cleaned and sanitized at the end of each school day
- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular daily basis. We are currently working with our contracted bus providers, as well as the rest of the regional districts, to ensure the buses are cleaned and sanitized as often as possible between runs.

COVID Compatible Symptoms

Parents should not send students to school when they are sick or waiting for COVID-19 test results for anyone in the household. Students with the following symptoms cannot come to school. Please contact the school nurse if your child has these symptoms:

- At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever, chills, rigor (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose; **OR**
- At least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, or new taste disorder.

Virtual Instruction

Students are now entitled to virtual instruction ***only*** under the following circumstances:

1. a student or a student's immediate family member (living in the same household) has COVID-19 or is still waiting for test results
2. a student has COVID-19 compatible symptoms and is required to quarantine

If either of the above scenarios apply to your child, the school will provide synchronous instruction during the quarantine period only. Please allow one school day for your child's teacher(s) to arrange for this. Same day requests for virtual instruction are not possible to honor as teachers need time to prepare and parents need to pick up learning materials and technology. ***Please note that virtual instruction is only provided for COVID-19 situations. Virtual instruction is not permitted for students who will be absent for vacation, appointments, or reasons other than COVID-19.*

If your child is quarantined, instruction will occur live during the school day. Our district uses Google Classroom as a platform for all assignments and Google Meets for video conferencing. Should your child require virtual instruction on a temporary basis, your child's teacher will use Google Meet to host live, synchronous teaching and Google classroom to share documents. In the elementary school, the teacher will be the one to communicate specific login times for live instruction and will share the Google Meet link. In the middle school, students will follow the bell schedule and are expected to login to the Google Meet link for each class at the beginning of the class period. Students in grades 2-8 will be reminded how to use Google Classroom and Google Meet by their teachers. This way, in case a quarantine must take place, students are familiar with how to login and learn virtually. For

students in the elementary school, teachers will reach out to parents directly with logins, passwords, Google Meet links, and schedules.

Google Tutorials

Google Classroom and Meet tutorials for parents, caregivers, and students will be shared in our Weekend Update and posted to our webpage so that all understand how to access virtual instruction if your child is required to quarantine.

Technology

If a student is quarantined and cannot come to school, arrangements can be made for a chrome book and/or hot spot to be used for the duration of the quarantine period, if needed. Chrome books will stay in school unless needed during a quarantine period.

PTA NEWS

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