

Welcome Back! 2023-24

August 15, 2023

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Dear Hardyston Community,

Hello Hardyston! I hope your summer has been fantastic so far. We still have three weeks until school begins, but I wanted to let everyone know what's been happening in your schools over the summer and some of the things you can expect for this school year. This 'welcome back to school' message will be followed up with weekly updates for the rest of the school year.

Check out the latest improvements:

- The middle school has a new principal, Meg O'Mara. Our goal is to focus on the middle school culture & climate for students, staff, and parents.
- The elementary school parking and driving areas will be fully paved and graded by September 6. This has been a monstrous effort made by many, as it is our intention to provide a safe area for everyone and to make our school beautiful as well.
- Both schools had additional security cameras installed over the summer- as we continuously seek to improve safety and security for our students and staff.
- Hardyston Schools will now be using Share911 to connect our entire staff during emergencies and empower everyone to share information with coworkers and first responders in real-time, from wherever they are about the location of danger, know what action to take and receive updates relating to the incident.
- Both schools will utilize retired police officers as security personnel during the school day. Our aim is to have them hired by October and become a proactive & positive force in our student community.

I would also like to introduce the new members of our Hardyston educational family:

- Megan O'Mara- Middle School Principal
- Kari Casper- Teacher 1st
- Margaret Corbutt- Teacher K
- Jill Helmstetter- Teacher Phys Ed/Health (MS)

- Emma Carr- Teacher Resource 4
- Tara Kominiak- Teacher LLD (MS)
- Alyssa Kopf- Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Brooke Yeomans- Long-Term Substitute (Perry)
- Frank Panny- Long-Term Substitute (Gregory)
- Michael Handzo- Custodian
- Lina Amodio- Paraprofessional
- Adrienne Cooper- Paraprofessional
- Alexa Cunningham- Paraprofessional
- April Lewczuk- Paraprofessional
- Ashley Miller- Paraprofessional
- Candace Ouellette- Paraprofessional
- Valerie Parada- Paraprofessional
- Lynn Peterson- Paraprofessional
- Deidre Schmitt- Paraprofessional
- Deborah Smedley- Paraprofessional
- Stephanie Suckey- Paraprofessional
- Stephanie Krakowski- Intern Counselor
- Jake Lombardo- Intern ELA & Special Education (MS)

The parent portal will be open for teacher assignments, schedules, and bus information beginning on August 23rd. If you need help accessing the portal, our secretarial staff would be happy to assist you. Please just call the office. Parents that need to drop off medications for their children may do so on Friday, September 1 from 1:30-3:30 and Tuesday, September 5 from 12:30-3:30.

Please look for continued updates and important information regarding the start of school in the coming weeks via the Weekend Update- delivered to your email and always available on www.https.org under "Updates."

My goal is for all of us to work together so that children can reach their full potential. I look forward to our journey together in that pursuit. I wish you the best that the rest of August has to offer, and I truly can not wait to see all of you on September 6!

Sincerely,

Mike Ryder

Superintendent

Supply Lists

This folder contains links to supply lists for both the ES and MS.

ES Summer Reading Challenge

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