

Hardyston School District

Weekend Update August 23, 2023

Parent Portal is now open

Be sure to [log in to the parent portal](#) to view teacher assignments, schedules, and bus information.

Bus Information

Every summer, bus routes and times may change. Please check your child's parent portal for up to date bus information. This can be found under the 'Transportation' tab.

Please arrive at the bus stop *10 minutes before the scheduled time and please wait at least 10 minutes after* the scheduled time for the bus to arrive. On the first few days of school, buses will likely run late as the drivers and children get used to the stops. Thank you for your patience.

To make boarding the buses faster, please have your child standing at the bus stop. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medication Drop Off

Parents that need to drop off medications for their children may do so on Friday, September 1 from 1:30-3:30 or Tuesday, September 5 from 12:30-3:30.

Elementary School Open House

Tuesday, August 29 from 10 am - 12 noon. Stop by for a self-guided tour of the building and to see your classroom. Teachers will not be present and classrooms will be locked. Our PTA will be there. Please say hello and learn how you can get involved.

****ATTENTION GRADE 4 STUDENTS**** Grade 4 students can set up their locker with all of their supplies during the Open House, so please bring supplies. Lockers will be labeled and all ready for the students.

Back to School Night Dates

Tuesday, September 5:

- **3:30 pm - Lapinski, Napovier, Mugavero, and Halbig** *Parents only, please.*
- **4:30 pm - Kindergarten** *Parents and kindergarten students only, please. No siblings.*
- **6:00 pm - Grade 5** *Parents and students, meet in the gym.*

Wednesday, September 13

- **6:00 pm - Grades 6-8** *Parents only, please.*

Thursday, September 14: Grades 1–4: To accommodate families who have students in multiple grade levels, there will be two sessions. *Parents only, please.*

- **Grades 1 & 2** will be held from 6 - 7:00 *parents report directly to the classroom at 6 pm
- **Grades 3 & 4** will be held from 7 - 8:00 *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 6:00 - 7:45 pm
- **Hardyston PTA and other organizations** will also be in the cafeteria from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

From the Health Office

A complete physical is needed if your child wants to participate in any school-related extra-curricular activity. Sports physicals are due by September 1. *You may drop off your physicals prior to September 1 at either school Monday - Thursday, 8 AM - 3 PM.*

Every student entering grade 6 requires the following immunizations:

- DTaP
- Meningococcal

Documentation must be submitted to the Health Office by **September 15, 2023**. Students who do not have documentation of the above immunizations will be excluded from school.

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. If this is not altered, your child's preference will be defaulted to the bus.

Pick Up Patrol

Pickup Patrol - How To Use The App



Welcome Back Letter (sent last week)

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)

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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

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2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar

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