

Hardyston School District

Weekend Update September 10, 2023

Remembering Lives Lost on September 11, 2001

At 8:46 AM on September 11, 2001, the first Twin Tower in New York City was struck by a terrorist attack. This was followed by a planned and coordinated attack on the other Twin Tower, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a 4th plane that was designated for another Washington, D.C. target, but was instead forced to crash in Pennsylvania by American patriots on board that day.

Patriot Day is an annual observance of those September 11th attacks and to remember those who were injured or died that day. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11th.

As we remember all those we lost on that day and the Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in the wars that followed, we must strive to carry forward their legacy. On this National Day of Service and Remembrance, we take up their unfinished work and pay tribute to their lives with service and charity. Through these acts and quiet gestures, we can honor their memory and reclaim our sense of togetherness. I encourage everyone to learn more about service opportunities across our country.

Emergency Sewer Repair Work at the Elementary School

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we had an emergency early dismissal at the elementary school last Thursday and were forced to close on Friday. The reason this occurred was because all of the bathrooms, one by one, began backing up and there were no more operational bathrooms. This happened because four sewer lines were disrupted during the paving project. Unfortunately, the problems were only discovered once the volume of flushing began when school started.

Skilled plumbers were onsite Thursday afternoon and all day Friday and were able to find and fix all of the issues and even make some improvements as well. The small patch of pavement

that was dug up will need to be redone once the rain subsides.

Thank you to the teachers for making the early dismissal calm and safe.

Thank you to Mrs. Cimaglia for her leadership during this event.

Thank you to Mr. Lenz, Mr. Tully, and the custodial crew for all of their efforts.

And thank you parents and students for being timely, orderly, and patient during this time.

Upcoming Events:

9/12 BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ MS Media Center

9/13 MS Back to School Night - Grades 6-8, 6 PM

9/14 ES Back to School Night - Grades 1&2, 6-7 PM and Grades 3&4, 7-8 PM

9/26 Picture Day - ES / MS

2023-2024 Student/Parent Calendar and Handbook

Please review for important school information.

Tips to Ease Back-To-School Anxiety

Application and Instructions for Free and Reduced School Meals

[Meal Application](#)

[Instructions](#)

[Flyer](#)

[Sharing Information Form](#)

Cafeteria Information

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Back to School Night Dates

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

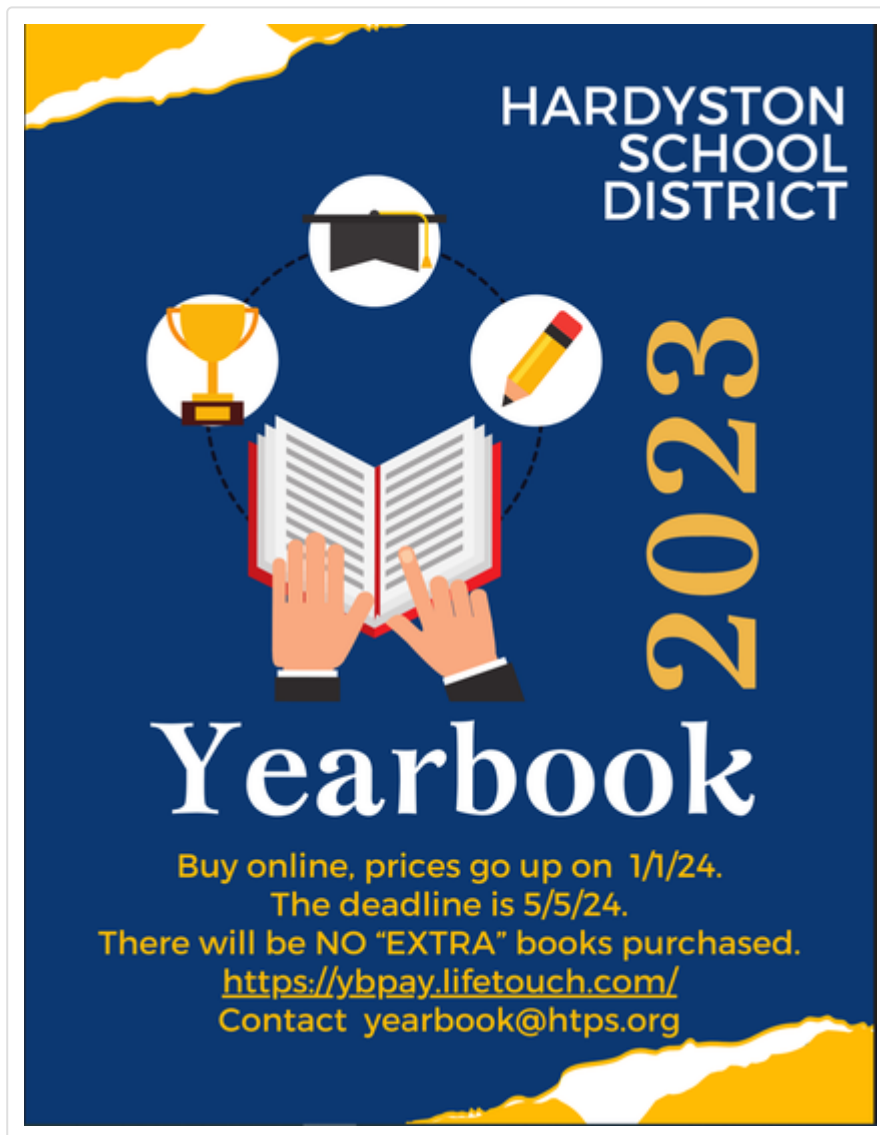
Band and Choir Sign Ups - Middle School

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Did you know that students who purchase yearbooks are 800% happier than their non-yearbook-toting counterparts? Unverified...but true! The 2023-2024 yearbook is now on sale! Please click on this link to purchase your yearbook:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>

Prices go up on January 1, 2024 the last day to purchase is May 5, 2024. **There will not be any "extras" purchased.**



From the Health Office

Reminder: A complete physical is needed if your child wants to participate in any school-related extra-curricular activity. Sports physicals were due September 1. Please contact the Nurse's Office if you have any questions.

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



Declutter your closets!

Declutter your closets! Help the environment! Help people in developing countries!

Are your closets filled with worn, beat up or wrong sized footwear? If they are until September 22, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3320 Rt 94 is collecting shoes. The donated shoes will be sent to developing countries where local cobblers will fix them and make them available to the people of their community. This keeps them out of our landfills and helps protect our environment. For Prince of Peace's participation they will receive a small amount to make safety improvements to the church. The goal is to collect over 2,000 garbage bags of shoes. The only footwear that can't be used are roller-blades and roller skates. So bring out your shoes! They can be dropped off at the church or at either of our schools.

Thank you for your help in our efforts to help others.

ES Welcome Back Newsletter

MS Welcome Back Newsletter

2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar

PTA NEWS

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