

# ***Hardyston School District***

Weekend Update    September 14, 2025

## ***Calendar of Events:***

9/16 HMS Back to School Night, Grades 6 - 8, 6 PM  
9/18 HES Back to School Night, Grades 1 - 2, 6 PM; Grades 3 - 4, 7 PM  
9/26 Fall sports pictures  
10/3 HMS Progress Reports posted on portal  
10/6 8th Grade Class Trip permission slip and payment due  
10/13 **Teacher In-Service day - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
10/14 BOE Meeting @ HMS, 7 PM, cafeteria  
10/16 PICTURE DAY - HES and HMS  
11/6 & 11/7 **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
11/10 1st Marking Period ends  
11/11 BOE Meeting @ HMS, 7 PM, cafeteria  
11/13 Make-up Picture Day - HES / HMS  
11/17 **Reports Cards posted on portal**  
11/26 **Early Dismissal Day**  
11/27 & 11/28 **Thanksgiving Recess - SCHOOL CLOSED**

---

## ***Back to School Nights this week***

### **Tuesday, September 16 (HMS)**

**Grades 6, 7 & 8**

Please report directly to the gymnasium at 6 pm

### **Thursday, September 18 (HES)**

**Grades 1-4**

To accommodate families who have students in multiple grade levels, there will be two sessions.

- **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 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **The Hardyston PTA and other organizations** will also be in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 8 pm

*\*Parents/guardians only. No children, please.*

---

## Breakfast & Lunch

Beginning this year, we are excited to offer breakfast to all students each morning. Just like lunch, there is a cost unless you qualify for free or reduced meals, so please be sure to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch Application

[Free and reduced lunch applications are available online](#) and a paper copy will be provided on the first day of school. Please note that free lunch will not be provided until the application is processed and a family qualifies. During that time, please send your child to school with lunch or [add money to their lunch account through payschoolcentral.com](#)

HES Parents ONLY: [Click here to order your child's breakfast weekly.](#)

### Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Please click above to view HES and HMS breakfast and lunch menus

### Breakfast and Lunch Prices

---

## If your child is NOT taking the bus home, you need to use Pick Up Patrol

PickUp Patrol is a system Hardyston School District uses to manage dismissal. It eliminates the need to write notes or make phone calls when changing your student's dismissal plans. It is assumed that all students will ride the bus home unless you change your preference in Pick Up Patrol. Please be sure to log in to set up your preference. New parents, you will receive a welcome email inviting you to set up an account.

**\*Please note\*** Preschool students do not use Pick Up Patrol because transportation choices were already noted through the transportation survey that was sent out earlier this summer.

PickUp Patrol - How To Use The App



# How to Use the PickUp Patrol Parent App

[Click HERE for easy to follow PUP directions](#)

---

## *Important Information for HES*

Drop off and pick up takes place behind the school.

**Drop Off** is between 8:40 am and 8:50 am. Please remember that drop off is a flowing line of cars and parents are not permitted to walk students to the door. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Pick Up** is in the back of the building. Parents will be directed to park and may exit the driveway only when signaled to do so.

### **Arrival times for pick up:**

- Preschool parents may arrive prior to 3 pm and must display their PK parking pass to park
- Kinder - grade 4 parents will not be able to enter the driveway before 3:10

**Buses** will leave the school at approximately 3:40 pm. During the first few days of school, buses may arrive home a few minutes later than what would be typical as bus drivers and students are getting use to the routine.

---

## **HMS Band and Choir - Sign Up Now!**

Band & Choir sign-ups are open until Friday, September 26th. Please fill out the Google Form for your students and have them join the Google Classroom. The Handbooks and September Calendar are provided in the GC and students can get hard copies from Ms. Kempf

[HMS Band and Choir Sign Up Google Form - click here](#)

## HMS Battle of the Hornets

Hey **HMS students**! Each month we will share a calendar of events for the student activities taking place for the BATTLE OF THE HORNETS! Here's September -

### HARDYSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE HORNETS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025-2026



SEPTEMBER	
ACHIEVEMENT	
Monday, September 8th	"Team" Google Form to be completed in WIN
Friday, September 12th	Battle of the Hornets Kickoff Events
Monday, September 15th	Math Minute Google Form to be completed in WIN
Monday, September 22nd	Cafeteria Google Form to be completed in WIN
Monday, September 29th	Habits of a Highly Successful Hornet Google Form
COMMUNITY	
Friday, September 12th	Battle of the Hornets Kickoff and Spirit Day! (Assembly 8:15am)
ATTENDANCE	
Thursday, September 1st- Tuesday, September 30th	highest % present

## Reporting your Child's Absence

You can now report your child's absence through the Parent Portal. Please follow these simple steps below:

Instructions for entering your child's absence through the Parent Portal

- Go to <https.org>
- Click on "Parent"
- Sign into your Parent Portal
- Click on the 4 dashes located on the upper left side
- Click on "Daily Attendance"



- Click on “Report Student Attendance” and enter date, type of attendance, and note (reason for absence)
- Click on “Review Attendance” button
- Click on “Submit Attendance Request”

Done! It’s that easy! Of course, if you prefer to speak with the nurse, please feel free to call the office.

---

## HMS 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to announce that the 8th-grade class will be attending *The Outsiders* musical at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theater in New York City on **Thursday, May 14**. This trip is a great opportunity to experience a live theater performance based on the classic novel by S.E. Hinton. The show will allow students to connect their classroom reading with a real-world artistic performance. Please click the link below to review the details of the trip and to authorize your child’s participation.

<https://forms.gle/kKEA1S8YE3BD63uB9>

**All permission slips must be submitted and payment sent in by Monday, October 6th.**

---

## 2025-2026 Governor's Educator of the Year and Educator Services Professional of the Year

Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing the nomination form template by November 21st!

[Nomination Form](#)

---

**2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar**

---

---

---

## Hardyston PTA Website

Become a PTA member TODAY

**YMCA HAPPENINGS - Click here for latest flyers and events**

**Follow us on Instagram**

**Follow HES on Instagram**

### HTPS Contacts

[Mental Health Resource](#)

Email: [admin@https.org](mailto:admin@https.org)

Website: [www.https.org](http://www.https.org)

Location: [183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ, USA](#)

Phone: [973-823-7000](tel:973-823-7000)

Twitter: [@hardyston\\_csa](#)



**Hardyston Schools**

Hardyston is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters