

Welcome to HKMS 2016-2017 Parent Information Evening Grade 5

The journey in between what you
once were and who you are now
becoming is where the dance of life
really takes place... Barbara DeAngelis

What makes a school a middle school?

- ▶ Awareness of this pre-adolescent development phase of our children
- ▶ Team structure
- ▶ Integrated/interdisciplinary curricula
- ▶ Education of the “Whole Child”
- ▶ Meaningful relationships with adults
- ▶ Opportunities for learning outside of the classroom

How is our day structured at HKMS? (p. 3)

Start: 8:05 a.m.

End: 2:50 p.m.

Time	Grade 5
8:05-8:14	Homeroom
8:17-9:00	Academic
9:03-9:46	Academic
9:49-10:28	Academic
10:28-11:00	Flex
11:03-11:18	Recess
11:21-11:46	Lunch
11:49-12:32	Applied Academic
12:35-1:18	Academic
1:21-2:04	Academic
2:07-2:50	Applied Academic

Academic Program - Grade 5

- ▶ Students are teamed
- ▶ Currently we have 2 teams and each team has four teachers.
- ▶ All teachers teach history and then specialize in Language Arts, Math, and Science.
- ▶ Class Size is approximately 22-24 students

Applied Academics Program (p. 3)

- ▶ **World Language:** Choice of French or Spanish
- ▶ **Band and/or Chorus:** Every other day all year
- ▶ **Physical Education:** Every other day all year
- ▶ **Exploratory Wheel:** Each course = one term or 30 classes
 - ▶ Art
 - ▶ Library Media
 - ▶ Developmental Guidance

World Language at HKMS (p. 15-17)

- ▶ Choice of French or Spanish
- ▶ Grades 5 and 6 - French or Spanish 1
- ▶ Grades 7 and 8 - French or Spanish 2
- ▶ Goal: Start high school in French or Spanish 3

HKMS Music Program (p. 18)

- ▶ All students take Band and/or Chorus
- ▶ Band and Chorus have two concerts (winter/spring)
- ▶ Band information:
 - ▶ Lessons are held during band classes
 - ▶ Band instruments can be borrowed
 - ▶ Indicate instrument your child plays or wants to play on his/her Course Registration Form
- ▶ To take band and chorus, your child will have Band during Applied Academics and Chorus during Flex/Recess (every other day).

Physical Education at HKMS (p. 23)

- ▶ Physical Education is every other day, all year
- ▶ Students must wear sneakers
- ▶ No jeans
- ▶ Change of shirt is necessary

Supporting Students at HKMS (p. 34-35)

- ▶ Role of School Counselors (Rebecca Degnan and Alan Fortin)
- ▶ Role of School Psychologist, Social Worker, Speech and Language Pathologist
- ▶ Use of Flex
- ▶ LEAP
- ▶ Academic, Math, and Reading Support
- ▶ Special Education support

Parent Conferences

- ▶ Parent conferences are in October
- ▶ Parents can request team meetings any time throughout the year
- ▶ Parent conferences in April are upon request of the team

Health Office Information

- ▶ Students in grade 5 may carry their inhaler and/ or epi-pen with a doctor's order
- ▶ Medication should be delivered by parent to school nurse **NOT by student**
- ▶ Please contact the nurse if you have medical concerns about your child

Attendance Information

- ▶ We do not rotate classes. If your child is tardy to school, they will always miss the same class.
- ▶ 10 Day rule from State of Connecticut
- ▶ Call or email your attendance to the main office whenever your child is absent.

After-School Activities

- ▶ Inter-Scholastic Sports
- ▶ Clubs have three sessions (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- ▶ Permission slip required to stay after school.
- ▶ All students who stay after school must be in a supervised program.
- ▶ PM room is staffed Monday through Friday until 5:15
- ▶ Late buses leave at 5:00 and 5:15

Technology at HKMS

- ▶ 2 Computer Labs
 - ▶ Music
 - ▶ Library Media
- ▶ TV Studio for student morning news
- ▶ Student and Teacher Access
 - ▶ Wireless technology
 - ▶ LCD projectors/Interactive White Boards
 - ▶ Wireless student laptops - 60 per grade level

Transition Activities

- ▶ Join Dr. Olsen for a visit to HKMS during the school day, Wednesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ Assistant Principal and school counselor visits with 4th grade students
- ▶ Grade 4 visits HKMS for an orientation in early June
- ▶ Step Up Camp Experience: August 23 or August 25

Scheduling Process

- ▶ Registration:
 - ▶ Please return the Course Recommendation Forms to your child's homeroom teacher by *May 9*
 - ▶ Please also update your child's family and emergency contact information for PowerSchool.
- ▶ Student scheduling happens in May and June and is completed over the summer. Schedules are sent home the week before school starts.

What are most 5th graders concerned about during the first week of school?

- ▶ Lockers
- ▶ Getting to class on time
- ▶ Finding the right bus at the end of the day
- ▶ Finding the way around the building

Stay Connected!

- ▶ Join the PTO
- ▶ Frequent Weekly Updates emailed out by principal and assistant principal
- ▶ Teacher assignment pages linked from the HKMS website
- ▶ Parents will have on line access to grades via **POWERSCHOOL**
- ▶ Check agenda book
- ▶ Parent-Teacher Advisory Council

QUESTIONS?

