

# Welcome to HKMS 2018-2019 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
9:49-10:32	Applied Academic
10:35-10:50	Recess
10:53-11:18	Lunch
11:21-11:51	Flex
11:51-12:32	Academic
12:35-1:18	Academic
1:21-2:04	Academic
2:07-2:50	Applied Academic

# Academic Program - Grade 5

- ▶ 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 20-21 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
  - ▶ Practical Arts
  - ▶ Developmental Guidance

## World Language at HKMS (p. 15-17)

- ▶ Grades 5 and 6 - French or Spanish I
- ▶ Grades 7 and 8 - French or Spanish II
- ▶ Goal: Start high school in French or Spanish III

# 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

## 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



# Grades and Report Cards

- ▶ Report cards are issued three times a year - December, April, and June
- ▶ Students have letter grades and standards grades for all classes in all middle school

# Supporting Students at HKMS (p. 34-35)

- ▶ Role of School Counselors
  - ▶ Transition Counselor: Rebecca Degnan
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Call the main office whenever your child is absent.
- ▶ If your child is absent more than ten days, a reminder attendance letter will be sent home.

# After-School Activities

- ▶ Inter-Scholastic Sports
  - ▶ Cross Country, Swimming, and Wrestling
- ▶ 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

# Transition Activities

- ▶ Join Dr. Olsen for a visit to HKMS during the school day, Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ Assistant Principal, Ryan Mackenzie, visits with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students
- ▶ Grade 4 visits HKMS for an orientation in early June
- ▶ Step Up Camp Experience: August 21 or August 23

# Scheduling Process

- ▶ Registration:
  - ▶ Please return the Course Recommendation Forms to your child's homeroom teacher by *May 21*
  - ▶ 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. Your child will be notified of his/her homeroom teacher and team the week before school starts.



What are most 5<sup>th</sup> 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 classrooms

# 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?

