

June 12, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, it is our hope that you and your family have a restful summer vacation. When we return to school in August, our last year as **Heights Middle School** located at the Wiley campus in University Heights will commence. We learned a great deal this past year. Students and staff have

been working together to establish procedures that will improve the HMS learning environment for all students in 2018 - 2019. We invite you, as parents, to join us in this important effort as we prepare to open the building in August.

Safe, Respectful & Responsible

We look forward to partnering with our students, parents, and community members to create safe, respectful, and responsible school environments. In August, every family will receive additional information about our new Student Code of Conduct and cell phone policy.

Important Dates

- The **6th Grade Orientation** is scheduled for Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wiley campus. Your student will receive his or her schedule, **meet the 6th grade teachers and staff**, and tour the building.
- We will not be hosting 7th and 8th grade orientations as the students are now familiar with the building. However, we will open the building the morning of the 16th and the afternoon of the 17th for **all** students to get a copy of their schedule, find classrooms, and place supplies in their new lockers.
- **The first day of school is Monday, August 20**. The middle school day starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. We recommend that students arrive to school no later than 7:50 so they have time to put personal items in their locker and report to their 1st period class.

Important Information

- *Middle School Transportation Information*: Families can visit the following site, which is also posted the District website, to see if their child will qualify for bus services next school year: http://elink.chuh.org/elinkrp/Students/BasicTransBoundarySearch.aspx. Middle school students will receive transportation if they live **2 or more miles** from the Wiley Campus. You will need to enter **ALL** of the information including your child's grade, house number, street, and zip code to see if they will receive transportation services.
- **Summer Reading Lists:** Families can click on the **Academics** tab on the District website to find the summer reading lists and expectations. Students entering grades 6-8 are expected to read during the summer months:
 - 6th grade students will read at least three books--one of which is *Among the Hidden*.
 - 7th grade students will read at least three books--two are required: *Pinned* by Sharon Flake and *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. .
 - 8th grade students will read one book from the list posted on the CH-UH website and

two books of their own choosing that aligns to a particular genre.

- \circ $\,$ All students will respond to writing prompts when they return to school in August.
- More information can be found on the **Summer Reading** tab under **Academics** at http://www.chuh.org/SummerReadingLists2018.aspx.
- The supply lists are available on the Heights Middle School website and a 2018-2019 district calendar is included. A full middle school calendar will be sent home with students in August.
- Parents of 7th and 8th grade students may contact Mr. Stewart, the athletic director, with questions regarding athletics. Mr. Stewart can be reached via email at D_Stewart@chuh.org.
 - Refer to the HMS Athletics web page regarding physicals, required practice schedules, team schedules, and general athletic information.
 - According to OHSAA guidelines, **sixth grade students** are not eligible to participate in the athletic program.
- School offices will be closed June 15th through August 3rd. The secretaries will return August 6, and the counselors will be available beginning August 13th.
- A welcome back letter will be sent prior to the start of school in August with reminders and important information for the start of next school year.

We thank you for sending your children to our schools and appreciate the support of the community as we transition to the Wiley campus. Have a safe, restful, and fun summer!

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