

October 2, 2020

Dear HHS Students and Parents/Guardians:

As we conclude an exciting week that brought most of our students back into the building for the first time in more than six months, I'd like to share a few important updates:

- We have scheduled our annual **Open House** for **Thursday, October 22nd**, at **6:30 PM**. We will employ a virtual format this year but will otherwise maintain the past practice of parents/guardians going through an abbreviated schedule so they can meet their children's teachers. We will allot ten minutes per class, with five minutes in between each period. Additional details will be forthcoming, but you can mark your calendars now!
- Please remember that all students are expected to comply with the conditions set forth in the [MA COVID-19 Travel Order](#). Current regulations may impact students' ability to return to school after out-of-state travel, including college visits, athletic competitions, etc.
- Students who have opted for hybrid learning are expected to attend school on their assigned cohort days. Students who attend class virtually on those days when they are expected to be in the building **must report the reason for any absence** to Mrs. Player (mplayer@hinghamschools.org or hhsattendance@hinghamschools.org). Keep in mind that health-related excuses may trigger additional steps (e.g., quarantine, medical diagnosis with alternative diagnosis, etc.) due to COVID-related safety protocols. Questions related to current health guidelines may be directed to our school nurses, Mrs. McManus (kmcmamus@hinghamschools.org) and/or Mrs. O'Keeffe (ko'keeffe@hinghamschools.org). The attached document also provides helpful information related to health and safety.
- Although a previous version of the school calendar listed next Wednesday, October 7th, as an early release day, we will follow the same regular Wednesday schedule we have used since the start of this school year.
- Finally, in keeping with past practice, HHS will observe a "**Homework Free Weekend**" during the upcoming Columbus Day Weekend (October 10th-12th). We hope this will enable all of you to relax, enjoy some extra family time, and reflect on a positive start to the school year!

Have a great weekend, everybody.

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson

Principal