

HAPEVILLE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings Hapeville Charter Middle School Parents,

Fall is here! Our days are getting shorter and are evenings are getting cooler. Please ensure students are attentive to the weather changes and come to school prepared each day. Please see additional notes and bits of information below.

Mark Your Calendars

Teachers have their first professional learning day <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 10th</u> and teacher workday <u>Friday</u>, <u>October 11th</u>. Students will not attend school on either day. School will also be closed Monday, October 14th for a staff and student holiday.

1st Nine Weeks Grading Period

The 1st nine weeks grading periods ends Wednesday, October 9th. Parents are asked to work with teachers and students to ensure students have completed the necessary make-up work to improve their class grade. Students will receive their 1st nine weeks report card next Thursday, October 17th.

1st Nine Weeks Celebration

We have recognized several students as Hornet of the Month for each team. Congratulations goes out to all the students that earned this award. As we end the 1^{st} nine weeks, HCMS will also have a dress down day and the 1^{st} Nine Weeks Celebration Thursday, October 31^{st} . On this day, students that have exhibited the Hornet Way with academics, behavior, and attendance will have an opportunity to participate in a small celebration at the end of the day from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. We hope more students will earn this opportunity at the end of the 2^{nd} nine weeks grading period.

Extended Day & Saturday School

Every student that scored level 1 on the GMAS in math, reading, science or social studies has an opportunity to receive additional support by participating in the Extended Day and Saturday School programs. After-school sessions will be offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for specific content areas from 3:30pm – 5:00pm at the Main Campus for 6th and 7th grades and at the 8th Grade Academy for 8th grade. Saturday School sessions will be offered on select Saturdays from October through March from 9:00am – 12:00pm for all grade levels at the Main Campus only! Snacks will be provided; however, transportation will not be provided. Registration packets were disseminated in September and should be returned by Tuesday, October 8th. Sessions start Tuesday, October 15th for the after-school program and our Saturday session for the month is Saturday, October 26th. Hope your student can attend!!!

Power My Learning

HCMS has partnered with the Power My Learning Program! With this program, the school and the students will receive numerous school-based resources including laptops, job-embedded training for teachers, and workshops for parents and the community. Each 6th grade student and his/her family are invited to the Family Learning Workshop which will be held Saturday, October 19th at the 8th Grade Academy. Students should return their RSVP letters to participate in this exciting opportunity.

Progress Monitoring with IXL

HCMS students have been enrolled in IXL for all core classes. Parents are asked to monitor students' progress towards meeting grade level standards by accessing the IXL report via the students' IXL homepage.



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Safety and Security of Students

School is dismissed daily at 3:10pm. Students remain at both campuses two to three hours after dismissal which is a serious safety and security risk for our students. Parents are asked to pick up students no later than 4:30pm as there is no adult supervision after this time at either campus. The Hapeville Charter Schools Student Handbook states, "the school staff does not assume responsibility for any student remaining at the school beyond the guidelines outlined above. All students must be picked up by 4:45 pm. Students who are consistently retrieved late from after-school activities may be prohibited from participation. Students who are consistently retrieved late from school may be referred to the Hapeville Police Department, the Department of Family and Children Services and/or to the Board for possible expulsion."

Our School Improvement Efforts

Hapeville Charter Schools has partnered with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to improve our students' academic achievement. Our school is participating in the 2019 SREB Parent Survey which provides us with an opportunity to collect your feedback on the school's mission, school and classroom practices and experiences, school leadership, professional development opportunities, and other aspects related to continuous improvement at our school. You can access the survey using the following link: http://bit.ly/2lAgNOw. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ms. Mimi Robinson, Dean of Academics, or SREB directly (rebecca.purser@sreb.org). We greatly appreciate your time and effort to complete this survey. We are looking forward to receiving the results and continuing our efforts to improve the quality of our school.

Sincerely,

Audrey R. Greer, Ph.D.

Principal