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Hapeville Charter Schools

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"The mission of Hapeville Charter Middle School is to prepare each student, within a safe and caring learning environment, for successful transition to high school."

August 17, 2018

Greetings Parents,

We are off to a great start at Hapeville Charter MS. I would like to take a moment to update you on where we are on our quest to take "Teaching and Learning to the Next Level." Hapeville Charter MS is committed to ensuring academic success for every student and remains focused on this effort. See below for communication updates and what you should expect from us throughout the year as it relates to educating our students.

Communication:

It is my intent to ensure communication channels with all stakeholders are open, transparent, and provide for ongoing two-way communication while creating opportunities for shared ownership of school improvement. A Principal's Chat will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 2:00pm – 3:00pm for parents to express their ideas, concerns, and positively contribute to overall school improvement. We will also have regularly scheduled Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO) meetings during which the entire school community will work together to ensure improved outcomes for our students. Also, parents should visit the school's website for continuous updates throughout the school year. Feel free to contact any teacher or member of the administrative team by phone or email.

Growth for All Students

In most classes, students are wrapping up the beginning of the year assessments that are used for teachers to tailor instruction to students' needs. Students have participated in screening assessments to identify their current academic levels; and with this data in hand, we are now ready to work with teachers to ensure they are consistently monitoring student growth throughout the year. By carefully monitoring student learning and data, teachers are able to provide targeted instruction for all students. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have concerns about his/her academic progress.

Behavior Expectations

For the 2018-2019, HCMS will implement a school-wide student behavior management program, STING, for all students that includes appropriate behaviors that should be exhibited while at school, consequences for not exhibiting this behaviors, and rewards for exhibiting the behaviors. As a part of this program, positive behaviors will be acknowledged and celebrated year round. Celebrations for students with no referrals and those who are not a part of the progressive discipline process will take place at the end of each nine weeks period. Note, HCMS is a Bully-Free zone; and any instances of bullying may result in immediate removal from the school.

Attendance Expectations

If students are not at school, they cannot learn. HCMS is requesting all students to be in school every day. However, if they cannot, students should be on time daily. Students are allowed to enter the building starting at 7:15am and will remain in the cafeteria until homeroom. Homeroom is from 7:50am – 8:15am. Students are considered late if they arrive after 8:15am. Students participate in their core classes from 8:20am – 3:10pm daily. In the event that a student has to be checked out early, students should not be checked out after 2:45pm.

Dismissal Procedures

School ends at 3:10pm daily, and this is the start time for afternoon dismissal. To ensure the safety of all students, dismissal is staggered allowing walkers to exit the campus before buses and car riders transition. Parents are asked to adhere to the staggered student dismissal for the safety of all HCMS students.

Recent Schedule Changes

Class size is critical in providing optimal support to each student. There have been recent schedule changes to allow for smaller class sizes and meet the learning needs of all students. If there are any concerns or questions about students' schedule changes, please contact Dr. Greer.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, August 23 rd	Annual Title I Meeting – 5:30pm
Thursday, August 23 rd	PTCO – Proceeding Annual Title I Meeting
Tuesday, September 11 th	Principal's Chat – 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Through working strategically in each of the areas outlined above as well as others, we are poised to achieve the vision of maintaining our level of excellence while “Teaching and Learning at the Next Level”. Thank you for partnering with us on this journey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Audrey R. Greer

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Principal