



HAPEVILLE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Hapeville Charter Middle School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. With only a few weeks remaining in the summer, the HCMS faculty and staff are busy preparing to receive students the first day of school which is Monday, August 12th. We are analyzing last year's achievement data to appropriately place students into their courses, engaging in professional learning that will equip us with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure optimal learning for all students, and creating student-centered learning environments that will engage students from day one.

As excited as I am to offer this monthly newsletter, it is the face-to-face interactions that I value most. HCMS has a lot of new faces including school administration, teachers, and support staff who are waiting to greet you all. Please know that we have an open-door policy and welcome any opportunity to meet with you. We are looking forward to our collaboration in providing a safe and nurturing environment as well as a challenging and diverse curriculum. Please see important dates and other information below.

Summer Office Hours

Our summer office hours are as follows:

- Monday, July 15th – Friday, July 26th 8:00am – 1:00pm
- Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 9th 8:00am – 3:00pm
- Monday, August 12th - Normal office hours resume, 7:45am – 3:45pm

Open House

Open House will be held at the Main Campus and the 8th Grade Academy Thursday, August 8th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

Uniforms

All students at Hapeville Charter MS are required to wear school uniforms.

- Tops - polo shirts with the HCMS school logo; colors for each grade level are green for 6th grade, gold for 7th grade, and blue for 8th grade
- Bottoms - navy blue or khaki pants
- Shoes – uninterrupted brown or black dress shoes or tennis shoes; no colored shoes will be allowed.
- Other notes - No jeans or hoodies of any kind will be allowed

FCS Calendar for 2019-2020

The FCS school calendar is included for your reference. The calendar is also available on the district's website. HCMS also follows the calendar for the Achievement Zone and as a result, will have four additional Full Release Days scheduled this year. On these days, our students are off for the day, giving our teachers an opportunity to plan and meet for professional learning purposes. Those four release days are:

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- Thursday, October 10, 2019
- Friday, December 20, 2019
- Friday, February 14, 2020
- Monday, March 16, 2020

Infinite Campus and Parent/Student App

For those who have been in FCS for several years, you have become acquainted with Home Access Center to check for student grades, as well as eSchool, the student management software program. Starting this school year, FCS will be using a new platform, Infinite Campus, for all student records and management. See the flyers attached to download the app and access the portal. Stay tuned for a parent training session hosted by our new parent liaison.

Blackboard Communicator

Along with Infinite Campus, FCS is also introducing a new messaging system to communicate with our families and community. This new system is called Blackboard Communicator and is replacing the old School Messenger system. The new system will allow schools to maintain ongoing communication with parents and families as well as give schools the ability to troubleshoot when people do not receive messages. If you received this letter via email, it is working as planned for you. If you did not, please work with Tamika Barnes, HCMS Data Clerk to update your contact information in Infinite Campus.

Thank you for your attention to the information outlined in this letter. I will be working between both campuses to ensure a smooth transition and opening on Day 1, August 12th. Until then, please check our website for additional updates in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Audrey Greer

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