

August 8, 2022

Dear Hempfield High School Community,

We hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are getting ready to start the 2022-23 school year. We have been busy preparing for the start of a new school year, and we look forward to the students returning at the end of the month. Hempfield High School is a special place. We want to take a moment to acknowledge that, like many other high schools, we faced some struggles last year. Unfortunately, transitioning from operating under Covid-19 protocols to returning to school as normal did not go as well as we would have liked. Fortunately, we have an opportunity for a fresh start, and we have made several changes that will help address some of our needs.

We look forward to welcoming back an energized student body, ready to learn, and excited to participate in their education. We are committed to moving forward together so that we may all have a successful year at HHS. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information that will be helpful when we start school on Tuesday, August 23.

Administrative Update

Over the summer, we have had some administrative reorganization, and we have had some new hires. Please feel free to reach out to your student's grade level principal if you have questions. You may also contact your student's school counselor (listed later in this letter) with questions.

12th Grade Principal - Dr. Bill Brossman

11th Grade Principal - Mr. Mark Snitzer

10th Grade Principal – To Be Determined

9th Grade Principal - Dr. Beth Becker

Athletic Director - Mr. Ryan Landis

New Bell Schedule

- The high school day will begin at 7:40 am and end at 2:50 pm. The doors to the school will open at 7:20 am, with a warning bell at 7:30 am and 7:35 am.
- At 7:40 am in period 1, attendance will take place.
- Our new daily bell schedule is listed below.
 - Families can find a complete list of schedules on the HHS webpage under the “about Us” tab

First Day of School Schedule

- We will follow the assembly schedule listed below on the first day of school. All students will report to their period 2 class and move to their assembly.
- AM Senior Option students must report to the Cafeteria by 8:30 am on the first day of school.

Daily Bell Schedule

Warning Bells	7:30 and 7:35	Period 3	10:32 - 12:32
Period 1	7:40 - 9:02	Lunch A	–10:32 – 11:02
Period 2	9:07 - 10:27	Lunch B	– 11:02 – 11:32
		Lunch C	–11:32 – 12:02

Lunch D –12:02 – 12:32
Period 4 12:37 - 2:03
WIN Period 2:08 - 2:50

Period 2 9:00 – 10:15
Assembly..... 10:20 - 11:25
Period 3 11:30 - 1:30
Lunch A –11:30 – 12:00
Lunch B – 12:00 – 12:30
Lunch C –12:30 – 1:00
Lunch D –1:00 – 1:30
Period 4 1:35 - 2:50

Assembly Schedule

Warning Bells 7:30 and 7:35
Period 1 7:40 - 8:55

WIN Period

With our new schedule comes new opportunities for our time at the end of the day. We have made several changes to "FLEX". The first change is that we will no longer call it a flex period. Flex will now be referred to as WIN Period. WIN stands for What I Need.

One of the issues we had run into with flex was that it seemed to have lost its purpose. The purpose of the WIN period is for the student to focus on what they need. To help them WIN, we will be introducing and running a WIN Cycle. There will be a WIN1, WIN2, WIN3, WIN4, and WIN5.

- On WIN1, students spend the last 42 minutes of the day with their period 1 teacher.
- On WIN2, students spend the last 42 minutes of the day with their period 2 teacher.
- On WIN3, students spend the last 42 minutes of the day with their period 3 teacher.
- On WIN4, students spend the last 42 minutes of the day with their period 4 teacher.
- On WIN5, students spend the last 42 minutes of the day with their club/activity advisor.

As a result of the WIN cycle, students will have an additional 42 minutes with each of their teachers roughly once per week. This time will be used to make up missing work/assessments, ask for help, spend additional time in a lab space, etc. Students will still be able to get a pass to go see their other teachers if they need help in another subject area, but the class they are in for that WIN period will get priority.

The WIN cycle will be announced each day, and teachers will be able to remind their students on the days they will see them at the end of the day. Students can see WIN location in PowerSchool under the bell schedule view. Suppose we have school but do not have a WIN period (Assembly schedules, Early Dismissal, 2-hour delay). In that case, that WIN period is skipped. For example, the first day of school is an assembly schedule and it would be WIN1. However, we will not have a WIN period. The second day of school will be WIN2. At the end of the second day of school students will go back to their period 2 class.

WIN Period and Open Campus Courses (School to work, Internship, Dual Enrollment, Senior Option)

- Students with an open campus course period 4 are not expected to return to school for the WIN period at the end of the day.
- Students may leave after period 4 on days that the WIN period corresponds with their open campus course. For example, students with AM senior option would be not have anything to attend WIN1, and would be able to leave. Likewise, a student with a Dual Enrollment course pd 2, would not have a WIN2 and would be able to leave.

WIN5 Club/Activity Period

We are excited to be able to offer a club/activity period on WIN5. We have heard from our students that they would like more opportunities for clubs to meet during the day. We look forward to seeing the impact this additional time to connect with peers will have on our school culture.

To start the school year students will be assigned to a grade level WIN5 class. Throughout the first marking period we will develop and share club offerings that students will be able to sign up for. The plan is to have all students in a club to start the second marking period. We will also be soliciting student ideas for clubs they would like to see offered.

E-Hall Pass

E-Hall pass is a digital hall pass system that allows schools to better monitor student movement and collect data on student movement patterns throughout the day. Late last spring HHS began piloting the use of E-Hall pass. Our students have been using E-Hall pass at CMS and LMS for the past few years and are accustomed to the system. We are excited to fully implement E-Hall pass at HHS this year.

Lockers & Backpacks

- Lockers will not be assigned to HHS students.
- Athletes and students in extracurricular activities should work with their coaches and/or advisors if storage is needed. (many of these items don't fit in our lockers)
- Items that are not needed for school/extracurriculars should be left at home.
- Students are allowed to carry a book bag. Bags should be small enough to fit under your seat.
- Students that need a locker may request one through their school counselor. Requested lockers will be assigned at the extremities of the school so as not to interfere with student passing. When requesting a locker, a brief explanation/rationale will help with the assignment so we can place the locker appropriately. Lockers are only to be accessed before/after school, and for lunch purposes.

iPad Distribution

10th grade students will receive their new iPads on the first day of school. 10th graders will be called to the PAC alphabetically by last name to collect and setup their iPad. Our HSD Technology team will be present and helping students to get up and running. Students in grades 9,11, and 12 who turned in their iPad at the end of the school year will have their device returned to them in their first period class.

August/September Important Dates/Times

- Tuesday, August 16 – Sneak-a-peek 9am to Noon. Students must be accompanied by one parent/guardian and should enter through the Buchanan Office doors.
- Tuesday, August 23 – First day of school
- Friday, August 26 – Picture Day
- September 2 and 5 - No School
- Thursday, September 8 – Back-to-School Night at 6:55pm
- Saturday, September 10 – Opening Knight Band Festival @ 4:00pm in the Georgelis Law Firm Stadium
- Friday, September 23 – Early Dismissal – 12:50pm
- Monday, September 26 – No School (Teacher in-service day)

Connect with Hempfield

Included with this mailing please find the Connect with Hempfield flyer. This is your guide for how to connect with HSD. We encourage you to sign up for the School E-News to receive a daily 5:00pm E-mail from HHS. If you do not wish to subscribe you can always find the “News” tab in the top red menu of the HHS web page. We plan to increase our use of this communication channel this year.

Schedule

During the week of August 8th, PowerSchool access will be available to students and parents for them to view their **tentative** student schedule. Please review the schedule closely and look specifically for scheduling errors that may have occurred. For core area classes (i.e. Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Foreign Languages), students should be scheduled into the appropriate classes that they selected during the course selection process last spring. The sequences and course prerequisites should be correct (e.g., Spanish 1 before Spanish 2; Algebra 1A before Algebra 1B, etc.)

Counselors have made every effort to schedule students into the electives of their choice. However, students are not guaranteed enrollment in elective classes and alternative electives were utilized when the primary elective(s) could not be scheduled. During the selection process, students who did not follow the course selection directions of selecting alternative electives in Power School were scheduled into open electives deemed appropriate by their counselor.

Students should contact their respective counselor if they discover an "error" on their schedule. An "error" would consist of not being scheduled into the correct core class or being scheduled into an elective or alternate elective the student did not choose (unless the student did not select any alternate electives). Please look at both semesters to ensure they are both correct. Starting the first day of school, students will have the opportunity to make schedule changes through 4 pm, Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

Final schedules will be distributed to students in Period 1 during the first day of school.

Counselor Information

Our counselors will loop with students - the ninth-grade counselors will follow their students through tenth grade and will loop back to ninth grade. Eleventh grade counselors will loop with their students through twelfth grade. This two-year loop will provide students with supports aimed at the unique opportunities each grade presents. The ninth and tenth grade years will focus on acclimating to the high school, promoting career awareness, and planning for high school. In eleventh and twelfth grade, we will continue to focus on enhancing academic and personal/social skills, but we will place an even greater emphasis on post-secondary planning and the opportunities here at Hempfield High School. We are committed to ensuring that all our students have post-secondary plans and the means to carry out those plans.

College Application Bootcamp 2022 will be held on Tuesday, August 16 in LG2 at the High School from 12:00- 2:00pm. Please enter through the Franklin office. This is for seniors who want to jumpstart on the college application process. Counselors will review the different types of applications, official transcript and letter of recommendation request process and other important application tips! In addition, students will learn how to use Xello to send supportive documentation to your post-secondary schools. Don't miss this informative session! Parents are certainly welcome to attend.

Our counselors for each grade are listed below and can be reached at **717-898-5545**:

HHS Counseling Assignments

Grade 9

- A-L Ms. Emily Forry – 1st Semester Long-Term Substitute (Mrs. Lindsey Bauer Semester 2)
- M-Z Mr. Greg Dietz

Grade 10

- A-L Mrs. Logan Albaugh
- M-Z Mr. Rob Bentley

Grade 11

- A-L Dr. Kandace DaCosta
- M-Z Mrs. Kimberly Romero

Grade 12

- A-Ln Mr. Justin Snook
- Lo-Z Mrs. Stefanie Scarborough

School Calendar

Hempfield High School and school district activities scheduled throughout 2022-23 can be viewed on the district website and via the Hempfield mobile app, both of which provide access to additional information, such as school news, essential notifications, cafeteria menus, the Community Portal, and much more. Mobile app users can also easily customize the school news and events they receive.

School Lunches

Universal access to free school meals, made available for the past two school years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has ended. The federal funding for the program was not renewed for the upcoming school year. Therefore, only eligible families will receive free or reduced meals upon successfully completing the 2022-23 school year application process.

An application for an eligible family must be completed, at any time, for every school year. Applications are approved based on federal standards for family size and income.

Please visit the Food Services Department page to apply for Free and Reduced Meals for the upcoming school year. The page includes resources such as:

- [2022-2023 Letter to Households](#)
- [2022-2023 Eligibility Guidelines](#) for Free and Reduced Meals
- [Online and paper applications and instructions](#)

The [Food Services Department](#) page also includes school menus, SchoolCafé login information, meal prices, payment options, nutritional information, and much more!

Questions regarding Free and Reduced Meals can be directed to the Food Services Department at (717) 898-5566.

Sincerely,

HHS Admin. Team