



HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

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Freshman Orientation

Resource Materials for 9th Grade
Families



<http://wearehillsboro.com/freshman-orientation-packet>



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Dear Hillsboro Families,

It is my humble honor and privilege to lead the incredible team of educators at Hillsboro High School into our new school year! This will be my 26th year in education and I don't believe that I have ever had more excitement and anticipation for opening school than this year. Construction and COVID are both in the rearview mirror and we are poised to have the best year ever!

For many years Hillsboro has blended two incredible programs in one building—IB and Academies. While we have had an AVID program at Hillsboro throughout this time, we have made monumental improvements in the past two years. We are now embracing the term “The Four Pillars” to describe core programs and beliefs that drive our work here at Hillsboro: IB, Academies, AVID, and SEL (Social Emotional Learning). Hillsboro is a full K-12 continuum for IB, and hosts the Middle Years Programme, the Diploma Programme, and the Career Related Programme. With this, Hillsboro can honestly offer an IB experience for every child. Last year was another record year for Hillsboro with increases in the percentage of our students enrolled in the IB program who earned diplomas, along with being the top performer of all zoned high schools for student achievement.

Over the past four years our school has also seen great advances with our career academies. All our Career Academies are accredited with the highest level possible by the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC). More and more students are participating in internships and earning industry certifications through their pathway classes. We restarted hosting study tours last year so that other educators from around the nation can visit and learn from the great work our students and staff are doing here at Hillsboro.

We have a couple of dates that we would like to go ahead and share with you now:

- **Burro Bash** is our “back to school celebration” that is open to all students and families. We will be doing this a little differently this year by hosting this before our first home football game. Burro Bash is Friday, August 18th from 5-7pm.
- **Open House:** Our Back to School Parent night is Tuesday, August 22nd at 5pm. Please mark your calendar for this event. Look for more communications on this in the coming days.

We encourage all families to connect with our PTSO and subscribe to their listserv. You can do this by visiting our website at www.wearehillsboro.com.

I want to thank you all for entrusting your child to the faculty and staff of Hillsboro. Together we can ensure a world class education!

Go Burros!

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Welcome Freshman Class Parents!



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Dear Freshman Families:

Welcome to Burro Nation! We are so excited to have you and your student joining the Hillsboro High School Community! Hillsboro is truly one of the city's gems. We have some of the strongest academic programs available in the city, a terrific faculty and staff, a deeply engaged parent community, a thriving arts community, best-in-class athletics, and a beautiful, state-of-the-art campus! These are all the ingredients for a great year at a great school!

We know the transition to high school can bring challenges for all involved – students and families alike. Our hope is that today's event, coupled with this packet of materials, gets everyone off to a strong start. A couple of important points:

- 1) Take time to read through the included materials. We've all been where you are before. We've tried to use that knowledge to curate some of the frequently asked questions and needs.
- 2) If you have remaining questions, never hesitate to reach out to the Freshman Academy liaisons – Becky Clay (rebeccaclay5@gmail.com) and Amy Geise (ageise2@gmail.com). Even if they don't know the answer, they'll help you figure it out! Also, take advantage of the [Burro Box](#). Parents use this to get basic questions answered or to help troubleshoot a problem. More about how to access it is in your packet. These two resources will be vital in the first few months of school as everyone gets settled into things at Hillsboro. No question is too small or too random!
- 3) Use the PTSO website (www.wearehillsboro.com) as a "go to" source. Almost anything you could need or wonder about is there. We also maintain very active social media channels which are particularly helpful to follow (more about those is enclosed). Also, you definitely want to be on the PTSO listserv. We send out a weekly newsletter called "News & Notes" that has vital information for parents. Sign-up on our [website](#).
- 4) There are several important dates to get on your calendar, including:
 - a. **8/18 @5 pm - 7 pm: Burro Bash & Pre-game Tailgate** This is our big back-to-school event. Food, entertainment, learn about clubs and activities in the school, and much more...after that, head over to the Burros football game that starts at 7pm!
 - b. **8/22 @5 pm - 8 pm: Back-to-School Night/Teacher Open House** This will be a chance to meet your child's teachers, hear the vision for the school for the coming year, and learn how you can help make sure we get there.
- 5) Finally, please consider making a donation to our **Invest Campaign**. These funds are essential to the running of our school as public dollars don't come close to providing all that Hillsboro needs. Our hope is to raise \$100,000 this year that will provide crucial support for our academic programming, athletics program, arts/music programming and more. You can give online at www.wearehillsboro.com/investhhs

We hope this information proves helpful but know that we are here for you if you have any issues or questions in the coming weeks. We hope you love your time at Hillsboro as much as we all love our time so far!

Let's work together to make Hillsboro the best high school in Nashville!

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

For Parents

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Subscribe to News & Notes, the weekly parent e-newsletter.

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Update your contact information. If you aren't receiving calls from the school, you may need to update your contact information or opt in to receive messages. You can do this via the [MNPS Family Portal page](#). You can also contact the front office at **615-298-8400**.

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Attend Burro Bash on **Friday, August 18th from 5-7 pm**. This annual back-to-school festival is for students, families, faculty, and staff. There will be food trucks, a clubs fair, music, and more! Stick around after for the opening football game vs. McGavock @7 pm.

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Come to Hillsboro's **Back-to-School Night/Teacher Open House** on **Tuesday, August 22nd from 5-8 pm**. You'll have a chance to meet your child's teachers and hear plans for the coming year.

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Bookmark the PTSSO website (wearehillsboro.com). It's chock full of news, resources and information, and it's updated regularly! Here are some other helpful websites. A full list of school-related websites and social handles can be found on our website:

- a. **HHS Library** - <https://www.burrolibrary.com> (This is a great resource for all kinds of information including links to Schoology, Infinite Campus, Office 365, Clever, Summer Reading assignments, college visit information, HHS Student Handbook, and more)
- b. **HHS Guidance and Counseling Team** - <http://hhs counseling.com>
- (This is also packed full of information about class registration, college planning, personal counseling/support, graduation requirements, extracurricular activities, dual enrollment, credit recovery and more.)

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Follow us on social media

- a. Twitter - [@HillboroBurros](#)
- b. Facebook - [@HillsboroPTSO](#)
- c. Instagram - [@Hillsboroburros](#)



BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

For Parents



Get set-up with Campus Portal/Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus is where you will find progress reports and report card grades. As mentioned above, it is also where you update your contact information and add emergency contact information. Instructions on how to get set up on Infinite

Campus can be found on the MNPS [Family Portal page](#). If you have trouble, call the **MNPS Help Desk at 615-269-5956**.



Create a Schoology parent account. Teachers use Schoology day-to-day to post class materials, assignments and assessments. Students will also find grades to tests/quizzes/homework there. To set up a parent account on Schoology:

https://technology.mnps.org/digital_tools/schoology_quick_start_guide

One important note - you will need an access code to get a parent account on Schoology. Anyone at the school can give you this code, such as your child's teachers, their homeroom/PLT teacher, or their counselor. If you have trouble, call the **MNPS Help Desk at 615-269-5956**.



Support Hillsboro when you shop at Kroger! This is an easy way to support the PTSO. For more information visit:

<https://wearehillsboro.com/communitypartners/>



Get involved! Check out volunteer opportunities in each week's **News & Notes** or check the volunteer needs section of our website here or email us at **burropres2223@gmail.com** and we'll find something fun for you to do!



Last but not least, INVEST in Hillsboro! PTSO funding plays an essential role in the school's success. Every year, there is a sizeable gap between the funding MNPS provides and what is needed to offer a world-class education for every student. As a result, we ask every family to consider making a donation to our **INVEST campaign**. Learn more [here](#).

Hillsboro

PTSO Calendar

2023-24 School Year



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AUGUST

- 2 Faculty Welcome Back Luncheon @12 pm
- 4 Burro Beginnings (grade 9 only) @3-5 pm
- 7 Transfer Student Burro Beginnings (grades 10-12)
@11-1 pm
- 8 First Day of School
- 14-15 Picture Day (grades 9-11)
- 17-18 Senior Crown Decorating (*tent*)
- 18 Pre-Game Tailgate & Burro Bash @5-7 pm
- 18 HHS vs. McGavock @7 pm
- 21-24 Senior Portraits
- 22 Back-to-School Night/Parent Open House @5pm
- 22-25 Hillsboro Players - Fall Auditions
- 24 Dine Out for Hillsboro - McDougal's
- 29 PTSO Meeting @6 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 NO SCHOOL – Prof Dev Day for teachers
- 1 HHS vs. Stewarts Creek @7 pm
- 4 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 5 Progress reports issued
- 8 Senior Food Truck Friday
- 14 NO SCHOOL - Elections
- 15 HHS vs. Kenwood @7 pm
- 16 HoCo Dance @6-10 pm (*tent*)
- 18-22 Spirit Week
- 20-21 Make-up Picture Day (grades 9-11)
- 22 HoCo Pre-Game Tailgate @5-7 pm
- 22 HHS vs. James Lawson @7 pm - Homecoming
- 26 PTSO Meeting @6 pm

OCTOBER

- 5 First quarter ends
- 5 Academy Celebrations (*tent*)
- 6 NO SCHOOL – Prof Dev Day for teachers
- 6 PSAT/NMSQT (for Juniors)
- 6 HHS vs. Page @7 pm
- 9-13 NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
- 17 Fall Senior ACT
- 19 College Night @6 pm
- 20 Senior Food Truck Friday
- 20 Faculty Appreciation Chili & Soup Bar @11:30-12:30
pm
- 23-26 Hillsboro Players - Tech Week
- 24 Report Cards issued
- 24 Dine Out for Hillsboro - Chipotle
- 26 Trick or Treat/Prospective Family Night @5-6:30
- 26 Pre-Game Tailgate @5-7 pm
- 26 HHS vs. Centennial @7 pm
- 27 NO SCHOOL – Parent Conferences
- 27-30 Hillsboro Players - Fall Production

NOVEMBER

- 3 Senior Food Truck Friday
- 3 Honor Roll Celebration
- 10 NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day
- 14 Progress reports issued
- 14 PTSO Meeting @6 pm
- 17 Burro Get Down @7pm/LOC TBD (adults only)
- 21 International Day
- 22-24 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
- 27-1 Hillsboro Players - Spring Musical Auditions

DECEMBER

- 1 Senior Hot Cocoa Bar
- 5 Winter Choir Concert
- 8 Winter Celebration
- 15-20 Midterm Exams (half days)
- 19 Faculty Cookie Swap @11 am
- 21-31 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1-3 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
- 4-5 NO SCHOOL – Prof Dev for teachers
- 15 NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
- 16 Report cards issued
- 26 Honor Roll Celebration
- 27 Dine Out for Hillsboro - Little Gourmand
- 30 PTSO Meeting @6 pm
- TBD Coming Home
- TBD Senior Breakfast

FEBRUARY

- 13 Progress reports issued
- 14 Faculty Appreciation Event
- 19 NO SCHOOL – Prof Dev for teachers
- 26-29 Hillsboro Players - Spring Musical Tech Week
- TBD Senior 100 Days to Graduation Countdown event

MARCH

- 1-4 Hillsboro Players Spring Musical
- 1 Senior Food Truck Friday
- 4 Dine Out for Hillsboro - Green Hills Grille
- 5 NO SCHOOL – Prof Dev Day for teachers
- 8 HALF DAY
- 11-15 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 26 Report cards issued
- 26 PTSO Meeting @6 pm
- 28 Opportunity Festival (college & job fair)
- 28 Arts Showcase @6 pm
- 29 NO SCHOOL – Spring Holiday

APRIL

- 5 Senior Food Truck Friday
- 5 Honor Roll Celebration
- 16 Progress reports issued
- 20 Prom
- 30 PTSO Board Meeting & Election @6 pm
- TBD AP/IB Testing
- TBD Senior Field Day

MAY

- TBD AP/IB Testing
- 4 Senior Girls Tea/Boys Ties That Bind Events (*tent*)
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9 Spring Choir Concert
- 10 Senior Awards & Burro Clap-out (*tent*)
- 13-16 12th Grade Final Exams
- 17 Burro Bonanza
- 18 Burro Espy's (*tent*)
- 19 Senior Baccalaureate Service (*tent*)
- 20-23 9-11th Grade Final Exams (half days)
- TBD College Signing Day
- TBD Graduation Rehearsal
- TBD Graduation



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Key Dates

FALL SEMESTER (83 student attendance days)
July 4: Independence Day observed (District closed)
July 10: Assistant principals report
Aug. 1: Teachers report; Teacher in-service day
Aug. 2: Teacher in-service day
Aug. 3: Teacher in-service and General Election day (No After-school events)
Aug. 4: Teacher in-service day
Aug. 7: Teacher in-service day
Aug. 8: First full day for grades 1-12; Half day for Pre-K and K
Aug. 9: Full day for grades 1-12; Half day for Pre-K and K
Aug. 10: Full day for all grades
Sept. 1: Stockpiled PD day (Students do not report)
Sept. 4: Labor Day observed (District closed)
Sept. 5: Progress reports issued
Sept. 14: Stockpiled PD day (Students do not report) (Possible General Election Run-off)
Oct. 5: First quarter ends
Oct. 6: Stockpiled PD day (Students do not report)
Oct. 9-13: Fall break holiday
Oct. 16: Second quarter begins
Oct. 24: Report cards issued
Oct. 27: Parent conference day (Students do not report)
Nov. 10: Veterans Day observed (District closed)
Nov. 14: Progress reports issued
Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving holiday (District closed Nov. 23-24)
Dec. 15-19: Half day for exams grades 9-12; Full day for Pre-K-K
Dec. 20: Half day for all students; Exams grades 9-12; Second quarter ends
Dec. 21-Jan. 3: Winter break holiday

SPRING SEMESTER (90 student attendance days)
Jan. 4-5: Stockpiled PD day (Students do not report)
Jan. 8: Third quarter begins
Jan. 15: MLK holiday observed (District closed)
Jan. 16: Report cards issued
Feb. 13: Progress reports issued
Feb. 19: Stockpiled PD day (Students do not report)
March 5: Stockpiled PD day (Students do not report) Presidential Primary Election (Tentative)
March 8: Half day for all students; Third quarter ends
March 11-15: Spring break holiday
March 18: Fourth quarter begins
March 26: Report cards issued
March 29: Spring holiday (District closed)
April 16: Progress reports issued
May 20-22: Half day for exams grades 9-12; Full day for PreK-8
May 23: Half day for all students; Exams grades 9-12; End of school year; Report cards issued (elementary and middle schools)
May 24: Teacher in-service day; Last day for teachers
May 27: Memorial Day observed (District closed)
June 19: Juneteenth observed (District closed)

Potential snow make-up days:
Feb. 19, March 5, May 24, 28, 29, 30, 31
7 Stockpiled PD days
6 Stockpiled inclement weather days

Calendar Key

- Students in school
- Students out of school
- Students out of school; District closed
- Teacher in-service day (Students do not report)
- Stockpiled professional development (PD) day (Students do not report)
- Half day for all students
- Half day for exams (grades 9-12 only); Half virtual day

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Special Note: In the event the district is closed due to inclement weather, the Secondary A Day / B Day Calendar will not be updated or modified.

A Day 87	B Day 86
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Food Trucks



Clubs Fair



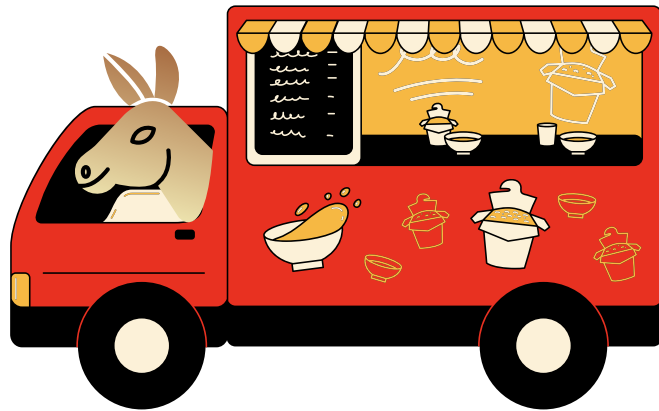
Pep Band



Burro Stage



Cheerleaders



**Kick off the new school year with friends at
this FUN community event! Rain or Shine.**



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Friday
AUGUST
5p - 7p

**Follow Burro
Blvd to the
courtyard
behind the
school.**



Stick around for opening football game vs. McGavock @ 7pm!



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT





TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd

5 PM - 8 PM

MIX & MINGLE & INFORMATION FESTIVAL 5-5:30 PM

PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 5:30 PM

Come meet your child's teachers and hear about the year ahead!

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- ✓ Learn about what's ahead in each of your child's classes
 - ✓ Get to know academy leaders
 - ✓ Talk to your child's counselor
 - ✓ Get help with Schoology & Infinite Campus
 - ✓ Get information about upcoming school events & activities
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SIGN UP



FOR

Hillsboro Weekly News & Notes

Sign up to receive school news, important announcements, information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and more! Be sure to let us know what grade(s) your student(s) are in, as well as which Academy.

www.wearehillsboro.com/newsletter-listserv/



SUPPLY DRIVE

Help us make sure every teacher has what they need in their classroom.

SHOP OUR WISH LIST



All items are shipped directly to Hillsboro and go directly to teachers for use in their classrooms.



SCAN ME

<https://qrco.de/hhs-supplies>

GET INVOLVED!



Part of what makes Hillsboro a special place is the deep family, community, and alumni involvement in the school.

Bottom line – we want and need your help!

JOIN THE PTSO

The PTSO is a great way to meet people, & know what's going on at the school. We meet 2-3 times a semester and we have lots of jobs – big and small, seasonal or one-time and ongoing. To

learn more:

<https://form.jotform.com/ShannonHunt/volunteer-interests>



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

For real-time volunteer opportunities, check out the volunteer page on our website:

<https://wearehillsboro.com/ptso/volunteers/>

OTHER TALENTS?

Have special talents we could put to use or unique ways your business could plug in?

Contact one of our PTSO presidents at ptso@wearehillsboro.com.

Find out more information:

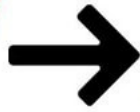


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and Enroll



HHS ID#: PV839

INVEST IN HILLSBORO!

This is the primary mechanism for raising PTSO funds to support academic excellence and student opportunity.

Please give generously.

Why Give?

Our teachers and students are counting on the PTSO's financial support! Every year, there is a gap between the funding Hillsboro receives from MNPS and the amount required to offer a world-class education to every student. In fact, this year, we must raise \$100,000 to meet our commitments.

Where Does the Money Go?

Every INVEST dollar supports students. The funds are used to enhance Hillsboro academic offerings, bolster our athletics program, support our music and arts programming, and enhance our whole-school IB (MYP, CP and DP). In addition, it supports classrooms resources and teacher appreciation efforts as well as specialized programs unique to Hillsboro such as AVID, ISR and more.

How Do I Give?

Our annual INVEST campaign will officially kick off at the August 22 Back-to-School Night/Open House but why wait? Go online today and make your contribution. Let's make this year Hillsboro's best year yet! Are you INVESTed?

Visit <http://wearehillsboro.com/investhhs/> to make your contribution.

Invest Now



How Much Should I Give?

Over the last several years, we have received donations ranging from \$10 to more than \$10,000. Some suggested donation amounts are shown below but all donations are welcomed and appreciated!

**GREEN &
GOLDEN CLUB** **\$1,000+**

**BURRO
CHAMPION** **\$500**

**BURRO
BELIEVER** **\$250**

**BURRO
SUPPORTER** **\$100**

**BURRO
GIVER** **\$50**

**BURRO
HELPER** **\$25**

HILLSBORO PTSO NIGHT AT



**THURSDAY
AUGUST 24th**

20% of profits for dine in/take
out orders that mention HHS
PTSO fundraiser

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HILLSBORO ATHLETICS

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For Updates, check:

<http://wearehillsboro.com/athletics/>



FALL

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Football

ANTHONY BROWN

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Soccer (Girls)

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WINTER

Basketball (Boys)

RODNEY THWEATT

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CARLOS HOLDER

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Basketball (Girls)

CHERISH STRINGFIELD

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Bowling

RYAN HARRIS

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Wrestling

MIKEAL TRUMP

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Swimming (Girls and Boys) – CLUB SPORT

APRIL LEIGH PARKER

humefoggs swimteam@gmail.com

**Not HHS faculty*

Interest form:

www.humefoggs swimteam.com/hillsboro.html

SPRING

Baseball

ANDREW MARTIN

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Flag Football (Girls)

MAURICE FITZGERALD

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Lacrosse (Boys) – CLUB SPORT

JOYCE CLAASSEN

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Soccer (Boys)

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Softball

RYAN HARRIS

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Tennis

SHERI STORY-MILLER

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Track (Boys)

MONIQUE FERRELL

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Track (Girls)

MARTINIQUE GUICE

martinique.guice@mnps.org



FALL SPORTS AT HILLSBORO

Varsity Football

8/16	McGavock	7 pm
8/25	@Overton	7 pm
9/01	Stewarts Creek	7 pm
9/08	@Cane Ridge	7 pm
9/15	Kenwood	7 pm
9/22	James Lawson	7 pm
9/29	@Nolensville	7 pm
10/06	Page	7 pm
10/20	@Glenclyff	7 pm
10/26	Centennial	7 pm

JV Football

08/21	Whites Creek	5 pm
08/28	Cane Ridge	5 pm
09/11	Glenclyff	5 pm
09/18	@James Lawson	5 pm

Freshman Football

08/24	Hunters Lane	5 pm
08/31	@Overton	5 pm
09/07	McGavock	5 pm
09/21	@Cane Ridge	5 pm

Volleyball – Girls

08/15	@Hunters Lane	4:30/5:30 pm
08/17	@Glenclyff	4:30/5:30 pm
08/21	BGA	4:30/5:30 pm
08/22	McGavock	4:30/5:30 pm
08/24	Harpeth Hall	4:30/5:30 pm
08/29	Cane Ridge	4:30/5:30 pm
08/31	@Overton	4:30/5:30 pm
09/05	Hunters Lane	4:30/5:30 pm
09/07	Glenclyff	4:30/5:30 pm
09/12	@McGavock	4:30/5:30 pm
09/14	@James Lawson	4:30/5:30 pm
09/18	@MLK	4:30/5:30 pm
09/19	@Cane Ridge	4:30/5:30 pm
09/21	Overton	4:30/5:30 pm
09/25	Hume Fogg	4:30/5:30 pm
09/26	James Lawson	4:30/5:30 pm
09/28	@Antioch	4:30/5:30 pm

District Tournament TBD
Regionals TBD
State Tournament TBD

Soccer – Girls

08/15	Overton	4:30/6 pm
08/17	White House Heritage	5 pm
08/21	HOLD – pot'l game	TBD
08/22	@McGavock	4 pm
08/24	HOLD – pot'l game	TBD
08/25	MLK	4:30/6 pm
08/29	@James Lawson	TBD
08/31	Rossvie	6/7:30 pm
09/05	@Antioch	4/5:30 pm
09/07	@St. Cecilia	4/5:30 pm
09/08	HOLD – make-up game	TBD
09/12	@Hunters Lane	TBD
09/13	@Hendersonville	7 pm
09/15	HOLD – pot'l game	TBD
09/19	Cane Ridge	TBD
09/21	HOLD – make-up game	TBD
09/22	Stem Prep	5:30 pm
09/26	@Beech	5/7 pm
09/28	Hume Fogg	4:30/6 pm
09/29	Independence Academy	TBD

District Tournament 10/06-10/13
Regionals TBD
Sectionals TBD
State Tournament TBD

Golf

08/16	Lawson, Overton (Vinny)	3pm
08/22	Overton, Lawson+ (Shelby)	3 pm
08/28	McGavock+ (Vinny)	3 pm
08/29	Lawson, Overton (McCabe)	4:15 pm
09/06	MLK, H. Fogg (Vinny)	3:30 pm
09/07	Lawson (McCabe)	4:15 pm
09/11	Lawson, Overton (McCabe)	4:15 pm
09/12	H. Fogg, Overton+ (Shelby)	3:30 pm
09/13	Lawson, Overton (R'Side)	3:30 pm

District Tournament 09/18
Regional Tournament 09/26



CLUBS

Extracurricular Activities

Got an idea for a club you'd be interested in? [Share it here](#). And remember, new clubs are added throughout the year so check <http://wearehillsboro.com/clubs-organizations/> for the latest, greatest list.

CHECK FOR
UPDATES



AGHS Student Advisory Council

Dr. Sehring
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Art Club

Mrs. Hyatt
Sara.hyatt@mnps.org

Band

Ms. Rogers
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Bike Club

Ms. Allison Dodge
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Book Club

Mrs. Claassen
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Burro Beads

Ms. Jones
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Burro Underground

Mr. Joseph Nettles
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Color Guard

Ms. Rogers
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Crafting Club

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Crossword Club

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Dance Club (Emeraldettes)

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DECA Club

Ms. Rogers
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Debate Club

Mr. Nettles
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Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mr. Seely
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Mr. Perritt
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Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

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Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

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Girls, Inc.

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Ms. Lawrence
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Hillsboro Globe (student newspaper)

Mrs. Strasinger
Susan.strasinger@mnps.org

Hillsboro Players (theater)

Mrs. Butler
Kristin.butler@mnps.org



CLUBS

Extracurricular Activities

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IBCP Student Advisory Board

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IBDP Academy Board

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Knitting Club

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Lacrosse Club

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Outdoors Club

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Robotics Club

Ms. Wilkinson
Shelly.wilkinson@mnps.org

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Mr. Jones
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Wrestling Club (freestyle)

Mr. Trump
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International Thespian Society

Mrs. Butler
Kristin.butler@mnps.org

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)

SPONSOR PENDING

National Honor Society

Mr. Nettles
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National Tech & Honor Society

Mr. Story
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Mrs. Marek
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Progressive Students Club

Ms. Palumbo
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Rites of Passage

Dr. Dudley
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Science Olympiad

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SKILLS USA (leadership club for A/V)

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Mrs. Marek
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Student Government Association (SGA)

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Ms. Ferrell
Monique.ferrell@mnps.org

Super Smash Burros Club (Gaming Club)

Mr. Troy
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Tech Savvy Club

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World Languages Club

Ms. Headley
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Yearbook

Ms. Shipman
Cynthia.shipman@mnps.org

Young Life

SPONSOR PENDING

Youth in Government/Model UN

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MUSIC AT HILLSBORO

Expand your talents by joining the
largest student organization on
Campus!

Perform with us in:

- Concert band / Wind Ensemble (class)
- Orchestra (class)
- Marching Band (after school sport)
(counts as a Physical education credit!)
- Color guard (after school sport)
- Drumline (after school sport)



Follow us on Instagram
HHSBURROBAND

For more information on how to join, please visit www.burromusic.org or contact
The Director of Instrumental Music @ Keely.rogers@mnps.org



GET CONNECTED WITH HILLSBORO'S
AWARD-WINNING THEATRE PROGRAM

The Hillsboro Players

The Reputation Season

Celebrating 10 years under the direction of Will and Kristin Butler

Oct. 27-30, 2023 | *The Great Gatsby*

March 1-4, 2023 | *Mean Girls, High School Version*

Facebook: The Hillsboro Players

Instagram: @hhsplayers

Tiktok: @hillsboroplayers

www.hillsboroplayers.com

Visit our website for more information on how to get involved and
follow us on social media to stay up to date on our season happenings



HILLSBORO HIGH
SCHOOL

JOIN CHOIR AT HILLSBORO!

Come learn a new skill and find
community!

Interest Meeting:

August 15th

Lunch OR 2:30-3:30pm

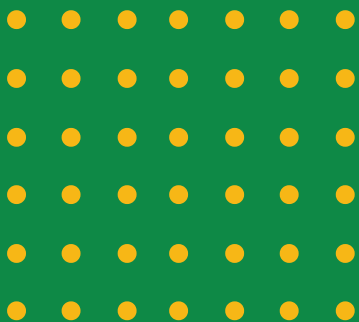
Room 1189 with Ms. G

Reminders:

No experience required!

Bring any questions to Ms. G.

Follow @hillsborochoir on
Instagram for updates and
more info!





ACADEMIC RESOURCES



TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP



Burro Overtime

Hillsboro offers any student access to 1:1 and small group tutoring after school in the Library. This is available 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Mon-Thur. You don't have to sign-up, just show-up when you need the help!



Homework Hotline

Need help with homework remotely? Homework Hotline has certified teachers staffing their hotline and can even connect virtually with you via the web.

<https://homeworkhotline.info>

615-298-6636

Mon.-Thur. 3-8 pm

GENERAL SOURCES



Burro Library

Access research databases, check out books, get other resources & help

<https://www.burrolibrary.com>

Need to print something? Make a poster? Access the 3D printer? Get special supplies for class projects?

<https://www.smores.com/v6eja>

Need research help?

<https://www.smores.com/yqud2>



Clever

Access Office365, Schoology, noodletools, digital textbooks and more

https://clever.com/oauth/authorize?channel=clever&client_id=4c63c1cf623dce82caac&confirmed=true&district_id=5037e8d5da2a1abb430349c2&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fclever.com%2Fin%2Fauth_callback&response_type=code&state=2a9d94755509ed4ed6b5526d82a70bc7e5418484faa2fa8b1a15020bedc75f66

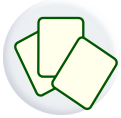


MNPS Family Portal

Access Infinite Campus and Schoology to check grades, get teacher contact information, submit assignments, and more.

<https://www.mnps.org/students-families/familyportal>

ONLINE STUDY TOOLS



Anki

Intelligent flash cards & study tools
<https://apps.ankiweb.net>



GoCongr

Create & share Mind Maps, flashcards, study planners and more
<https://www.gocongr.com/en/>



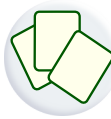
Kahoot!

Make studying fun!
<https://kahoot.com/what-is-kahoot/>



Khan Academy

Access videos, practice tests and more
<https://www.khanacademy.org>



Quizlet

Make flashcards to learn key content
<https://quizlet.com>



StudyStack

Make flashcards to learn key content
<https://www.studystack.com>

ADDITIONAL TUTORING RESOURCES (REQUIRE \$\$\$)



LearningLab

<https://www.mylearnlab.com>



LearningMatters

<https://learningmattersinc.org>



Huntington Learning Center

<https://huntingtonhelps.com>



In Full Motion

<http://www.infullmotion.org/>



Thrive Tutoring

<https://thrivetutoring.org>



Mathnasium

<https://www.mathnasium.com>

NOTE: This is an aggregation of resources for informational purposes only. The Hillsboro H.S. PTSO does not endorse any specific resources, nor can we speak to any particular service or organization's quality, track record or success rates.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your child healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.

Revised October 2021



Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

2023-24 STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK

READ THE HANDBOOK AT WWW.MNPS.ORG/HANDBOOK

The MNPS Student-Parent Handbook, found online at mnps.org/handbook, has important information for you and your student to review.

The Student-Parent Handbook is easy to access, search and bookmark to review later. It is designed to be a reference guide you and your student can use as the school year progresses.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THE HANDBOOK

While not all material will apply to you and your student, there is information in the handbook that will help you interact with your student's school and be the best advocate for your student's educational needs, including:



COMMUNITY RESOURCES
AND PROGRAMS



DISCIPLINARY
INFORMATION



SUPPORTS FOR
ALL STUDENTS



GENERAL POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES



» COMPLETE PERMISSION FORMS AT
PERMISSIONS.MNPS.ORG

» READ THE HANDBOOK ONLINE AT
WWW.MNPS.ORG/HANDBOOK

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CONTACT MNPS

FAMILY INFORMATION CENTER

615-259-INFO (4636)
familyinfor@mnps.org

2601 Bransford Ave.
Nashville, TN 37207
(use Berry Rd entrance)

Monday-Friday
Lobby: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Phone: 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

FORMS

The Student-Parent Handbook includes several forms that require parent/guardian review and response. **Review and submit these forms online* by Friday, August 25, 2023, at permissions.mnps.org.**

- STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK ACCESS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- ATTENDANCE & TRUANCY
- FERPA DIRECTORY INFORMATION
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- PERMISSIONS PREFERENCES (family life, internet use, laptop and device usage)
- PERMISSION FOR WRAP-AROUND SERVICES (psychologist and school social work services, Navigator, Transitions, social-emotional competency/skills assessments, Universal Behavior Screener)
- MEDIA PERMISSIONS
- SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY (grades 3-12 only)
- MILITARY STATUS OF PARENTS & LEGAL GUARDIANS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

- SPECIAL POPULATIONS FORM
- MILITARY RECRUITMENT PERMISSION FORM**

* Families may download a copy of these permissions forms at mnps.org/handbook or request a printed copy from their child's school or the MNPS Family Information Center.

** Available in print only.



HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- Student Weekly Planner (5x8 inch min.)

- A single 1 to 1.5 inch 3-ring binder

- 8 dividers

- Pencil/Supply Pouch

- Pencils

- Pens

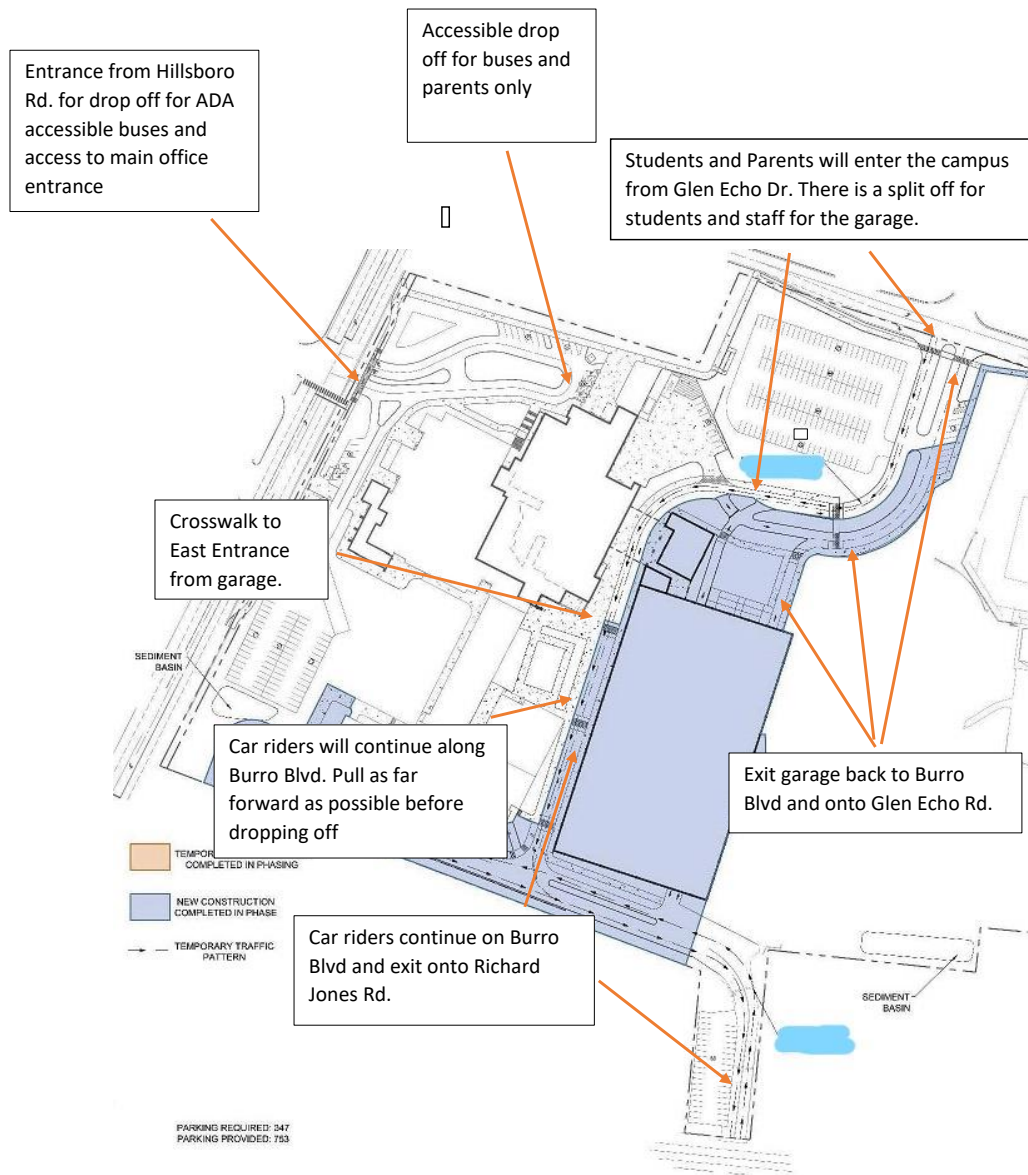
- Highlighters

- Notebook Paper

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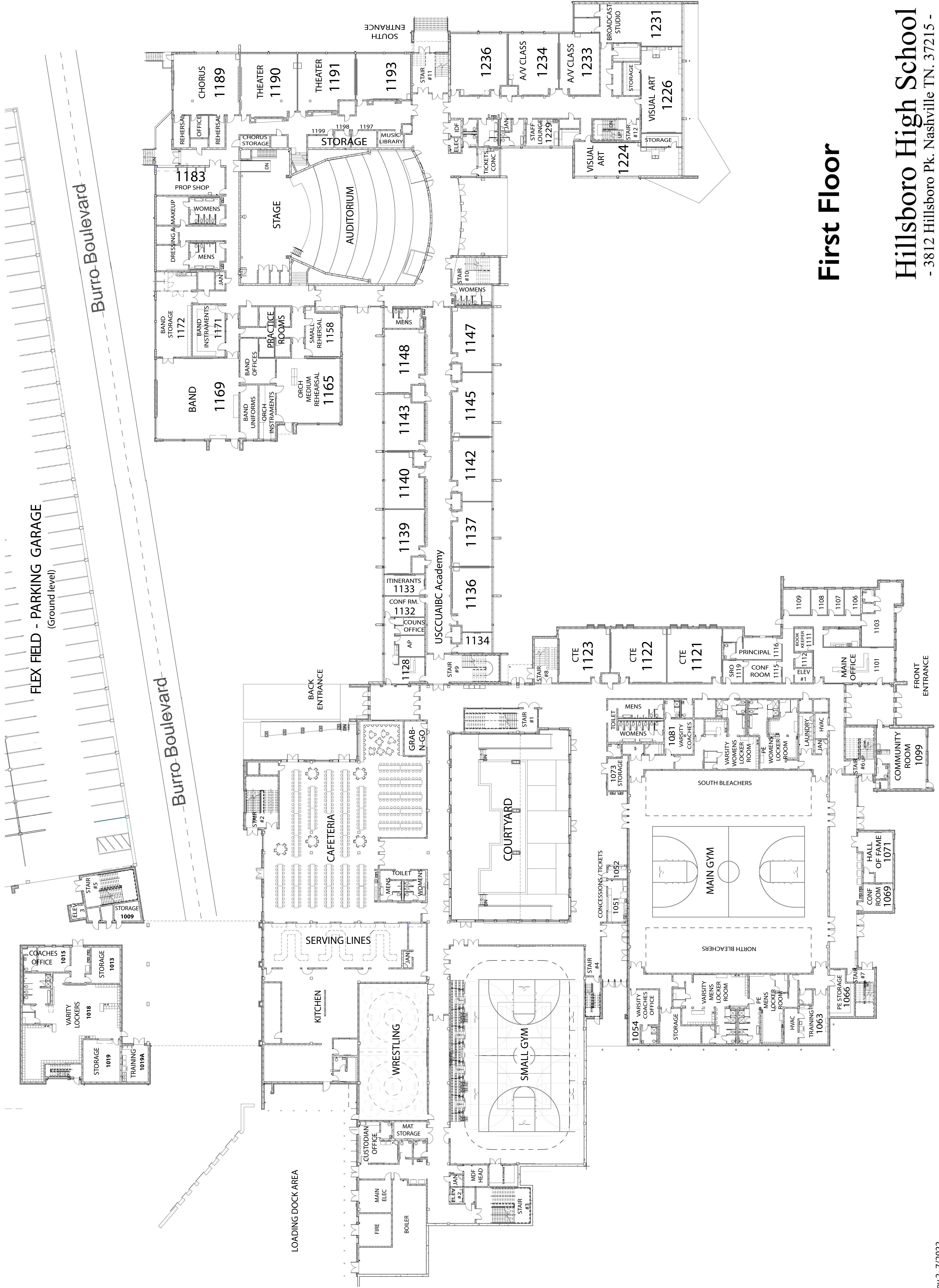
Students enrolled in the AVID program will receive their agendas and dividers when school starts. For AVID questions, contact Mrs. Seator at Jessica.Seator@mnps.org.

TRAFFIC & PARKING INFORMATION



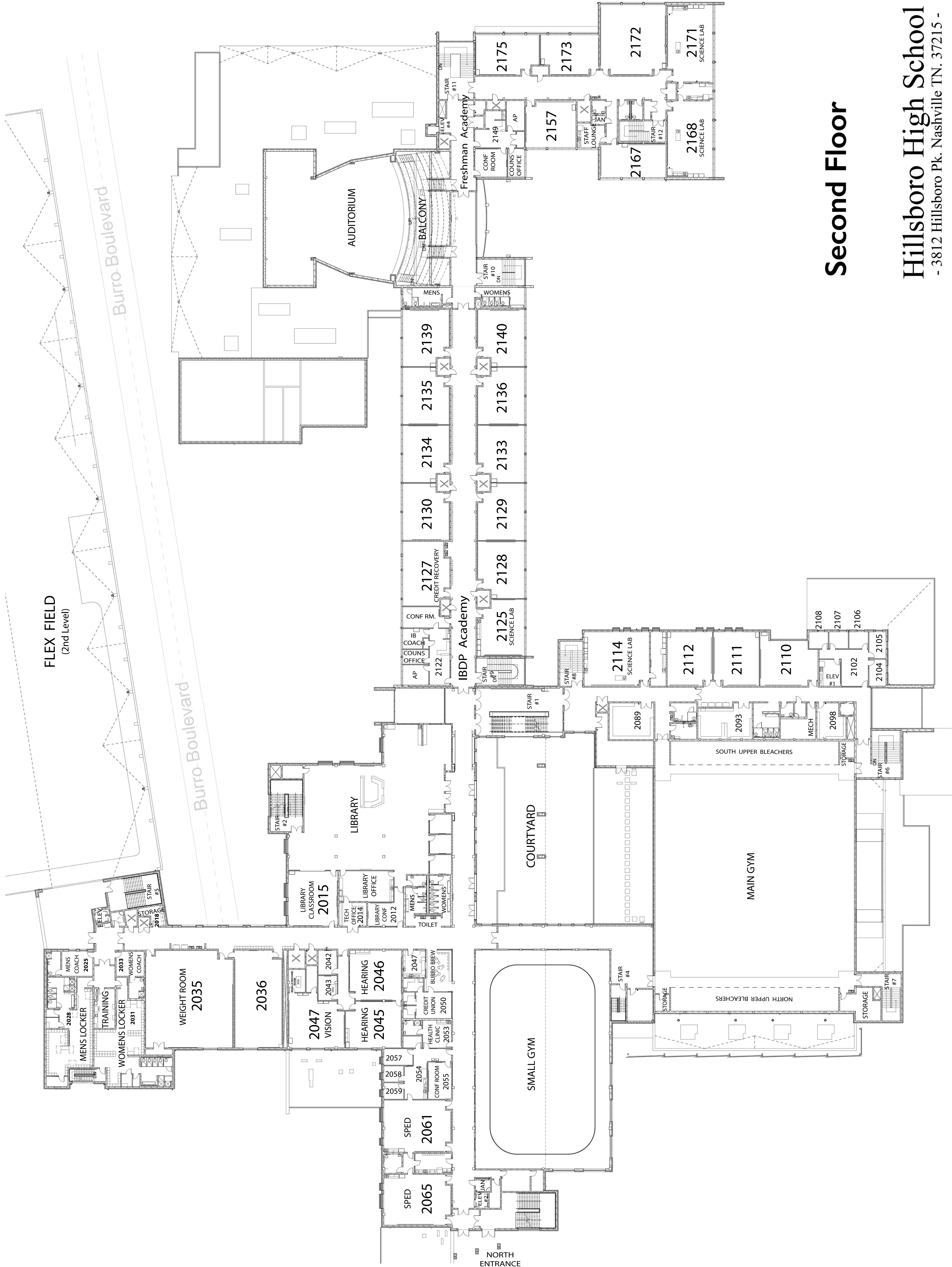
STUDENT PARKING - To park in the garage, students must have a permit. To obtain a permit, see Ms. Basham in the AGHS Office on the 3rd floor.

VISITOR PARKING - Parents or visitors coming to the school for meetings, to volunteer, etc. should park in the visitors' parking in the front of the school facing Hillsboro Road (unless instructed otherwise). All visitors must check-in with a picture ID in the Main Office.



First Floor

Hillsboro High School
- 3812 Hillsboro Pk. Nashville TN. 37215 -





Third Floor

Hillsboro High School
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

By Parents, For Parents

As a parent, how do I know what's going on at Hillsboro?

Here are some tips for staying in the loop as a parent:



1

Sign-up to receive our weekly newsletter at <https://wearehillsboro.com/newsletter-listserv/>. **News & Notes** comes out every Friday and is chock full of information. This is our primary method of communication to parents, so ***be sure you subscribe!***

2

Check the **Hillsboro PTSO website** - www.wearehillsboro.com. It is updated regularly.

3

Follow us on social media. Three must-haves:

- Facebook - @HillsboroPTSO
- Instagram - @HillsboroBurros
- Twitter- @HillsboroBurros.

4

Make sure you're on the **school call-out list**. Dr. Pelham sends major school announcements out through this system, so you want to be on it! Check your preferences via the *Family Portal* at <https://familyportal.mnps.org/campus/portal/nashville.jsp>.

How can I get involved as a parent in the school?

Hillsboro benefits from a very active parent community. For more information about the PTSO and upcoming needs/activities/events, subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Visit the volunteer page of our website, where you can either fill out the volunteer interest form (and we'll connect you with the right folks) or sign up to help with upcoming, one-off needs: <http://wearehillsboro.com/ptso/volunteers/>.

What is this whole A day/B day thing?

Hillsboro is on an eight-period A/B block schedule. Block scheduling allows more uninterrupted time for in-depth learning and helps students manage their workload by not having assignments in all eight classes due every day.

Students take four classes every day, alternating between A day and B day classes. Classes meet for @75 minutes. Check <https://wearehillsboro.com/school-newsinfo/calendar/> for a calendar of A/B days. If a day is missed for whatever reason – be that inclement weather, etc. – we do not make up the day but rather stick to the district-wide calendar.

What do I do if there is a problem with my student's schedule?

The first two weeks of school is exceptionally busy as counselors work double time to make sure students are enrolled in the right classes and that class sizes are evenly distributed. If your student has a schedule issue, they should fill out a schedule change request form. These will be made available to all students along with instructions on where to turn them in. Please allow 3-5 business days for consideration of schedule change requests.

Please be aware that the start of each semester is exceptionally busy for Mrs. Vaughn (the Freshman Academy Counselor) as she balances many schedule change requests. It may take a few days for her to respond, but that does NOT mean she isn't on it! If a few days goes by and you don't feel you are getting anywhere, contact the Freshman Academy Principal Ms. Beatriz Salgado (Beatriz.salgado@mnps.org).

How do I monitor my student's grades?

At Hillsboro, we use two important platforms – Infinite Campus and Schoology. Infinite Campus is the MNPS family portal. From here, you can access a wealth of information, including changing your contact information, opting into our call-out system, and monitoring report card grades. Schoology, however, will be what teachers use day-to-day to post class materials, assignments, etc. Students will also find grades to tests/quizzes/homework there.

We encourage all students and parents to use both of these resources. One positive that came out of COVID is that we all got better at leveraging technology available to stay on top of academic progress.

For more information on how parents can set-up their own log-in to Infinite Campus account, visit <https://www.mnps.org/students-families/familyportal>.

For more information on how parents can access information on Schoology visit https://technology.mnps.org/digital_tools/schoology_quick_start_guide?_gl=1*1suk6uv*_ga*MTQ0OTc1NzA0MS4xNjg5ODI5NDQ4*_ga_ZRRD0WS5N8*MTY4OTgyOTQ0Ny4xLjAuMTY4OTgyOTQ0Ny4wLjAuMA.

Please keep in mind that for both Infinite Campus and Schoology there are apps that you can download to your phone as well as websites you can access. Sometimes the information on the app is truncated. Additional data and information can sometimes be found on via the website version.

How do I contact my student's teachers? Will they share information with parents regularly?

First, one of the hardest things for parents to wrap their heads around in terms of the transition from middle school to high school is that suddenly, we are not the one solely responsible for their child's education. Instead, the job becomes getting students ready for college and the work world. As a result, you will hear many 9th grade teachers talk about the importance of your student "advocating for themselves." There is a method to this madness! Hillsboro really works with 9th graders to sharpen their skills in troubleshooting their own issues, reaching out to teachers when they need help or don't understand something. This is not to say that Hillsboro doesn't want and welcome parent engagement. It's simply that we are trying to get your student ready for the rigor and responsibility ahead of them.

That said, we also know there are times when parents may need to get involved and/or when you may have questions. You should always feel free to contact any member of the faculty. A full faculty directory can be found on the PTSO website (www.wearehillsboro.com). Most teachers also share periodic updates with parents and may share additional resources or ways to contact them. Everyone at Hillsboro aims to respond to any family inquiries within 24 hours. If that isn't happening or you need to escalate an issue, contact the Freshman Counselor (Susan Vaughn, susan.vaughn@mnps.org), the Freshman Academy Dean of Students (Kevin Dudley, kevin.dudley@mnps.org) or the Freshman Principal (Beatriz Salgado, Beatriz.salgado@mnps.org).

What is this whole "academy" thing? When do you pick one?

What is it? How does it work?

The best way to think about the academies is to think of them as a mechanism for creating smaller learning communities where every student is known and where rich, cross-sector teaching and learning take place. It allows students to have all the trappings of a large school (expansive athletics, robust arts, extracurricular options, diverse course/faculty options) and also the benefits of a smaller school where they can get more individualized attention.

All 9th graders are part of the Freshman Academy. At the end of their freshman year, they will pick the academy and pathway that interests them most. They choose from one of three academies:

- US Community Credit Union Academy of Int'l Business & Communications (aka - Business Academy)
- Academy of Global Health Sciences (aka - AGHS or Global Health Academy)
- Academy of International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (aka - AIBDP, IBDP or IB Academy)

Within each academy, there are multiple pathways to pick from. A pathway is a series of elective courses that a student takes during their sophomore, junior, and senior year. For example, a student in the Business Academy who chooses the Marketing Pathway will take Marketing I, Marketing II, and Marketing III during those years. Those three classes are the only academy focused classes a student takes. The academies and pathways are NOT what used to be called "vocational school." Rather, this structure provides an opportunity for our teachers to get to know your student well through a consecutive sequence of classes, and for your student to experience real-life connections with the academic skills they are developing at school.



Remember – even if you do not pick the IBDP Academy, you can still take IB classes, and separate and apart from IB options, there are honors/advanced academic options for almost every academic content area.

Teachers are also assigned to academies. That enables them to co-plan so that whether your student is in Math or English or Science, there are cross-content connections that make what students are learning much deeper and more engaging.

But here is the most important thing – as Freshmen, you do not need to worry about which academy you want to pick until the second semester. Ms. Vaughn will carefully lead students through that decision-making process and there will be ample opportunities for parents to also learn about all the options.

Is IB the only way to do advanced academics?

No! This is one of the common misconceptions about Hillsboro. First, every student at Hillsboro is an IB student. We are an IB World School (one of very few in the region). That means our entire faculty is trained in the IB methodology and approach, and you will see evidence of that in many ways across our school. We also operate both the IB Middle Years Program (which all 9th and 10th graders participate in). From there, we have three additional options if your student wishes to continue on an IB-intensive pathway:

- **IB Diploma Programme (IBDP).** This is the most rigorous of the pathways. Students are enrolled in all IB classes for all areas of study. If they select this option, they will be part of the IBDP Academy. Depending on the college and the score they earn on their final IB tests, students can earn college credit for IB classes.
- **IB Career-related Programme (IBCP).** This is for students who want rigorous, IB options but who may not want to take IB-level classes for every subject. In this instance, they will enroll in either our Global Health & Sciences Academy, our Business Academy or the STEM Pathway within the IBDP Academy. IBCP students will still be in the same classes as IBDP students. Depending on the college and the score they earn on their final IB tests, students can earn college credit for IB classes.

It's important to understand that IB classes are NOT the only advanced academic classes offered at Hillsboro. We offer honors classes for most content areas. We also offer many Advanced Placement (AP) classes (like IB, AP classes are college level courses where students can earn college credit) and a number of Dual Enrollment classes (where a student takes a college-level course and earns college credit while still in high school). Honors, IB, AP and Dual Enrollment classes are open to any student who wishes to take them.

In addition, Hillsboro also offers the ***Interdisciplinary Science & Research (ISR) program***. This is a great program for students who are willing and able to pursue science at a high level. ISR is a sister program to the School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt (SSMV). Both are collaborations between the Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach and MNPS. For more information about ISR [click here](#).

Bottom line, few schools in Nashville offer a greater selection of advanced academics than Hillsboro and unlike many, our courses and programs are open to any student willing and able to put the effort in.



My student is sick. What do I do? Who do I notify?

Attendance matters at Hillsboro! Students should only miss school if absolutely necessary. Moreover, if you are absent, it is important to bring in doctors notes or other excuse notes or your student could be at risk for truancy actions.

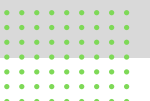
If your student is sick, they should email their teachers directly to let them know. They are also responsible for checking on Schoology or with the teacher about work they are missing and how to catch that up.

Additionally, when they return to school, any excuse notes should be given to our Attendance Clerk, Ms. Majors. Ms. Majors' office is in the Attendance Office (also known at the Business Academy Office). Her email is Wendolyn.majors@mnps.org. We encourage students and parents to regularly check attendance records on Infinite Campus to ensure absences are recorded correctly. If they are not, students or parents should contact Ms. Majors.



I need to pick my student up early for an appointment. How/where do I sign them out?

Students must be signed out in the Main Office by a parent or guardian



My student is late. Where do they go? Do I need to come in or send a note?

Students sign in at the Attendance Office/Business Academy Office. This office is to the left once students enter the rear lobby from Burro Boulevard (near the cafeteria). Parents do not need to come in with students. Parents can send in a note if they are tardy because of an appointment.



My student is getting his/her learner's permit. How do I get the required paperwork?

Students can obtain the paperwork they need from Ms. Majors in the Attendance/Business Academy Office. Please be aware that you must be a student in good standing (i.e. passing at least half of your classes and not on an attendance plan or considered truant). State law requires 30 days of school records so this paperwork will not be available until after Labor Day.



My student turned 16. How do they get a parking spot?

We have ample student parking available on campus but you must be 16 and register for a parking permit. See Ms. Bassham in the AGHS Office on the 3rd floor to obtain a parking permit.



My student is interested in playing sports. Where do they find information about try outs, contact information, etc.?

Hillsboro's athletics program is one of the best in the city. We offer a host of school and club sports. Information about Fall sports will be included in First Day folders, but real time information is also available on the PTSO website at www.wearehillsboro.com/athletics/. You will find contact information for all coaches there as well as tryout information and more. Additionally, Hillsboro broadcasts a weekly announcements video about all kinds of extracurricular activities, including team tryouts.



What clubs/extracurriculars are offered at Hillsboro and how do students get involved?

One of the great parts of Hillsboro is that there is something for everyone here – from sports to music and the arts and everything in between. In total, we have 50+ extracurricular activities. We also make it easy for all students to participate by having a longer lunch block during which many clubs meet. We strongly urge all students to join and participate in one of our many clubs/activities. A current list of clubs and sponsors will be included in First Day Folders but a real-time list is always available on the PTSO website at www.wearehillsboro.com/clubs-organizations/. Additionally, Hillsboro broadcasts a weekly announcements video about all kinds of extracurricular activities, including club meetings.



How do laptops work at Hillsboro?

Every student will be issued a laptop during the first week of school. That laptop is their responsibility for the balance of the school year. Students should bring their school-issued laptop to school each day as they are used in most classes for classwork, tests, etc. If you have trouble with your laptop, go to the Tech Center or the Library for assistance. The Tech Center is located on the 2nd Floor next to the Library.



Should students bring their laptops to school every day?

Absolutely yes. We are proud to now be a 1:1 school. Every student in the building having their own laptop opens up so many important opportunities for students and teachers alike. They can take notes on their laptops, keep up with assignments digitally, follow along to presentations on their laptop, and much more. Also, teachers will often use laptops as part of their lessons, like administering assessments facilitating group work. Students should bring their computer to school every day fully charged and plan to use it as their primary learning device. In addition, they will often have access to e-textbooks rather than old-school textbooks they have to lug to and from school.

One thing that is important is that students will need to learn strategies for keeping digital work organized on their computers so they can find what they need when they need it. This is a challenge for many students, but a deeply valuable lesson to learn for their long-term success.

Are there school supplies students need to buy/bring on the first day?

In high school, school supplies are minimal and will mainly be issued by your student's teachers. In the first week of school, teachers will review the syllabuses for their classes and discuss any other recommended or required resources. Bottom line - there is no need to purchase lots of school supplies before the start of school. The most important tool is the school-issued laptop, so they should bring that along with a notebook and pen/pencil to write with. A general guide for school supplies is also in the Freshman Orientation Packet but again - this is a general guide. Individual teachers will discuss other needs in the first week of classes.

What is the dress code at Hillsboro?

While Hillsboro does not require students to attend in Standard School Attire as many other schools in MNPS require, we do have a dress code. If you violate the dress code, you will be asked to change, call home and/or visit the clothes closet. Some specific dress code guidelines include:

- Shorts/skirts must be fingertip length.
- Tears/holes cannot be above fingertip length.
- There can be no visible undergarments, tube tops or crop tops of any kind.
- There can be no inappropriate images on clothing (i.e. offensive, illegal, etc.).

I need help figuring out where my child can catch the bus.

Where can I find that?

You can contact the Family Information Center for all of your transportation needs. They can be reached by phone at 615-259-4636 or by email at familyinfo@mnps.org. You can also access MNPS' "find your bus stop" information at https://www.mnps.org/students-families/services/transportation/find_my_bus_stop. Additionally, all MNPS students enrolled in grades 9-12 can ride the WeGo Public Transit System at no cost. You simply need your student ID, which will be distributed in the first two weeks of school. Visit www.wegotransit.com for more information about bus routes.

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Do you have questions?
We have answers!

There's no question too big or too small.

Access the QR code to ask a question and we will help connect you to the right person or get you an answer.

