



HERITAGE ACADEMY

the Patriot Report

June 29, 2017

Information for the
2017-2018 School Year

WELCOME TO HERITAGE ACADEMY!



Summer is when we begin welcoming incoming students, faculty and staff for the upcoming year. It is an exciting time and we look forward to getting to know each newcomer and welcoming his or her family to the Heritage community!

If your family is new, we hope it won't be long before you feel right at home! We hope you will get involved in the classroom and at the school, attend events on campus and go on field trips - all ways we can get to know each other. Welcome, we are happy you are here!!

Tuition Payment Deadline Extended to Wednesday, July 5th for parents not financing.

Preparing for the 2017-2018 School Year

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During June and July, the Elementary School and High School front offices will be open **Monday - Thursday from 9:00 - Noon**. (Note: Closed July 3rd and 4th).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Summer Reading Requirement for Students Entering **2nd - 6th grades** - click [here](#)

Summer Reading Requirement for Students Entering **7th - 12th grades** - click [here](#)

School Uniform Company: www.uniformsacc.com
PASSWORD: **hapatriots**

PTA School Supplies (Grades JrK - 6th Grade): contact the elementary school office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES (Grades 7-12) a list will be posted on the school web site closer to the beginning of school; reminder: *all students entering Grades 9-12 will need to provide their own iPad.*

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

To receive important email communication from HA (including early dismissals due to weather), please add this email address to your contacts:

announcement@heritagepatriots.com (NOTE: there is no "s" at the end of announcement)

Check our School Website often for updated calendar info and much more: www.heritagepatriots.com

CALENDAR

- July 25** School Uniform Sale (11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
in High School Gym Entrance
- July 27** Parent Orientation for Student Athletes (HS SAB); 6:30 pm
- Aug. 4** School Uniform Sale (11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
in High School Gym Entrance
- Aug. 5-7** Senior Leadership Retreat
- Aug. 7** First Day of School for Grades 1-12 (early dismissal)
- Aug. 7** JrK & SrK Parent Orientation in Classrooms, 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 8** Full day for JrK - 12th grades - after hours begins
- Aug. 10** High School Open House for Grades 7-12 (5:00 p.m.)
- Aug. 14** Meet the Patriots
(introduction of student/athletes who play fall sports)
- Sept. 4** LABOR DAY (No School)
- Sept. 8** HA Homecoming
- Sept. 18** College & Career Day
- Oct. 3** Weekday ACT for grades 11 & 12;
Imagine the Possibilities Field Trip - 8th grade
- Oct. 6** Grandparents Day for JrK - 6th grades
- Oct. 9 & 10** Fall Break (No School)
- Oct. 11** PSAT for 10th & 11th grades
- Nov. 20 - 24** THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (No School)
- Dec. 12-15** HS Semester Exams
- Dec. 14** Elementary Christmas Programs
- Dec. 15** Elementary Christmas Parties
- Dec. 18 - Jan. 2** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (No School)
- Jan. 2** Faculty In-Service Day
- Jan. 3** Students Return
- Jan. 15** MLK Holiday (No School)
- Feb. 19** President's Day (No School)
- Mar. 8** Early Dismissal Students / Staff Dist. Meeting
- Mar. 9-16** Spring Holiday Students / School Closed

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HANDBOOKS - will be posted on our web site once the final updates are made for 2017-2018.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

New uniforms from our supplier "Uniforms & Accessories" can be purchased at either of the uniform sales scheduled for **July 25th** and **Aug. 4th (11:30 - 5:30 each day)**. There will also be a sale date in October for cold weather needs. October date to be announced.

New uniforms can also be purchased by calling the company at (601) 693-5331 or by ordering on-line (see link and password above).

A limited supply of used items are also available in the school uniform closet (\$5 each). *Current parents - if you have uniforms that your child can no longer wear, please consider donating items back to the school! f*

Spirit days for all grades JrK - 12th will be held every Friday during the school year. On these days, all HA students are able to wear a HA t-shirt with uniform bottoms or other designated items. HA logo wear can be purchased through the HA STUDENT STORE at www.mkt.com/patriots

SCHOOL HOURS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 8:00 am - 2:40 pm; doors open at 6:45 am for early arrivals; After-hours will be available until 5:30 pm (\$6 per hour)

HIGH SCHOOL - 8:00 am - 3:20 pm

STUDENT ATHLETES

On **Thursday, July 27th** (HS SAB 6:00 p.m.) there will be a PARENT ORIENTATION for families who will have a student participating in school athletics this coming year. This includes parents of cheerleaders and dancers.

All HA Student Athletes are required to provide the following in order to participate:

- * Sports Physical
- * MAIS Concussion Form
- * Proof of Health Insurance
- * Athletic Fee

SPORTS BOOSTERS INFORMATION - will be mailed this summer to all registered families. If you do not receive this info, contact Cindy Adair cadair@trianglefcu.com

SCHOOL SAFETY

Please help us keep our campus safe! Observe the speed limit signs in the school zones and remember that Magnolia Lane (in front of the high school) is a ONE WAY STREET. *If you have a student who drives, please remind them as well. (This is in effect year 'round!)*

TUITION STATEMENTS

Statements have been mailed from the Business Office. Tuition - if paying in full - is due on or before **July 5th**. For those families who are financing, the first payment will be drafted in July. Contact Nicole Bateman in the school

Mar. 30 Good Friday / School Closed

April 2 Easter Monday / School Closed IF Tuition Raffle Goal is reached

April 3 Weekday ACT for 10th & 11th grades

April 28 Junior - Senior Prom

May 4-8 Senior Exams

May 9 High School Awards Day for 7th - 11th grades, 1:00

May 10 Class Day 9 a.m. & Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.

May 11 6th grade Graduation; 1:00 p.m. HS SAB

May 11 Class of 2017 Graduation (Trotter Center) 7:00 pm

May 14 Elementary Awards Day - Grades 1-5

May 15-18 Exams (Grades 7-11)

May 16 JrK & SrK Graduation (early dismissal)

May 17 Elementary Field Day (early dismissal)

May 18 Exam Make-up/Teacher Work Day

Check the School Calendar at heritagepatriots.com often for updates.

KEY to Newsletter Abbreviations:

JrK - Junior Kindergarten **SrK** - Senior Kindergarten **EL** - Elementary School **HS** - High School
SAB - Student Activity Building

HAVE A QUESTION? LET US KNOW!

Elementary Front Office 662-327-1556

High School Front Office 662-327-5272

Admissions - Elementary & High School

Beth Lucas -

blucas@HeritagePatriots.com

After Hours - Grades JrK - 6th

Basic questions: Pam Short - pshort@HeritagePatriots.com

Billing questions: Sue Gentry - sgentry@HeritagePatriots.com

Athletic Director

Sean Harrison - sharrison@HeritagePatriots.com

Business Office (tuition questions):

Nicole Bateman - nbateman@HeritagePatriots.com

Business Office (payroll, accts payables)

Cara Thompson - cthompson@HeritagePatriots.com

Guidance Counselor

Amanda Shelton - ashelton@HeritagePatriots.com

Head Coaches-

Baseball - Bruce Branch

bbranch@HeritagePatriots.com

Varsity & Jr. High Football - Sean Harrison

sharrison@HeritagePatriots.com

Track & Elementary PE - Brett Dean

bdean@HeritagePatriots.com

Boys' Basketball (Grades 7-12) - Russ Whiteside

rwhiteside@HeritagePatriots.com

Boys' Soccer - Joe Asadi

Tennis - Billy Gip Clark

bgipclark@gmail.com; 662-392-5604 (cell)

Business Office if you have any questions:
nbateman@HeritagePatriots.com

UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Prior to the first day of school, each new student entering grades JrK - 6 must provide the school with a Mississippi (MS) Form 121 indicating that the student's immunization record is "complete for school entry K-6".

Students entering 7th grade and all new students are required to provide a MS Form 121 indicating that their immunizations are "complete for middle school and high school."

MS Form 121's can be obtained from the Lowndes County Health Department, any pediatrician's office or the CAFB Clinic.

LUNCH & SNACK

Lunches can be purchased through HA's **Patriot Café** at both the elementary and high school. Several options are available. Monthly menus will be posted on the school web site and elementary lunch menus will also be sent home at the beginning of each month in take home papers.

Students in grades 7-12 also have the option of purchasing breakfast items at 1st break or they can bring a snack from home. All elementary students are asked to bring a snack each day. *Kindly refrain from sending products with peanut butter as we have students with severe peanut allergies.*

Food from area restaurants is not allowed in the dining areas even if the student has been off campus at an appointment, etc. If restaurant leftovers are brought from home, please put in different containers.

It is recommended that each family set up an account with MYPAYMENTSPLUS.com. Information on how to set up an account will be provided to our families.

With a "My Payments Plus Account", students can punch in a 4 digit code when paying rather than having to keep up with money. Having a lunch account will help you keep up with the balance in your child's account. Parents can also opt to receive an email notification when the account balance gets below a certain amount. For questions, contact Dot Reichle (heritage-manager@mmihg.com).

Microwaves are available at each school for students who would like to heat up a lunch brought from home.

Please notify the front office if your child has any food allergies.

SERVICE HOURS

Students entering grades 9 - 11 are required to earn a *minimum* of 25 hours of school/community service hours per year. Opportunities will be available during the summer and school year. A signed form from an adult in charge must be completed and turned in for each volunteer job performed. Forms are available in the high school office or by clicking [here](#).

Golf - Ed Lott
toby@sorbentwarehouse.com

Girls' Basketball (Grades 7-12) - Yandell Harris
yharris@HeritagePatriots.com

Girls' Soccer (Grades 7-12) - Tom Velek
tgvelek@muw.edu

Girls' Volleyball (Grades 7-12) - Liz Fields
elizabethsalstrand@gmail.com

Patriot Café Manager for Elementary & High School
Dot Reichle - heritage-manager@mmihg.com

Sports Boosters - Louis Sharp, President
ucc2001@cablone.net

Systems Administrator - Questions regarding iPads
for students in grades 9-12; Cassie Griffin -
cgriffin@HeritagePatriots.com

CHANGE YOUR CONTACT INFO:

If you have a new email address and/or a new mailing address, please send it to Janet Lewis:
jlewis@HeritagePatriots.com

We want to keep in touch with you and important information is emailed often to our parents!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING HERITAGE ACADEMY!

We value your confidence and support! Please remember to tell your friends, family, and colleagues about us!

WISHING YOUR FAMILY A SAFE & HAPPY SUMMER!!



A Picture Paints a 1000 words!



JrK - SrK Nap Mats will be available for purchase at the Kindergarten Orientation. There will be plenty of cute patterns to choose from for girls and boys!

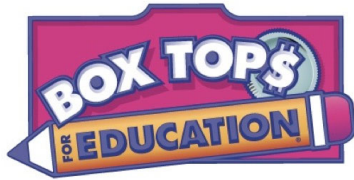


JrK - SrK Backpacks (included with school supplies); can be personalized for your child.



School Uniforms
can be purchased through Uniforms & Accessories.

Easy Ways to Help Heritage!



Box Tops for Education - start clipping & saving!
Elementary classroom competitions are held each fall and spring!



Connect your Kroger Card to Heritage! You will still earn gas points and all your other perks! Plus, HA will get a percentage of every sale!! Click [here](#) to learn more!



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HA Mission Statement - Heritage Academy is a college preparatory school that inspires, challenges, and motivates its students as it prepares them for college and for life. This mission is encapsulated by our motto,
"High Moral Standards and Academic Excellence."

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