



June 7, 2016

Information for the
2016-2017 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 family!

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!!

Preparing for the 2016-2017 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.** (Closed for the 4th of July.)

LINKS TO 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): click [here](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES (Grades 7-12) a list will be posted on the school web site closer to the beginning of school; *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:

announcements@HeritagePatriots.com

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

Like us on Facebook: [Heritage Academy Patriots](#)

HANDBOOKS - will be posted on our web site once the final updates are made for 2016-2017.

CALENDAR

July 19	School Uniform Sale (11:30 am - 5:30 pm) in High School Gym Entrance
July 25	Parent Orientation for Student Athletes (HS SAB); 6:00 pm
Aug. 4	Orientation for New Students (Gr. 1-6) EL SAB Time TBA
Aug. 5	Orientation for New Students in Gr. 8-12 & and ALL 7th Grade Students; HS SAB 1:00
Aug. 5	School Uniform Sale (11:30 am - 5:30 pm) in High School Gym Entrance
Aug. 6-8	Senior Leadership Retreat
Aug. 8	First Day of School for Grades 1-12
Aug. 9	Kindergarten Parent Orientation (EL SAB) JrK 5:00 pm / SrK 6:00 pm
Aug. 10	JrK & SrK Visit Day (morning - times TBA)
Aug. 11	Full Day for JrK and SrK
Aug. 11	OPEN HOUSE (Grades 1 - 6) 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Aug. 11	OPEN HOUSE (Grades 7-12) 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Aug. 15	Meet the Patriots; 6:00 p.m. High School Gym (introduction of student/athletes who play fall sports)
Sept. 5	LABOR DAY (No School)
Sept. 12	College & Career Day
Sept. 27	School Day ACT / Early Dismissal for Students
Sept. 30	HS - HOMECOMING; EL - Grandparents' Day early dismissal
Oct. 10	Fall Break (No School)
Nov. 21- 25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (No School)
Dec. 13-15	Semester Exams
Dec. 15	Elementary Early Dismissal
Dec. 16 -	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (No School)
Jan. 3	Faculty In-Service Day
Jan. 4	Students Return
Jan. 16	MLK Holiday (No School)
Feb. 20	Winter Break (No School)
Mar. 9	Early Dismissal Students / Staff In-Service

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

New uniforms from our supplier "Uniforms & Accessories" can be purchased at either of the uniform sales scheduled for **July 19th** and **Aug. 5th (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, we especially need items donated for our elementary closet!*

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 **Monday, July 25th** (HS SAB 6:00 p.m.) there will be a PARENT ORIENTATION those who will have a student participating in school athletics this coming year. This includes parents of cheerleaders.

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.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Please help us keep our campus safe! Observe the speed limit signs in the school zones and remember that Magnolia Lane 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 **June 30th**. For those families who are financing, the first payment will be drafted in July. Contact Nicole Bateman in the school Business Office if you have any questions:

nbateman@HeritagePatriots.com

UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

- Mar. 10 District Teacher's Meeting
- Mar. 10-17 Spring Holiday Students / School Closed
- April 14 Good Friday / School Closed
- April 17 Easter Monday / School Closed IF Tuition Raffle Goal is reached
- April 29 Junior - Senior Prom
- May 8-11 Senior Exams
- May 11 Baccalaureate
- May 12 Graduation (Trotter Center) 7:00 pm
- May 15-19 Exams (Grades 7-11)
- May 19 Last Day of School
(Elementary Dismissal 11:30)

Check the School Calendar on the Web Site often for updates. Click [here!](#)

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)

Londa LeBrun - llebrun@HeritagePatriots.com

Guidance Counselor

Amanda Shelton - ashelton@HeritagePatriots.com

Head Coaches-

Baseball - Bruce Branch
bbranch@HeritagePatriots.com

Varsity Football - Sean Harrison
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Jr. High Football/Track - Ryan Deer
rdeer@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)

Golf - Ed Lott
toby@sorbentwarehouse.com

Girls Basketball (Grades 7-12) - Yandell Harris

Prior to the first day of school, each new student entering grades JrK - 6 should 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 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 at the new student orientation or at the Kindergarten parent meeting.

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 - 12 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](#).

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Girls' Soccer (Grades 7-12) - Tom Velek
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Girls' Volleyball (Grades 7-12) - Liz Fields
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Girls' Softball (Grades 7-12) - Mickey Allen
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Patriot Café Manager for Elementary & High School
Dot Reichle - heritage-manager@mmihg.com

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

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

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFO

If you have a new email address or a new mailing address, please send it to Janet Lewis:

jlewis@HeritagePatriots.com

We want to keep in touch with you!

COMING SOON - another edition of "the Patriot Report" highlighting many of our events from the end of the 2015-2016 year!

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 Can Show it Best!





There will be plenty of cute patterns to choose from for girls and boys!

JrK - SrK Nap Mats (for sale at Kindergarten Parent Meetings)



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



School Uniforms - here are a few of the options. Uniform khaki shorts & pants are also 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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