

Parent Welcome Back Letter

Dear Hardin High School Community,

On behalf of the staff at Hardin High, I am excited to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year. We hope you are enjoying the last bits of summer and anticipating the start of a new and exciting year. I feel both honored and privileged to continue to be your principal and to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, and all of the supportive parents and community members that make this a great school. At HHS we are committed to keeping student safety, achievement, and individual growth our highest priorities. With this, we are committed to partnering with you, offering a well-rounded education, developing character, and providing engaging academic challenges for all HHS students. I encourage you to carefully read over this letter and feel free to contact us with any questions.

First, we were very pleased with the past success of all of our classes and programs. Our goal is to provide a positive, challenging, and supportive academic environment in order to guide students toward success and college/career readiness at the high school level. We appreciate your support in ensuring your student is attending school every day and by regularly connecting with your student's teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 3, 2020 Front Office Opens
- August 1-10, 2020 New and returning student registration
Students will receive their schedules after registration.
- August 03- 12, 2020 Teacher In-service and workdays
- August 11, 2020 Student Device Distribution at Elementary Campus 7-9AM and 5-8PM

Virtual Learning Student and Parent Orientation for 9th and 11th grades from 6:30-7:00 p.m. (RSVP with the HS office if you are planning to attend)
- August 12, 2020 Student Device Distribution at Elementary Campus 7-9AM and 5-8PM

Virtual Learning Student and Parent Orientation for 10th and 12th grades from 6:30-7:00 pm. (RSVP with the HS office if you are planning to attend).
- August 13, 2020 **First day of school for all students- Virtual Learning Begins**

SCHOOL TO PARENT COMMUNICATION:

HHS is committed to maintaining effective communication and providing families with the information they need to keep their students on track and growing. We encourage both students and families to keep current with upcoming events and activities by regularly checking our website at www.hardinisd.net. Like us on Facebook. We aim to provide numerous opportunities for parents and teachers to connect regarding student progress.

Please review the following options available to get quick information:

- **Get connected with our online grading system through Skyward Family Access. This is a great way for you to stay up-to-date with attendance and your child's academic progress.**
- Regularly visit our school's website @ www.hardinisd.net
- Sign-up for Electronic newsletters and notices: Remind 101 (office staff, teachers, coaches).
- Use the Quick links on our website to email staff members.
- Get Connected through Social Media – find us on Facebook at @HardinHigh
- Call the front office at (936) 298-2118.

VIRTUAL LEARNING STUDENT AND PARENT ORIENTATION:

To help create a positive virtual learning experience for our students and parents, we have created a student parent information session. During this session, parents and students will receive information on the following:

- The two options for instruction- face-to-face and virtual
- Detailed information on virtual instruction
- Safety protocols at HHS
- Attendance information as it pertains to virtual learning
- Technology information
- Transportation safety information
- Google Classroom Guides for parents and students will be provided

The Virtual Learning Student and Parent Orientation meetings will take place in the HHS cafeteria on Tuesday, August 11th from 6:30-7:00 p.m. for 9th and 11th grade and Wednesday, August 12th from 6:30-7:00 p.m. for 10th and 12th grade. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Mrs. Ava Barron in the HHS office by Monday August 10, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

In order to promote social distancing and adhere to the guidelines set forth by the CDC, we are making the information that will be covered during these meetings available online prior to the orientations. All information covered during these meetings is available on the Hardin High School website as well as the Hardin High School Facebook page. Please note that this orientation is voluntary.

VIRTUAL START OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE – August 13th – August 31st

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. tutoring
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. teacher planning
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. class
11:30 - 12:00 p.m. lunch
12:00 - 3:30 p.m. class
3:30 - 4:00 p.m. tutoring

1st DAY OF FACE-TO-FACE SCHOOL:

District-wide all students will be starting Face-to-Face **September 1st**. HHS Student Council students and teachers will be supporting our 9th graders during their 1st day of face-to-face instruction by helping with directions, getting to lunch, and finding their buses at the end of the day. If you are dropping your students off and picking them up daily, we ask that you drop students off in front of school. Please follow safe driving while dropping student off or picking them up. 1st period will begin at **7:50 AM**. Students are not allowed into the building until **7:50AM**. Once students arrive at school, they are to remain on campus, and they will need to wait in the cafeteria or the HHS Gym until they are released to their 1st period. School ends at **3:30 PM**. Students are expected to ride the bus, walk home, or get picked up unless they have a note from a parent or legal guardian.

Warm regards,

Stacy Tucker

Principal

Hardin High School