



HGMICS School Reopening Update - August 20, 2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

All staff have returned to School and are very excited about starting the 2020-21 school year. We all look forward to having your student(s) return to school whether that's done in-person or remotely.

Several updates related to reopening the School are provided below.

Continuity of Education

Earlier this week the HGMICS Board of Trustees approved the 2020-21 Continuity of Education Plan along with an Affirmation Statement that will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The Plan succinctly describes how the Hybrid A/B Schedule will be applied to both our At-School and All-Remote options and how our Plan responds to criteria set forth by the PDE. The Plan is now posted on our website, under the COVID-19 Resources page, along with a Summary Chart. Please review the Continuity of Education Plan and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact TreeAnne or me. [HGMICS Continuity of Education Plan 2020-21](#)

Health and Safety Plan

Our Reopening Health and Safety Plan can also be found on the same COVID-19 resources page. The implementation of the Health and Safety Plan has been underway for the past month. Please read or reread the Plan that details the actions taken to promote a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Principal Update

TreeAnne will be in touch with you soon to review the educational program to include the launch of our new learning management system, Schoology. Both access information and tutorials for Schoology will be provided for you and your student(s).

All Remote Distribution Schedule

For **All Remote students**, chrome books and curricular materials/supplies will be distributed on August 26 and August 27. As needed, additional distributions may be scheduled in the future. Please use the sign-up genius to schedule your pick-up time.

[All Remote Material Distribution Schedule](#)

Food Service Program

The School Lunch program will be available for students at the school. The August and September menus are posted within Sycamore and on the website. **Place your orders now!** Lunch will be held in the Multipurpose Room for a limited number of students at a time, to afford appropriate physical distancing and enjoyable time for their lunch period. Students bringing a packed lunch from home are encouraged to use a brown or Ziploc bag, and plastic cutlery. Refillable water bottles are permitted. Please clearly mark with your student's name. Touch-less water fountains are available for filling. To apply for free and reduced-price school meals visit:

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/HGMICS>

Transportation

School districts that are fully remote are still providing transportation. HGMICS is awaiting schedules from our District Transportation departments and those families utilizing district transportation will be contacted once we receive the bus schedules.

Sycamore

Class lists are now available on Sycamore. The School ID# for Sycamore is 2230

Reminder: Q&A sessions for parents/guardians will be held remotely on Thursday, August 20 @ 5:30 p.m. and Friday, August 21st @ 3:30 p.m. Please contact Janet if you wish to attend. janet.kania@myhgsd.com

All the best,
Marie George