



September 24th grades 5 & 6
September 25th grades 7 & 8



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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

Greetings HMS Students and Families

It is with great excitement that I write this letter welcoming back our wonderful 6th, 7th, and 8th grade leaders; and I am really looking forward to working with our new 5th grade students. The HMS staff have been in preparing rooms and looking over their rosters to ensure a positive experience for their new students. The dedication and professionalism of the staff is impressive and commendable and I believe they are just as excited as I am for the upcoming year.

This has been a summer of change for the middle school. We have had several staff members move on to the high school and I am positive they will be wonderful additions to HHS. Mr. Kapulka has taken a job closer to home. Despite hours of deliberation, it was an opportunity he could not pass up. On behalf of the staff, students, and families of HMS I would like to thank Mr. Kapulka for all he has done for HMS and the Hanover community.



Welcome Joel Barrett
HMS Assistant Principal

With change comes opportunity. I am pleased to welcome Joel Barrett to the HMS administrative team. Mr. Barrett has worked as the Assistant Principal in Hanover at all levels and is a perfect fit for HMS. He is a community member with a passion for lifelong learning and a love of kids. We are also happy to welcome several new and talented teachers. Please check out the brief bio of the new teachers on page 2.

5th Grade Student Meet and Greet - A reminder to 5th grade students and parents that we will have a meet and greet on Tuesday, September 4th from 1:00-2:00. Students will have a chance to practice the first day of school routine, meet the 5th grade teachers, have lunch, and get to see their new school. It is always a great day!



Shannon Holt
Grade 8 Special Education

Teaching background - Boston
Why I became a teacher - "To ensure that all students are given the skills to succeed both in and out of the classroom."
Something interesting - "I have swam with sharks."

Sarah Nantel
Grade 8 Science

Teaching background - Weymouth
Why I became a teacher - "I love to learn and hope to inspire my students to be lifelong learners as well."
Something interesting - "I've lived in 9 different states."



Jennifer Rogerson
Grade 5 Science & History

Teaching background - Brockton and Weymouth
Why I became a teacher - "I love watching my students learn, grow, and have 'aha' moments."
Something interesting - "I have been to the Swiss Alps. It was so cold, but such a beautiful view."



Jason Brooks
Grade 7 Science

Teaching background - Quincy
Why I became a teacher - "I love working with kids/teenagers and want to help them become the best students they can be."
Something interesting - "In sixth grade I had a teacher who made me love science."



Mary Vercollone
Grade 7 Math

Teaching Background - Worcester
Why I became a teacher - "I sincerely enjoy helping young students learn and grow as individuals."
Something interesting - "I am the 8th of 11 kids and growing up in a large family is a lot of fun."
 Ms. Vercollone is also the HHS Varsity Soccer Coach



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Upcoming Events

- 9/4- 5th Grade Student Orientation 1:00-2:00
- 9/5 - First Day of School Grade 5 Instrumental Demo
- 9-11 - Early Release
- 9/12 - Grade 5 Instrument Rental Night - 7:00-8:00 PM
- 9/14-Spirit Day
- 9/17- Summer Reading Projects Due
- 9/21 - Fall Dance - Grades 7 & 8 6:30-8:30
- 9/24 - Open House Grades 5 & 6
- 9/25 - Open House Grades 7 & 8 5:30-7:30
- 9/26 - 8th Grade Washington DC Informational Night
- 9/27 - Fall Social Grades 5 & 6 2:15-3:30
- 10-2 - Early Release
- 10-4 - BSU Band Day
- 10/5 -Hanover Huddle
- 10-9 - No School - Staff Professional Day
- 10-24 - Picture Day
- 10/26 - Harvest Fest Harvest Jam

Open House- Parents and Guardians: Please join us for the HMS Open House. Due to traffic and other logistical demands, Open House is scheduled for 5th and 6th grades on Monday evening, September 24th and for 7th and 8th grades on Tuesday evening the 25th. Both evenings will begin at 5:30 in the cafeteria with a brief welcome from administration and an introduction to our school nurse, counselors, and specialists. At 5:50, parents and guardians will be sent along to meet with their child’s team. The purpose of this evening is to give parents a chance to meet teachers and understand the academic and behavioral expectations and routines. Please note that Open House is not a night for individual conferences. We hope to see you there!

Safety and Security - Safety and security is always a priority at Hanover Middle School. At the new teacher induction, Resource Officer John Voelkel brought our new teachers up to date on what A.L.I.C.E is and went over basics and answered questions. Officer Voelkel is in the process of scheduling our annual trainings in each building for staff and students.

We are pleased to announce that cameras are coming. Over the last three months we have been working to create a plan and secure a company to add cameras at the middle school. A wonderful step in improving the safety and security of HMS. The goal is to have the cameras in by Thanksgiving.

Drop Off and Pick Up - Safety is a priority with transportation of all students as well. Drop off and pick up can be frustrating, but goes much smoother if everyone follows the same rules and respects that everyone has other places to be. There are brief instructions below, but please check out our video on the HMS website.

Drop Off Procedures	Pick Up Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00-7:40 • Please pull up to the front of the school as far as you can. Pull all the way up to the cone in front of the school or the car stopped in front of you. • Only drop your student off to the sidewalk in front of the school. Please have your child ready to exit. • Please safely and orderly exit the parking lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:15-2:30 • We will only be allowing students to get picked up at the front sidewalk (no pick up on access road or U-turns.) • Please pull up as far as you can on the front sidewalk and then your student can enter your vehicle. • Please safely and orderly exit the parking lot.

It is important to know that we have an open door policy. Please email, call, or come in with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Have a great school year!

Dan Birolini
Principal
Hanover Middle School