



Summer Letter to Parents and Students—Hurricane High School 2025-26

July 15, 2025

Dear Parents, Students, and Families,

Welcome back! I am thrilled to start the new school year together with all of you. The anticipation of the 2025-2026 academic year fills me with great enthusiasm and excitement. As we prepare to embark on this journey of learning and growth, I wanted to take a moment to express some thoughts for the upcoming days.

I hope each one of you had a fantastic summer, filled with memorable moments spent with your loved ones in activities that bring you joy. Now, as we return to school, let's channel that energy and enthusiasm into making this year unforgettable.

Remember, my door is always open to you. If you ever need assistance, guidance, or just want to talk, don't hesitate to reach out. My aim is to support and help each one of you achieve your full potential throughout the school year.

Join us for our "HHS OPEN HOUSE" on August 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Discover the myriad of opportunities awaiting your student(s) and get to know our passionate teachers and staff. Learn about our curriculum and teaching approach, and explore our vibrant clubs, social-emotional programs, and enriching extracurricular activities for holistic development. Come see our brand new "teen center" which promises to serve the needs of many students. Don't miss the chance to win awesome prizes in our exciting raffle, enjoy delicious treats from a few food trucks we are bringing in to enhance the experience. This warm and welcoming atmosphere promises to foster a sense of community, we encourage you to bring your families along. Connect with the HHS family and mark your calendars for an unforgettable evening of fun and learning. See you there on August 7th!

Our school mission at HHS is **Preparing Students for Life**, we strive to do that by providing a safe, caring, supportive and engaging Culture of Learning. Our faculty and staff are committed to the following:

1. Creating a culture of emotional and physical well being.
2. Fostering a Growth Mindset.
3. Working as a Professional Learning Community to improve student learning.

Our school is filled with wonderful people, our faculty and staff are eager to help your student(s) succeed. We are excited for the coming school year and look forward to working with you and your student(s) this year. Please encourage your student(s) to be the best they can be and encourage them to get involved in and participate in academics, arts, athletics, vocational programs, clubs or any other interests they may have. HHS is an amazing school with outstanding students, teachers, and staff. I am excited to begin this school year and look forward to working with all of you. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer and remember that school starts on Monday, August 11th at 8:10 AM!

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STUDENT AND CLASS FEES AND PARKING:

ALL STUDENT AND CLASS FEES must be paid online in your **parent PowerSchool Portal**. **When you pay online, you only need to come to the school if you choose to purchase a parking space.** The office staff will be available to assist you and answer any questions you may have. They will be available beginning **TUESDAY August 5th** from 8 am to 3 pm. The school number is 635-3280.

All school fees must be paid online on your PARENT PowerSchool Portal. You can pay fees using the parent portal and your credit/debit card, from the comfort of your own home! It is easy to use and is available “24/7”. To access this service, go to your PARENT PowerSchool Portal and scroll down to find “Purchases & Payments”. **The Parent PowerSchool payment portal will open on August 5th.** PLEASE NOTE: You can not make a payment until the portal is open. For detailed instructions on making payments, please see the details at the bottom of this newsletter. Either follow the prompts to create a new user account, or use your existing parent account. **The student activities card is \$25 - this activities card gets students grades 10-12 into events at HHS as well as discounted dance tickets,** The student activities card replaces the \$25 student activities fee that had been required in previous years. Additional class fees may apply and vary depending on the classes your student is taking. **** Please note that payments CAN NOT be made through the PowerSchool App. You MUST be on a browser to make a payment. Also note that a student activity card is required for FREE entrance to all home games and is required to purchase any dance ticket(s) ****

Parking permits will be purchased in person: Students are limited to one parking space. Premium, personalized, reserved parking spaces are available for 11th - 12th grade students to rent for \$65 for the year. Premium spots are limited to 160 parking spots, 90 for seniors and 70 for juniors, we do not offer paid parking for sophomores. Due to empty reserved spaces for much of the school day and few open free spaces, if you choose to rent a space you will be required to have at least FOUR **on campus** classes (seniors) and SEVEN **on campus** classes (Juniors). **Students that drop below the required on campus classes requirement will result in the reserved parking being removed and payment forfeited.**

Regular, open parking spaces, are available daily on a first come first serve basis and are available to students for **FREE**. In an effort to open up more free parking spaces we have moved “free” parking to the back of the school (south side of the building) in addition there is free parking in the parking lot next to the softball and baseball fields (southwest end of campus). The entire south parking lot (back parking lot) is free parking and is first come, first serve!

If a student opts to rent a premium space for the school year, you will need to show your Driver's License, provide your vehicle license plate #, phone number, a copy of your class schedule from Power School and receipt from the front desk to choose your spot. **The Exec. Council will personalize your parking space by painting your name in your space** (maximum 9 characters)! We have had some issues in the past with some students parking in other students' reserved parking spaces, please be considerate. Again, to purchase a parking space you must have at least FOUR **on campus** classes (seniors) and SEVEN **on campus** classes (Juniors).

Once students come to HHS and verify their class schedule with Exec, they will be directed to the office to pay their parking rental fee. Once the fee is paid, students will select a parking spot with Exec. The following days are set aside for both parking selection and students that need to pay class fees if you were unable to pay them online.

August 5th- Seniors only - 8am -12 noon

August 6th- Juniors only 8am-12 noon

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PARTICIPATION FEES, FEE WAIVERS, MEAL BENEFITS, and YEARBOOKS:

If your student is participating in an extracurricular activity, there is a \$100-\$150 participation fee for each activity. This fee can no longer be paid online at *registermyathlete.com* (now known as *Aktivate.com*). Athletic fees should be paid on the Parent PowerSchool Portal or in the front office. Athletic fees can not be paid until all other school fees are paid in full.

For those who qualify, fee waivers are available in the main office, or online, and require proof of income. The following link will direct you to the fee waiver application form online: [School Fee Waiver Link](#)

We recommend that you fill out the form at home and bring it with you along with your proof of income. Acceptable types of proof of income are: previous year tax returns, *three months* of pay stubs, **or** food stamp authorization letter. The card alone is not acceptable.

Free and reduced lunch applications must be filled out each year, online, at washk12.org.
To apply, click: <https://www.washk12.org/food-service/free-and-reduced>

Yearbooks will be \$60.00 if purchased before January 31st, the price increases after January 31st.

SCHEDULES:

Hurricane High will be using Class Choice again this year to give your student an opportunity to check and adjust their schedules before school starts. Your student's Counselor has already gone through your student's requests and has ensured they have a full schedule. Getting a complete schedule is crucial. **All Sophomores and Juniors must have a full schedule at HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL – this is policy.** Juniors may apply for an exception to this policy, but most Juniors will need a full schedule to stay on track for graduation. In addition, **only those Seniors who are on track for graduation may opt to have a partial schedule.** If a student is approved for a reduced schedule they are expected to be off-campus during those times.

Please check your email for instructions from the Counseling Center which will explain how to use Class Choice. This is where you will initially find your students schedule and will give you the opportunity to adjust your students schedule(s) if needed.

- **SENIORS:** It is imperative that all seniors **meet with their counselor as the school year begins** in order to review graduation status and, if needed, set up a plan so that all seniors can graduate with their class. This is our top priority. **CCR's for Seniors will begin in late July, please check your school email for an email sent from the Counseling Center with specific dates. It will have a link so you can schedule an appointment. If you did not receive an email, please visit the HHS Counseling Website and you will find a link to schedule an appointment.**
- **JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES** --Your counselor has gone through each student's schedule and has ensured that your student has a full schedule. Please remember that your student(s) schedule was built off of their requests, if you are missing a required class, please email your counselor.
- Please see our list of counselors and the alphabet they will be working with, please remember that it is by the letter of your last name:
Jon Homer A-D; Sterling Tobiasson E-K; Jenae Wallace L-O, Robbie Elison P-R, and Jody Rich S-Z.
- The counselor's emails are: jon.homer@washk12.org sterlingtobiasson@washk12.org
jody.rich@washk12.org jenaewallace@washk12.org robbie.elison@washk12.org

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DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY AND POWERSCHOOL ACCESS:

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY: The Washington County School District attendance policy can be found online at washk12.org under “policy”, 2900 attendance. Please refer to this policy if you have any questions.

CHECKING STUDENTS OUT OF CLASS/ SCHOOL: Parents that wish to check their student out of one or more classes for the day must come into the office and show ID. We recognize this can be an inconvenience however, your child’s safety is our priority. We also recognize there are times you can’t make it to the office, we are happy to help, we will need to ask a few verifying questions to confirm you are the legal parent/ guardian. Again, we’ve made this change out of an abundance of safety for our students. When a student is checked out or excused from class/ school they are expected to be off campus (unless returning for other classes).

POWERSCHOOL: All student grades and attendance can be monitored by accessing PowerSchool, our online student management system (<http://psa.washk12.org/public>.) Both you and your student can set up individual logins and passwords which will enable you to monitor grades, attendance, and exchange emails with teachers at your convenience “24/7.” Parents can activate the notification email option that gives weekly progress reports. ***For this reason, we ask parents to provide us with updated contact information (addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, etc.).***

Picture Day for 2025-2026:

School pictures will be Wednesday, August 13th. Please watch your email for the retake day. If your student misses picture day, they will not be in the yearbook.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—AUGUST 11th

School begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m (Friday schedule is different - see below). However, **on the first day of school Sophomores and new students to Hurricane High will begin at the usual 8:10, but Juniors and Seniors will not begin until 9:00**

The first day schedule is an abbreviated schedule that will go as follows:

Sophomore Orientation (Conducted by the Counselors in the Main Gym)	8:10-8:45
Assembly	9:00-10:00
1 nd period	10:05-10:50
2 nd period	10:55-11:40
3 th period	11:45-12:30
4 th period	12:35-1:20
Barbeque hosted by the Exec. Council (Under the East Football Bleachers)	1:20
Buses arrive to pick up students	2:40

The first day of school on 8/11 will be an “A” day, the second day of school 8/12 will be a “B” day.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

We have a beautiful kitchen and commons area where students can purchase and eat lunch. To protect our facilities, all other areas of the building will be closed for lunch. The price for lunch is \$2.60 and \$1.75 for breakfast. Reduced lunch price is \$0.40 and breakfast is \$0.30. Parents/students can deposit money in the student accounts for student lunches through the office. Sometimes students forget money for lunch—a limit of two (2) meals can be charged for such cases. We ask that you keep your student’s lunch account current. If you qualified for free or reduced lunch last year you will need to reapply this year. You will have 30 days to re-apply for free/reduced lunch. Please go to <https://www.washk12.org/food-service/free-and-reduced> to re-apply.

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DRESS CODE:

As you are school shopping and preparing for school remember some of the basic MINIMUMS: clothing cannot be transparent or display profanity or suggestive slogans; and piercings, hair color, hair style, and overall dress and appearance must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Students in violation of these policies will be sent home. Thanks for your help with this! [CLICK here](#) for a visual of the dress code guidelines, we will be enforcing this dress code.

Open House Night—Thursday, AUGUST 7th

The **EVENING OF AUGUST 7th**, we invite all to attend our Open House. It will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and familiarize you with class schedules, curriculum, clubs, and activities. This will be a fun open house where you can win prizes and raffles and enjoy a fun evening with your family. We will have food trucks present with free food and drinks provided to the first 100 attendees.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AND THE “HONOR H AWARD”:

Students, if you are involved in extracurricular activities, you will do better in school, be able to serve, learn leadership and social skills, feel more connected, have more meaningful relationships, and have a lot more fun!

Knowing the benefits of being involved outside of class, we have instituted our “Honor H Award” program where students will earn points for active involvement in school clubs, competitions, class leadership, music, dance, theater, debate, literature, athletic teams, or special academic achievements. A packet will be given to each student as they enter high school and they will have the responsibility to keep track of their points until their senior year. A special recognition and award will be given to those who accumulate the points necessary to earn their “Honor H Award”. We have great clubs and teams at HHS and we encourage you to get involved and to be a part of our winning traditions!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

HHS has a community council where parents are encouraged to serve alongside other parents, school employees, and administration of Hurricane High. If any parents/guardians are interested in serving please contact Daniel McKeegan at daniel.mckeegan@washk12.org. The main purposes of the council are to provide an opportunity for all to participate in the educational process; improve communication among parents, employees, and administrators; and act as a body for community input. The council meets four or five times per year and provides input in such areas as school improvement, expenditures for the School Trust Land monies, and input for guidance and counseling.

MEDIA RELEASE

Hurricane High loves to celebrate our amazing students! Each quarter, we send out a newsletter to families highlighting student achievements, and we also share names, pictures, and videos on our school marquee and website. To do this, we need a signed media release on file. If you'd like to give permission for your student's name or photo to be used, please fill out the quick form linked [HERE](#). This is completely optional, but very appreciated! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at daniel.mckeegan@washk12.org or Aubrey Johnson at aubrey.johnson@washk12.org.

TO PAY FEES:

The payment portal is now accessed through your [Parent PowerSchool Account](#)

To access the payment Portal:

#1 - In a browser, sign in to your **PARENT** PowerSchool Account.

If you need to link your student(s) to your account, their Access ID is their school ID number without any initials (123456). The password you will use is their birthdate. Yearmonthday (YYYYMODY). So, if your students birthday is December 24th of 2021, the password would be: 20211224

#2 - Using the Navigation bar at the left of your screen, scroll down until you see “Purchases & Payments”.

#3 - You will be taken to a screen where you can click on the student you’re paying fees for. Under “Shop”, choose which option you need. Hurricane High Fees are under: “Items at student’s school”. From here you can pay fees, see payment history, and more! If you have any questions, please contact our Accounts Receivable Secretary by calling [435-635-3280](tel:435-635-3280)

School Schedule

Normal Day Schedule (Mon - Thurs)

1st or 5th: 8:10 - 9:30

Passing time: 9:30 - 9:35

2nd or 6th: 9:35 - 11:00

Lunch: 11:00 - 11:55

3rd or 7th: 11:55 - 1:15

Passing time: 1:15 - 1:20

4th or 8th: 1:20 - 2:40

Friday Schedule

1st/5th Period: 8:10-9:05

Passing Time: 9:05 - 9:10

2nd/6th Period: 9:10 - 10:05

Passing Time: 10:05 - 10:10

3rd/7th Period: 10:10 - 11:05

Passing Time: 11:05 - 11:10

4th/8th Period 11:10 - 12:05

Lunch: 12:05 -12:40

*Buses run at 12:45