



# Hamilton Township School District

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Monday, August 31, 2020

Dear Hess Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. As a parent and educator I know the start of this school year is not the one we could have imagined for our children. I truly wish that the circumstances were different and look forward to a time when the children will be able to be here in school with us.

There is much information that you will need to begin the school year. The board of education has determined that school will be held virtually through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Virtual instruction will be delivered to your child through his or her assigned teacher(s). Student's teacher assignments will be available on the Genesis Parent Portal beginning on Thursday, September 3, 2020 by 2:00 pm. If you are in need of Genesis Parent Portal account information email: [genesishelp@hamiltonschools.org](mailto:genesishelp@hamiltonschools.org).

If you still have a device from the previous school year, please know that you must plan to drop off your Hess device to the Main Entrance Visitor window beginning: Tuesday, September 8th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A new device can not be issued until the previous device is returned. Devices issued last year do not have the most recent upgrades and may not work as well as they could in the virtual learning environment. **It is strongly recommended that you return a device issued last year in exchange for an updated device.**

If you have not yet obtained a device from the school for your child(ren) please visit [www.hamiltonschools.org](http://www.hamiltonschools.org) and click on the "Student Technology Resources" link.

To navigate your child's Hess School virtual learning experience, your child's teacher(s) will be providing you with information on accessing his or her Google Classroom as well as the Class Dojo application which will also be used to facilitate communication between home and school.

Our school district web-page will have resources posted as well regarding the use of Google Classroom and process for logging in and navigating this virtual classroom environment.

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Our counselors are an important link for you and your child. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's assigned counselor with questions related to academic progress, attendance, and peer relational matters. Counselors are assigned as follows: House A: Ms. Laura Hackney, House B: Ms. Megan Sherman and House C: Mr. Dan Bryz-Gornia.

Materials available to supplement instruction from home will be provided to you at our drive through materials pick up taking place on Wednesday, September 9th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Thursday, September 10th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We ask that you drive up at the back of the building to Cafeteria A. If returning to Hess you will notice this area has changed. You will stay in your car and we will retrieve items for you. It would be helpful if you could have the form below filled out (last page) so that we can quickly obtain the items you will need for the students in your household for whom you will be picking up materials.

Opening Day Packets traditionally provided to the students on the first day of school, will now be available digitally on the Genesis Parent Portal by September 3, 2020. Please take a moment to review the documents included in this packet for important information regarding your child's upcoming school year.

Our staff has continued to work over the summer months to prepare for this new school year in these uncertain times. While there will be challenges for all of our families as we navigate our children's educational experience this year, we look forward to serving your family. We will continue to strive for excellence in providing you and your family this year's educational experience, as uncertain and ever-changing as it may be.

Sincerely,

Melanie E. Lamanteer  
Principal

