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Dear Hyatts families,

It is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Hyatts community to another great school year ahead! I am looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year and all that it will bring for our school family. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing our building, classrooms and lesson plans to fulfill our District's mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. While it isn't quite time yet, please know we will be ready and waiting with enthusiasm for all to return in August.

Communication with our families is important to us and we have several places you can find back-to-school information now as well as gather pertinent information throughout the year. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resources and bookmark or download them.

Website: Bookmark <u>Hyatts website</u>. You will be able to retrieve building specific information here throughout the year. Additionally, you will find district-level news and contact information here.

OLSD App: If you have not already done so, please download the district's free mobile app, Olentangy Schools, at the Apple Store or at Google Play to stay connected with our schools. Once you download the app, select the school(s) you would like to follow. Doing so allows you to receive customizable news, calendars, and notifications including district and building level news on your mobile devices.

Schoology: Schoology is used for classroom level communication from teachers about assignments, activities, homework and other classroom events. Parents can also communicate with teachers directly through this system. Schoology may also be accessed through the district mobile app.

PowerSchool: PowerSchool is where parents will complete and update important electronic forms at the start of the year, pay fees, receive student grades and report cards and district-level reports and letters.

Understanding and using these various communication tools is the best way to stay in the know about events and information for not only our school but all of our Olentangy Schools.



As you begin to prepare for your own family's back-to-school routine, you may consider incorporating some of the following activities:

Sleep: Getting a good night's sleep is an essential key to a productive day for each of us. Establishing a school bedtime routine a week or two before the beginning of school makes adjusting to the school year easier for everyone in your home.

Healthy start: Planning ahead to start each day with a healthy breakfast helps ensure that your child has a great day at school and can focus on the day ahead.

Once again, I am excited for another year at Hyatts! I look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 19th. Listed below are a few important date reminders. If you have any questions you may contact me at derrick_gilliam@olsd.us or 740-657-5400. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

WEB Orientation - For Incoming 6th Graders, New Students, and CDL 7th & 8th Grade Students (who have not previously attended HMS)

Friday, August 13th. This is a STUDENT ONLY Orientation.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Incoming 6th Graders, New Students, and CDL 7th & 8th Grade Students (who have not previously attended HMS) for our WEB Orientation on Friday, August 13th! WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) is a student-only event that will introduce them to our staff, connect them with peers, and provide tours of the building. Kona Ice will also be available for purchase so please have your child bring \$3 - \$6 in cash if they would like to enjoy a cool treat! All drop-off and pick up will take place at the front of the building and we ask each student to bring an electronic or printed copy of their schedule. See the details below for Drop-Off/Pick-Up times:

Incoming 6th Graders:

Drop-Off: 9:15am at the front of HMS **Pick-Up:** 12pm at the front of HMS

New Students/CDL Students (who have not previously attended HMS):

Drop Off: 11:15am at the front of HMS **Pick Up:** 12:45pm at the front of HMS

First Day of School

Thursday, August 19th, 2021

Proud to serve as your principal,

Derrick Gilliam



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