



## **Memorial Middle School update 8-11-17**

School begins on August 21. A reminder that our school start and end times have changed. School will begin at 8:00 am and end at 2:45 pm this year.

Please be sure to check the Memorial MS website at

<http://www.hilliardschools.org/mms/> for all back to school information. You can contact our main office at 614-921-7600 if you have questions.

**\*Updated student schedules for this school year will be available on Monday, August 14, via Home Access.**

## **Jaguar Jump Start**

MMS will be holding a new form of orientation for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders, called Jaguar Jump Start, on August 15, 2017. Jaguar Jump Start will be a special program just for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and will take place from 9am -12 noon. This new orientation will be primarily led by a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Jaguar Ambassadors that will act as mentors and tour guides. Parents will drop students off at the MMS auditorium and pick them up in the front parking lot.

For complete info on Jaguar Jump Start visit the MMS Website.

Jaguar Jump Start will take the place of our former Jag Days for 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Jag Days Open House**

All MMS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and their parents, are invited to our first Jag Days Open House on August 15, 2017, from 4-7 pm. At Jag Days Open House, students can pick up their class schedule, have their school picture taken, check out their locker, receive their school issued iPad, get information on school clubs and activities and more. In addition, MMS staff members will be in their classrooms to meet and greet both students and parents, as well as provide information about their classes for the year. Students and parents will be able to walk around school, check out their classrooms and meet their teachers. This will be a great opportunity for all students and parents to welcome in the 2017-2018 school year.

Jag Days Open House will take place of our previous MMS Open House format.

**\*It will be important for students to remember the password they used to log on to Canvas last year to activate their iPad.**

\*There will not be school fees for the 2017-2018 school year, except for Athletic participation fees and the optional iPad insurance fee.

## **First School Dance- Friday, August 25**

The first MMS school dance of the year will be our "Back to School Bash" on Friday, August 25 from 7-9 pm. All current MMS students are invited to attend, the cost will be \$5. Tickets will be on sale during lunch beginning Wednesday, August 23 and

also available at the door the night of the dance. In addition to the DJ, there will also be dodgeball. PTO will have Pulp Smoothies for sale.

Parents are welcome to attend as chaperones. Please contact the MMS PTO via email at [HilliardMemorialPTO@yahoo.com](mailto:HilliardMemorialPTO@yahoo.com).

### **School Pictures/Student ID's**

Our school photographer, HR Imaging, mailed a pre-printed school picture flyer to each student's home. Please look for it. Students and/or parents should bring their pre-printed flyer/envelope to Jaguar Jump Start or Jag Days Open House and get their picture taken, even if you are not planning on purchasing pictures. It will serve as the camera card and save time in line. All students will be photographed for their ID.

Parents can also check [shop/hrimaging.com](http://shop/hrimaging.com) for picture purchasing options. Make-up pictures for any students who do not attend Jaguar Jump Start or Jag Days Open House will be during school on Monday, August 28.

### **MMS PTO**

All parents are invited and encouraged to be members of the MMS PTO. Check the PTO tab under Parent Information on the MMS Website for updated information on how to join the MMS PTO and help with the many supportive activities available throughout the school year.

The mission of the PTO is to bring into closer relationship the home and the school so that parents and teachers may cooperate at all levels to secure the highest advantages in physical, intellectual, and social education for every child.

### **PTO Fundraising**

Without successful fundraising, the PTO would not have the necessary funds to continue our mission. Throughout the school year, the PTO engages with Hilliard community partners to raise funds through Spirit Nights, secures donations through rewards programs with Kroger, Giant Eagle, and Amazon Smiles, and relies on the generous contributions of our families. Rather than asking families to sell candy or trinkets to raise funds, we ask each family for a minimum \$10 donation per student. Get a "Homework Pass" for your child with a minimum contribution of just \$10. The "Homework Pass is good one time during the school year and can be redeemed at the discretion of your child's teacher.

Did you know that the HMMS PTO is a 501(c)3 charitable organization? That means your contributions are tax deductible!

You can also support the fundraising efforts of the MMS PTO by linking your Amazon account through a program called Amazon Smiles. Amazon will provide the PTO a percentage of all sales linked through this program. To enroll please visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-1159129>.

**MMS families can now support the Memorial PTO through the Rewards Programs at Kroger and Giant Eagle. Please access the PTO page under the Parent Information tab on the MMS website for instructions.**

**PTO also has new Jaguar spirit wear for sale and the link for all items can be found on the PTO page of the MMS website or by accessing the link below.**  
<https://mspirit17.itemorder.com/sale>

### PTO Provides Support for...

Parent/Teacher conferences, Teacher and staff appreciation events, Honor Roll Breakfasts, Student socials such as the Back-to-School Bash, Halloween Dance, the winter and spring Dances, quarterly treats and student raffles, and so much more.

### 2017-2018 PTO Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the Media Center at HMMS and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

September 12, 2017

October 10, 2017 (6:00 p.m.)

November 14, 2017

December 12, 2017

January 9, 2018

February 13, 2018

March 13, 2018

April 10, 2018

May 1, 2018

### **MMS Athletics-Fall sports.**

Fall sports at MMS are up and running. Some sports are still accepting student-athletes for this season. Please check the Athletics tab on the MMS website for all practice/tryout information. All students must have a completed physical exam form on file to participate. Contact Assistant Athletic Director Brian Rawlins if you have questions. ([brian\\_rawlins@hboe.org](mailto:brian_rawlins@hboe.org))

### **New Building website**

The school district has put together a website that will allow the community/staff/students to follow the progress of the new middle school. You can follow along at:

<http://www.hilliardschools.org/newmms/>

### **Twitter**

MMS posts on Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @memorial\_ms.

## **Remind (101)**

MMS is using the Remind service to send text message updates to parents and students. This is a one-way texting service and will only be used to provide school information. To register text **@memorialms** to **81010**.

## **News from the Hilliard City School District**

### **First Time Riders Open House This Weekend**

Students and parents are invited to join the Hilliard City Schools Transportation Services for a First Time Riders Open House. This fun-filled event will take place on Saturday, August 12 at Heritage Middle School. Students will get to explore a bus up close, take their first ride and learn about safety. The Hilliard Division of Police will also be on hand with their EZ Child ID Registration program. You can [read more details here](#).

### **Let's Talk with the Superintendent**

Several times a year Superintendent John Marschhausen schedules time to have coffee with our community. His next round is coming up and we hope you make plans to attend one. [Click hear](#) for the next rounds of dates and locations.

### **#HCSD1 and Back to School News and Information**

Our first day of school is getting close. Bus stops, school supply lists and menus are all available under our [Parent Tab](#) on the District web page. Again, this year we are asking families to share pictures on Twitter and Facebook throughout the first day using **#HCSD1**. This is a fun way to share the excitement of our students, staff and parents. You can find us on Twitter [@HilliardSchools](#) and on Facebook at [Hilliard Schools](#).

### **Kick Off the School Year with the Crew**

Grab your Hilliard friends and family to kick off the school year with the Crew at MAPFRE Stadium. You can buy discounted tickets for the 1pm game on Sunday, September 10 when the Crew SC takes on Sporting KC. This is a late season match up with playoffs on the line! Also, the first 100 purchasers get a chance to win a team signed mini ball! You can [purchase tickets here](#).

### **Tag Day 2017**

Tag Day 2017 is coming up on August 26 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Please support all three high school Marching Bands. The students will be dressed in summer uniforms as they walk our neighborhoods looking for donations. This is the bands' biggest fundraiser of the year.

## **Emergency Notifications**

In case of emergencies that affect our students, staff or schools we will notify our families in a variety of ways. The first line of communication will be via email through our [SchoolMessenger System](#). These messages will go to all families affected by the emergency. It's imperative to keep your email updated in our [Home Access System](#) to receive these messages.

We also have the ability through SchoolMessenger to text and call our families. We must have current phone numbers in [Home Access](#). When warranted we will also use Facebook and Twitter to communicate with our families.