



Welcome Back Panthers!

The school year is right around the corner and all of us here are anxiously awaiting the first day of school. This message contains a lot of important information about all the upcoming events taking place in preparation for the beginning of the school year. All of the below information was shared through our eBlast on August 1, 2022. All links and resources are easily accessible through it. If you have any questions please contact the main office.

-Mr. Assenheimer & Mr. Gaston

First Day of School

School starts **August 17, 2022**. Please follow this [link](#) to view the bell schedule.

PAW Days:

Heritage Middle School will be holding PAW Days on Monday, August 8th and Tuesday, August 9th.

Monday, August 8th	Tuesday, August 9th
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

*If your student is unable to attend PAW Days, schedules will be released via Home Access Center August 8th and iPads can be picked up the first day of school. Please reach out to your counselor or the main office with any questions or concerns.

Spirit Wear Sale

Stop by the Heritage PTO Spirit Wear sale during PAW days. T-shirts, hoodies and more will be available in a mix of Heritage, Darby and Panther designs

including a new Heritage design. Items will be available while supplies last. Payment by cash, check or credit.

School Supply Suggestions:

- 1 – 3 ring binder
 - Dividers
 - 1 pkg. Pencils
 - 1 ink pen
 - Earbuds
 - 1 pkg. 200 count notebook paper
 - Optional: Stylus
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- Band/Orchestra Supply: 1” Binder w/200 count notebook paper

This is a basic list to get you started. Teachers will let you know if there is anything specific that you will need for their classes.

School Pictures

Students will get their pictures taken on Thursday, August 25th during their Math class. HR Imaging will be [sending important information](#) to your house.

Fall Sports

Stay up to date on fall sports at the [Darby/Heritage Athletic website](#).

Preparing for Back to School

Now is the time to check [HomeAccess](#) to confirm your contact information is up to date. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an e-mail address. The district and your child’s school building use this contact information for emergency and important notification messages, like snow days! You can also view and sign off on the student handbook and purchase the Technology Protection Plan for any student in grades K-12.

[View the Technology Protection Plan](#)

To enroll and purchase the Plan go here:<https://MyPaymentsPlus.com>

[How to update Registration Information/Contacts and more in HomeAccess](#)

No Free Breakfast for All Students This Year

The USDA has not extended food service program waivers to allow all students to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge for the 2022-23 school year. Because of this, families not eligible for Free/Reduced meals will need to pay for the meals. However, families should fill out a Free & Reduced School Meals Application to see if they qualify for free or reduced meal pricing and these other benefits:

- pEBT \$ (if available)
- Reduced/free iPad Insurance
- Reduced fees for taking ACT/SAT tests
- Reduced fees for college courses
- Reduced/free Internet Service

You can access the application online by [clicking on our documents page](#) and filling out the Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

Preschool Expansion Ribbon Cutting

Please join the Board of Education on August 8 at 6 pm for a ribbon cutting at our [Special Needs Preschool](#). We are proud to be adding eight new classrooms, and two new teachers to our existing program. This opens 64 new spots for our youngest students.

Spirit Night for PTO at Flyers Pizza

Flyers Pizza will host a spirit night at both Hilliard locations on Tuesday, 8/9, supporting Heritage PTO. Order Flyers for lunch or dinner and Heritage PTO will earn 15% on your purchase. Must mention Heritage PTO spirit night with order. Phone in orders preferred over online orders to ensure credit for the fundraiser. Spirit night is for dine in, carryout or delivery.

Flyers Pizza locations participating:

- 6542 Hayden Run Road, 614-969-0789, Hours 11 am - 9 pm
- 5466 Roberts Road, 614-529-0123, Hours 11 am - 10 pm

Heritage PTO info

Follow The Heritage Middle School PTO on Facebook for the latest info and reminders. <https://www.facebook.com/thehmspto>

If you have any questions about Heritage PTO, please email hilliardheritagepto@gmail.com.

News from the ILC/HUB

The Innovation Campus (Hub and ILC) is excited to invite you to an Open House at both locations on August 25th from 6:30-7:30. Families are welcome to come and tour the buildings, as well as speak to teachers about specific courses. We will not be following a "bell schedule" so feel free to come and go as you please. Please look for an email from your child's teacher with specifics. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Students who are enrolled in Core Infusion 8 or Honors Core Infusion 8 will be kicking off the year with the book, *Peak* by Roland Smith. We request that each student obtain a copy of *Peak* before Monday, August 29th. Copies can be used or new and are available for purchase at [Barnes & Noble](#), [Amazon](#), or other text retailers. Core Infusion teachers will send out more information about *Peak* and our upcoming literature and design units when the school year begins.