

Grade 6 Survival Guide



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Congratulations!

Next year, you will attend a new school and become a middle school student! Many things are very similar to your old school, but there are a few changes to expect. This newsletter will help you be ready for next year. Please keep in mind that we may need to make changes based on pandemic safety measures.



How will I know which class I am in?

On your first day of school, only Grade 6 students will be here. You will be welcomed to the theatre near the front entrance. Your homeroom teacher will call your name and take you to your homeroom. They will coach you during the first week and as needed throughout the year!

How will I know what school supplies to buy?

You will need to purchase just a few items. All other school supplies are purchased by the school and covered by your School Supplies Fee. Information about items to purchase and the supplies fee will be posted on the HMS website during the summer: web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1921

There is no playground...what do I do at lunch?

There are lots of clubs, sports, and activities at Hampton Middle School. The daily announcements let you know what is happening. These are also posted on the school webpage. Your lunch break is 55 minutes. For the first half, you will eat your lunch. A warning bell will sound and you then have five minutes to decide where you will spend the second half of the break (outside, gym, cafeteria, library, tech lab, etc.). Once you are at the activity, you will stay there for the rest of the lunch break.

How do students and families learn about school activities?

Now that you are in Middle School, it is important that you keep your parents well informed about what is going on. For example, as a Middle School student, it will be your responsibility to let your parents know about things you may require for special projects. There are a lot of ways for you and your family to learn about what is happening at our school including:

- Student agenda
 - Announcements and HMS website: web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1921
 - HMS' PSSC facebook page: ask your parents to 'like' us on Facebook
 - Talk-mail/e-mail: messages from the principal and teachers
- If you have any concerns about keeping in touch or informed, please contact us 832-6020.

Date & Time to Note

First Day of School for Grade 6:

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Homeroom Begins: **8:10 am**

Last Class Ends: **2:45 pm**

Get your locker ready!



Next year, you will get your own locker the first week of school!

The school will provide a lock. If you haven't used a combination lock before, you might want to practice.

If you wish, bring some locker accessories such as magnetic hooks, a shelf, or a mirror!

How else can I get involved?

Each homeroom class is assigned to one of four house teams. Your team can earn participation awards by showing your school spirit throughout the year. Teams will be recognized at our fun Way to Go Assemblies. Teams and individuals may even win prizes at these Assemblies.

Are there sports teams?

HMS has a great athletic program, and you will now start competing against other schools. As you get older, there will be more competition, and tryouts will be held for teams. Not everyone gets on a team, but it is a great opportunity to learn about the sport and learn what you can work on. Be sure to try out and give it a go!

Parents, interested in coaching? Contact Mr. Throop at HMS!

What do I wear to Phys. Ed.?

For physical education classes, it is a good idea to have a pair of sneakers to change into as well as a pair of shorts and a t-shirt. All Grade 6 students will receive a HMS t-shirt following their Wildcat training at the beginning of the year. Many students use this for P.E. classes.

What do I do if I get a drive to and from school?

The student drop-off and pick-up location is at the rink. Look for the Middle School drop-off sign, walk along the brick path by the Cenotaph, cross School Street at the crosswalk, and join the other students at our front entrance.

Can I buy food at school?

You can bring your lunch, but we also have a great cafeteria. You can purchase food directly from the cafeteria (cash only). If you want, however, your parents can order your lunches through www.school lunch order.ca. All they need to do is register, select from the menu for the month, and pay by credit card. The system does not store credit card numbers.

When are school dances?

Our school dances are usually on a Wednesday or Thursday, at the end of the month, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Parents are encouraged to help chaperone at the dances. Let's hope they stay off the dance floor!

Is there anything else I should know?

Just a reminder: ASD-South schools are scent-free, peanut/nut-free, and smoke/vape-free environments.



What is our Mascot?

The Wildcat!



What is our Moto?

PURR!



HMS Mission

The mission of HMS is to ensure all students have an opportunity for academic and social success in a positive environment of learning and encouragement.

HMS Vision

HMS will be a positive, inclusive learning environment where a collaborative staff supports enthusiastic, engaged, and proud students to achieve their potential.

We look forward to seeing you next year, and we hope you have a PURR-fect summer vacation!

This guide was brought to you by the HMS PSSC. We are always looking for new members. Contact the school for detailed information!