

PUMA BLAST

Everything you need to know for the start of the 2019-2020 school year!



welcome Back Pumas!

It is time to **Gear Up for Learning!** Learning is an intricate process which challenges us to connect current knowledge with new information and form new patterns applied to our lives. It cannot happen with just one or the other. Gears are like learning. They rely on surrounding gears to function just as students depend on others to support their social, emotional, and academic success. Our staff is committed to providing that support and celebrating the progress!

6th grade Pride Camp

August 22nd 9:00 am-12:00 pm

- ❖ Meet New Friends
- ❖ Get Your Class Schedule
 - ❖ Tour our School
- ❖ Snack provided (Water and Animal Crackers)

Parents can join the fun in the amphitheater

11:30-12:00

"Welcome to Middle School"

11:00-11:30

Parent session hosted by School Counseling
Auditorium

Receipting in cafeteria

11:00 am -1:00 pm

- ❖ Pay fees
- ❖ Purchase your Grade Level Spirit shirt
 - ❖ Purchase your PE uniform
 - ❖ Shop our PTA Spirit Wear

6th grade laptop deployment
(parent/guardian must be present)

12:00 pm-2:00 pm

*If this time is not convenient for your schedule, please come to Fee Night
on Wednesday, 8/28 from 4:00 -7:00 pm*

****King of Pops will be on campus with sweet treats for purchase!**

A portion of all sales will benefit our technology initiative to outfit
all classrooms with white boards and projectors.

Parent Portal Account Creation
Available Mon. 8/5

Parents must create a parent portal
to PowerSchool to access Rycor
On-line Forms

[Parent Portal PowerSchool](#)

Pay Fees Online beginning
Thurs. 8/15

[PAY FEES ONLINE HERE](#)

[Online Payments FAQ](#)

Rycor Available Thurs. 8/15

[Click here to complete
forms online!](#)

7TH 8TH GRADE FEE NIGHT

Wed. August 28th, 4-7 pm

- ✓ Meet New Friends
- ✓ Get Your Class Schedule
- ✓ Pick up your laptop
(parent/guardian must be present)
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2019-2020 Bell Schedule Alternating Day 1 and Day 2

8:35 -9:25	Block 1
9:25 - 10:03	Advisory Remain in 1 st block
10:07 - 11:35	Block 2/5
11:39-1:38	Block 3/6 Lunches
1:42-3:15	Block 4/7

PUMA ATHLETICS

Fall Sports Interest Meeting

New this year

Monday, Aug. 19th at 6:00 pm in auditorium
followed by breakout sessions
with all fall sports teams

Fall Sports Tryouts begin Wednesday, September
4th after school.

(Football, Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer,
Cheerleading)

Students must have a physical dated
after May, 2019 to try-out
for any SPMS athletic teams.

NEED A PHYSICAL FOR TRYOUTS?

Thurs. 8/22 from 12:00pm – 2:00 pm

\$25 cash

Access Student Schedules, bus info, student grades
throughout the year.

**PowerSchool Available Friday, August 30th
after 4:00 pm**

[Parent Portal PowerSchool](#)

[2019-2020 Supply List](#)

Schoology

- **Schoology is the HCPS learning management system**
- **It is available for PARENTS NOW!**
- [Directions for accessing Schoology](#)



STUDENT LAPTOPS:

We will distribute laptops to every Puma who has met the following requirements:

- Parent/guardian must be present
 - Paid the \$25.00 Insurance Fee
- Signed the last page of the HCPS Code of Student Conduct (online or paper)
 - Signed Laptop Damage Form (online or paper)
- Does not have an outstanding lost charger fee from 2018-19 school year
 - ***Parent has completed the Mandatory Laptop Training

*****Who needs to complete training?**

Student is NEW to 6th grade AND does not have any older siblings that have attended HCPS schools

OR

Families NEW to HCPS

This **ONE** time training is online at: <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/hlp/families/windows-10-online-information>

[Click here to complete your verification form after completing the online training](#)

Students who registered after August 8, 2019 will get their laptops the first week of school.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Mon. 8/19 6:00 pm: Fall Sports Interest Meeting
- Thurs. 8/22 9:00 am-12:00 pm: 6th Grade PRIDE Camp (fee day)
- Thurs. 8/22 12:00pm – 2:00 pm: Sports Physicals
- Wed. 8/28 4-7 pm: Fee Night/Laptop Deployment
- Tues. 9/3: First Day of School
- Wed. 9/4 after school: Fall Sports Tryouts begin
- Tues. 9/17 6:30 pm: 6th Grade Back to School Night
- Tues. 9/24 6:30 pm: 7th/8th Grade Back to School Night
- Mon. 9/30: Student ½ Day
- Mon. 10/14: Student Holiday
- Tues. 10/15 6:00 pm: Winter Sports Interest Meeting
- Mon. 10/28: Student ½ Day
- Tues. 11/5: Student Holiday
- Tues. 11/5 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Parent Conferences
- Thurs. 11/14 4- 7 pm: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mon. 11/18: Student ½ day
- Wed. 11/27-11/29: Thanksgiving Break
- Mon. 12/9: Student ½ Day
- Mon. 12/23-1/3/20: Winter Break

**Add money to
your child's
lunch account
here!**

**Click here for all
online resources
available for
HCPS families!**

WHAT ABOUT BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL?

Student Drop Off/Pick Up → School hours are from 8:05 am -3:15 pm. **Students should not be dropped off before 8:05 am. We will begin greeting students at the front doors at 8:05 am each morning.** For dismissal, students should be picked up no later than 3:30 pm in the front parking lot.

Staying late for a staff-sponsored club → Students must have an **autographed parent permission note**. Notes should be given to the supervising staff member at the start of the school day.

**If attending an athletic event, students should go home after school and return with a parent escort.

Riding an Alternate Bus → To ride a bus other than the one assigned, students need to submit an **autographed parent permission note** to the main office before 9:00 am on the day of the request. The note should indicate the child's name, alternate bus number, and the full name of the student they are accompanying home. A bus pass will be delivered to the student during the school day.

Bus Schedules → Available on [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on 8/30.

Our SDMS team is here to Help!

Principal: Kim Sigler

Principal Secretary: Billie Brockman

6th grade admin: Roscoe Johnson, Administrative Intern

7th grade admin: Gena Jones, Associate Principal

8th grade admin: Jill Blom, Assistant Principal

Registrar: Susan Martin

6th grade counselor: Jentae Mayo

7th grade counselor: Heather Sharpe, Counseling Director

8th grade counselor: Kellyn Gitomer

Attendance: Jami Estes

Financial Secretary: Cristina Yacoviello

Nurse: Lynn Mayes

Testing Coordinator: Carolyn Hennessy

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