MIDDLE

*Adjective:* equally distant from the ends or sides: halfway between two points: in a state or place between two things or people

MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Noun:* an awesome place for new experiences, meeting great friends and incredible learning

Dear Rising Haynes Bridge Eagles,

You are about to start one of the best, most exciting chapters of your lives – Middle School. And you’re lucky enough to be doing it at the greatest middle school around!

Our motto is simple -- One goal: EXCELLENCE!

And our mission supports it -- Haynes Bridge Middle School provides a safe and supportive learning environment that equips all students with the essential skills and depth of knowledge necessary to be productive and successful in a global community.

Our goal is to make sure you, our students, are successfully prepared for high school and beyond. For starters though, we have to get you through middle school….and that can be tricky. There are things that are new and different than you’re used to…there are clubs and school sports and Surfaces!

This packet is to give you the “who, what, when and what else” of middle school and has some important information to get you started on the right foot next year. Our teachers, counselors and administrators are another incredible resource for questions, help, and support, to find your class, to open your locker (perhaps at least once when, no matter what you do, it won’t open.) We really are here to make your middle school years the best they can be and to make you as proud to be a Haynes Bridge Eagle as we are.

So welcome to Haynes Bridge. We’re glad you’re here!

Sincerely,

Lauren Malekebu

Principal
WHO you need to know....

Mrs. Lauren Malekebu, Principal
Mr. Joshua Dove, Assistant Principal
Dr. Rebecca Myers, Assistant Principal
Dr. Rebecca Hall, Administrative Asst.
Mrs. Pamela Medlin, Counselor
Mrs. Torria Fisher, Counselor
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PTA Website
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School Spirit
School Mascot: Regal the Eagle
School Colors: Red and Royal Blue

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Engaged * Accountable * Goal-oriented * Leader * Enthusiastic
WHAT is new and different?

There are a lot of new terms in middle school to learn.

**ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY TERMS**

**AGENDA:**
The agenda serves as an essential tool for learning time management and keeping track of assignments...where the body goes...so goes the agenda!

**AVID:**
A year-long connections college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. Rising 6th graders have been recommended by their elementary school teachers but an application and interview are still required for final selection.

**BAND:**
A year-long connections class where students may play woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments. Students also participate in concerts throughout the year.

**CAFETERIA/TREATS:**
The cafeteria serves a standard, single item lunch plate and offers individually priced treats (chips, cookies and drinks, etc.) which can be purchased separately from the regular lunch fee.

**CHORUS:**
A year-long connections class where students build vocal skills as they learn songs and participate in concerts.

**CONNECTIONS CLASSES:**
Nine-week courses that explore subjects such as art, general music, engineering, career awareness, study skills, physical education, and health.

**CORE CLASSES:**
A term for mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, reading and world language classes.
**DEVICES:**
After signing an agreement, students will receive a Dell Laptop for their school and home use to support our efforts to personalize student learning.

**DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP:**
As a Common Sense Media Digital Certified School, students are expected to practice good digital citizenship by using proper online etiquette, uphold appropriate ethics and practice digital safety.

**DRESS CODE:**
All students must dress appropriately for school by making sure that their clothing is clean, neat and does not interfere with any education at the school.

**DRESS OUT:**
The term used for changing into your PE clothes daily.

**HALL PASSES:**
A signed pass issued by an HBMS staff member that defines time and destination. Hall passes must be used whenever a student leaves a class (bathroom, water fountain, front office, Counseling, Media Center, etc.)

**HOME ROOM/TEAM TIME:**
A daily, short advisement class period that provides students with a chance for team building and additional support in a small group setting.

**INFINITE CAMPUS PORTALS:**
The Infinite Campus portals - Campus Parent and Campus Student - provide access to information for all enrolled students in their household. Information includes grades, attendance, assignments, and school announcements.

**LOCKERS:**
A numbered hallway locker in an assigned location where students will keep their backpack, lunch box, books, class supplies, etc. and will visit only during designated locker breaks. A PE locker is assigned when PE is on your child’s schedule. This is where
they will store their PE clothes and other gym items.

**ORCHESTRA:**

A year-long connections class where students play stringed instruments and participate in concerts throughout the year.

**PE UNIFORM:**

The PE uniform is a gray t-shirt and a pair of black basketball shorts. The shirt is to have student’s name written on the back and on left front leg. The black shorts are to have **no** pockets, buttons or zippers and no other markings on them. Basketball shorts are acceptable, but “soffees” are not. These items can be purchased through the PE department and include the HBMS logo for $12 per piece.
DISCIPLINARY TERMS

Though we hope you never need to worry about these, there are a few key disciplinary policies and terms with which to be familiar.

All students are expected to be familiar with, and follow, the Fulton County Schools Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Handbook. This booklet is sent home the first week of school and is available online through a link on our website. All rules and the discipline cycle are also located in the student agenda.

Additionally, students are to follow all expectations of the teachers and staff.

**ISS:**
In-School Suspension is a type of “time out” room for students to complete school work when the discipline code of conduct has been violated. ISS is assigned by an administrator.

**OSS:**
Out-of-School Suspension includes a specific period of time when a student may not attend school or school events due to a violation of the discipline code. OSS is assigned by an administrator.

**PRIVATE DETENTION:**
A time before or after school with a teacher that results from a minor violation of classroom rules.

**PUBLIC DETENTION:**
A time of reflection after school that is assigned by an administrator for violating the discipline code of conduct.

**SILENT LUNCH:**
A time of reflection during lunch in either the cafeteria, the ISS room or with a teacher when a student is given an assigned seat and does not have an opportunity to interact with peers. Administrators, teachers or the resource officer may assign this consequence.
WHEN do you need to be where?

The instructional hours for the 2020-2021 school year will be **8:55 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.**

There are a total of **8** daily class periods, which include **5** Core classes, **2** connections classes and a split class period for Home Room/ Team Time and Lunch.

One of the biggest differences between elementary school and middle school for incoming **6th** graders is the changing of classrooms for each class. A class period is 50 minutes long with a 4-minute break in between to transition to the next class.

### 2020-2021 BELL SCHEDULE

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Student arrival begins at **8:25 a.m.** with dismissal starting at **4:05 p.m.** In order to accommodate our families, we are providing early arrival at **7:55 a.m.** Students who come to early arrival at **7:55 a.m.** are expected to be working on school work or reading a book, or having breakfast in the designated holding areas **(Media Center or Cafeteria)**.
Frequently Asked Questions...

I heard there are school clubs we can join. Can 6th graders join and how can we find out more about which clubs are out there?
Yes. We have some awesome student clubs and most of them are open to 6th graders. Some offerings vary year to year but a few examples are Academic Bowl, Anime, Chess Club, PALS (interacting and having fun with our special student population), Robotics Club, Tumbling Team, Yearbook and more.

If you have an idea for a club you don’t see listed, or are interested in knowing more about any of the clubs, visit our school website or our counselors for additional information.

What about school sports teams?
We have intramural and extramural sports teams at Haynes Bridge.

Intramural sports are offered to all grade levels and include sports such as tennis, basketball, soccer, and volleyball. You’ll have to get a permission slip signed by your parent or guardian to participate. Additional information and required forms are online or available in the front office.

Extramural team sports compete against other area middle school teams and include sports such as basketball, soccer, and volleyball. These teams require tryouts and are limited to 7th and 8th graders only, but you can always come out and cheer on your school teams this year!

How else can I get involved?
Each year, two representatives from each Home Room class for all grade levels are elected to the Student Council. The officers are elected into office by the entire student body. Student Council meets regularly and gives input into school-wide activities, as well as community service projects. If you’re interested in getting involved in Student Council, talk to your Home Room teacher.

When will I get my schedule?
If all of your registration requirements are complete, you will get your class schedule on Information Day in August before the school year starts. You will also get the chance that day to meet your Home Room teacher, find your classrooms and practice opening your locker.

Can I bring my cell phone to school?
Although you may bring your cell phone to school, as soon as you are on school property, it must be unseen or out of sight and must be turned off at all times.
When will I get my locker?
Your locker will be assigned at Information Day in August, or the first day of school if you are not able to attend Information Day. There is a locker fee ($20) which includes your hallway locker and your P.E. locker. This fee must be paid before your locker can be assigned.

Do not panic! There will be many staff members available to assist you with locating and opening your locker.

Save These Important Dates!

Please check our school website for all updated meeting information.

www.haynesbridge.com

Information Day
August 6, 2020*

First day of School
August 10, 2020

Curriculum Night
September 3, 2020*

*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE