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Hello HMS Families,

This is the first Friday email of the new school year! We are excited about welcoming our students back to school on Monday. Here are some updates and important news items to help us all get through the first week!

- On Monday morning, students who arrive between 7:45-8:15 will report to the cafeteria first. At 8:15, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will remain in the cafeteria and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will move to the gym. We will announce when it is time for them to move to their 1<sup>st</sup> classroom (Advisement/1<sup>st</sup> Period). All students should be in Advisement by 8:55. If a student does not know their Advisement teacher's classroom number, we will have that information posted in various locations throughout the building (and we will have plenty of adults out and about to help anyone who is lost). Parents are not permitted to walk their students to class on Monday and, if they are bringing them to school, should follow the carpool line and drop them off at the curb. We promise, we'll take good care of them as long as you just get them on the bus or to the sidewalk in front of the school!
- Once students get to Advisement, they will get a new copy of their schedule. This is their official schedule. If they have not purchased a locker, they can do that Monday morning in the atrium (the fee is \$20, cash or money order, exact change is appreciated). They can then take the receipt to their Homeroom teacher later in the day to get their actual locker. You can also still purchase this online (visit the HMS website and look for the Online School Payments icon). If you choose this option, just send your child in on Monday with a copy of that receipt to show their Homeroom teacher. Students can carry their backpacks on Monday until they get their locker and are able to put their belongings in it.
- If you are driving your student(s) to school or picking them up after, please review the morning and afternoon carpool procedures - [Carpool Procedures / Carpool Procedures \(fultonschools.org\)](#). All students should be dropped off at the curb, you will not be allowed to come in the school with your student. **Please note, some of our nearby neighborhoods have become very frustrated with parents parking in their neighborhood and waiting for students in the afternoon. They have requested that Milton police patrol and cite offenders for trespassing.** As has always been the case, parents should follow the carpool procedures and pick up and drop off students at the curb on the carpool side of our building (the right side if you are facing the front of the building from the outside).
- Please be sure you have either sent your student in with a lunch, put money on their cafeteria account, or applied for Free and Reduced lunch. **We ask that parents plan ahead and not come drop lunches off in the morning.** Click the following link for directions to load money on an account or apply for Free/Reduced lunch benefits - [School Nutrition \(fultonschools.org\)](#)
- Please be aware that dismissal always takes longer on the first few days, so please do not be surprised if your student(s) arrive at their afternoon bus stop well after the time it says they should the first couple days. Click [here](#) for directions for how to download the "Here Comes the Bus" app. This is the best way to track your child's bus. Please be patient at the bus stop. If

your bus hasn't arrived, it's coming, but it's just late. Call us if the bus comes through and your child wasn't on it! It is important that they know their bus number. Follow this link to look up your bus info - [Edulog WebQuery \(fultonschools.org\)](http://EdulogWebQuery(fultonschools.org))

- The building will be accessible from **9AM-11AM on Saturday morning** for students to come in to set up their lockers and walk their schedules one more time before Monday. Please note, there may be staff members in the building. If they are here on Saturday, it means they have work to do to prep for Monday, please respect that and do not disturb them or ask for assistance with something. We will take care of any issues you're dealing with on Monday!
- If you ever need to check your student(s) out early, remember 3:30 is the latest you can do so. If you have an appointment right after school, just remember that carpool is usually not clear until 4:30ish, so if you have to get somewhere, plan ahead and check your child out at 3:30.
- Students will not receive their FCS devices next week. We will send details when we have exact dates for deployment.
- You can view your child's current schedule in the Parent Portal. If you submitted a Schedule Correction Request through our online form, you should receive a message and/or possibly see that change reflected in the online schedule (assuming the change request was approved). If it was not approved, you should receive an email in response to the request informing you that it was not approved. Please note, we have begun the process of balancing schedules, which may result in teacher or period changes. We suggest you check your child's schedule again on Sunday, and it is possible that changes could occur for a week or so after school starts.

We are looking forward to a great first day on Monday, I hope everyone enjoys the final weekend of summer vacation! Thanks so much for your support of our school!

Sincerely,

Michael LeMoyne  
Principal – Hopewell Middle School

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