

HEARTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



LAUNCH 2018-2019

July 30, 2018

The Beginning Is Near

Greetings Parents!

In a couple of short weeks it will be time to pick up schedules, find classes, see classmates, meet teachers and start school. We are excited to welcome our new students and educators to The Heartland, and we look forward to the amazing learning opportunities, experiences and memories that are sure to be created this year. Please take a moment to scan the information included in this newsletter, as it might provide you with some details that you may not have previously known. If you are new to the Heartland community, welcome! If you are returning, welcome back! We look forward to working with you through your child's middle school years.

Supply List

You can find our school supply lists at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y8Vn5lDalXyfgll0cZSZv_Z8S-zB_0ZnlmrSHuKQpVE/edit. These lists were created by our grade level teachers. Students will have locker numbers on their schedule form, so you can bring supplies to store on student information day. You may also prefer to wait to send items with your child when school begins. Some items (such as paper towels, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, etc...) may be collected for community use, while other items are to be kept in either the student's locker or binder.

Online Registration Requirements

Parents of students currently enrolled in the 2017-18 school year will need to complete an Annual Update for 2018-2019, starting **June 1st** by logging into the Parent Portal (not the app). Upon login, scroll down and click on the 'Online Registration' link in the lower left corner of your portal screen to begin the Annual Update. You will verify your existing information and make any needed changes. For questions or login issues, please contact your student's school.

The Annual Update must be completed prior to utility bill verification in August in order for your student(s) to receive their 2018-2019 schedule(s) and for students in grades 6-12 to receive their Chromebooks.

If you have not logged into the Parent Portal recently, you need to make sure you know your login/password and can log in so you will be ready to complete your Annual Update starting **June 1st**. If you (or someone you know) does not have a personal email account, the school can help you establish an account to ensure that your child's update is completed, thus allowing them to follow-up at the school with the utility verification step that must also be completed (in person) prior to a student receiving a schedule or teacher/classroom placement.

Student Annual Update

Students are now required to view the Annual Student Review. Returning 7th and 8th graders should be able to go ahead and complete this process, while incoming 6th grade students will need to wait until the beginning of school. To do this, log into your Infinite Campus Student Portal Account. This account uses your network login and password. Once in this account, click on the "Inbox" in your IC Student Portal Account. You will have a message named Annual Student Review. Open this message and click on the URL included in this message to watch the Annual Student Review.

At the end of the video, a green button will appear at the bottom of the screen. You must agree to the terms and conditions via the green button at the bottom of the screen and confirm a



second time that you agree. This button will only appear after you have played the entire video. Violations to these terms and conditions may result in loss of technology privileges and equipment.

Student Info Day/Schedule Pick Up Day (SPUD)

Sometimes referred to by many different names, the day you provide proof of residency and pick up schedules is best known as SPUD. This year's **SPUD** will be on **August 9, between Noon and 6:00 p.m.** Long lines can sometimes lead to the process taking between one and two hours. We appreciate your patience with the process. Make sure you remember the following in order to avoid any additional delays, as each must be satisfied before a schedule will be released:

1. **Parent/Guardian Photo ID**
2. **July or August Gas, Electric, or Water Bill (Address located within HMS residence area)**
3. **Clear any fines or fees (balances were sent via email)**
4. **TDap Immunization Booster Proof (Applies to all entering 7th grade)**

SPUD activities include:

- Getting transportation information/bus routes
- Visiting our spirit store (Cash or Check only)
- Opening and arranging locker
- Walking the class schedule
- Learning about the cafeteria
- Visiting with our Heartland Parent Organization officers about ways to get involved and possibly serve.
- And more....

Fast Pass Opportunity

If you would like an opportunity to bypass the longest line at SPUD we are offering two opportunities to come in early to prove residency. Bring the required items (listed above) to the front office during one of the two windows listed below to receive a SPUD Fast Pass. This pass will allow you to go directly to the schedule pick up table during the SPUD event on the 9th. Without knowing how many will take advantage of the Fast Pass opportunity it hard to determine the wait for the Fast Pass, but we will serve as quickly as possible.

- **August 3rd - 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**
- **August 6th - 3 p.m.-7 p.m.**

School Calendar

You can find the 18-19 district calendar at this link on the EPS webpage.

<https://edmondschools.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/New-today-12-4-17-REV-2018-19-Approved-12-5-16-updated-7-23-18.pdf>

Calling All 6th Graders

We'd like to invite all of our incoming 6th graders to attend **Camp Thunderhawk** on Wednesday, **August 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon**. Plan to drop your child off at our south entrance between 7:45 and 8:00 that morning, and we'll take it from there. We will have a morning of activities and information for our incoming 6th grade class, all designed to help them feel more prepared and ready for their start to middle school.

Mark Your Calendars

Here are a few dates additional dates that you'll want to have on your calendars.

August 16 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

August 27 - OPEN HOUSE (6:30-8:15) - Hear from your child's teachers

September 4 - PROFESSIONAL DAY/NO STUDENTS

September 17 - PROFESSIONAL DAY/NO STUDENTS

October 11 & 15 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (4:30-8:00) - Conversations with your child's teachers. Come and go, no appointments necessary.

1:1

As you probably have already heard, EPS is going 1:1 this year. This means that each child in secondary school will be assigned a Chromebook as part of their school experience. The checkout process for these devices will occur during the first two weeks of school, beginning with the 8th grade class. Students are required to utilize these devices as part of their education, much like students have used textbooks for years. Students will be responsible for the upkeep of their devices. The devices do come with a durable cover which will help minimize potential damage, but it does not guarantee that damage will not occur. We strongly recommend purchasing the technology protection plan that is offered by the district, as it can save against expensive repair and replacement costs if the power pack is lost or the Chromebook is damaged. We also recommend that once the device is checked out that you

encourage your child to fully charge the device every night at home. The Chromebooks have a 8-10 hour battery, so coming to school with a full charge is necessary. It is simply not feasible to charge numerous devices during class each day.

Personal Devices

The implementation of school provided Chromebooks brings an end to the academic need for personal devices during the school day. With that, we will be expecting personal devices to be off and out of sight for the duration of the school day. In remaining consistent with our middle school practice, devices will be allowed prior to the first school bell at 7:40 and after the last bell at 2:40. We recognize that personal devices are part of the everyday world that we live in as well as our future, and know the amazing capability that today's technology brings to our life. For young adolescents, it also presents many challenges. Recent research is now showing that middle school aged students are spending an average of 4.5 hours a day on their personal devices. That number increases to 8 hours a day by the high school years. As educators and parents we see how many of our kids are immersed on social media platforms, gaming, mass (sometimes hidden) communications and other varieties of content consumption. For a great many students this creates social-emotional and/or academic challenges during school, in addition to the challenges from an instructional point of view. We are seeking to increase classroom engagement and reduce outside distractions, and we appreciate your support in this transition. If you need to get an urgent message to your child, we will be happy to help in that communication from the office.

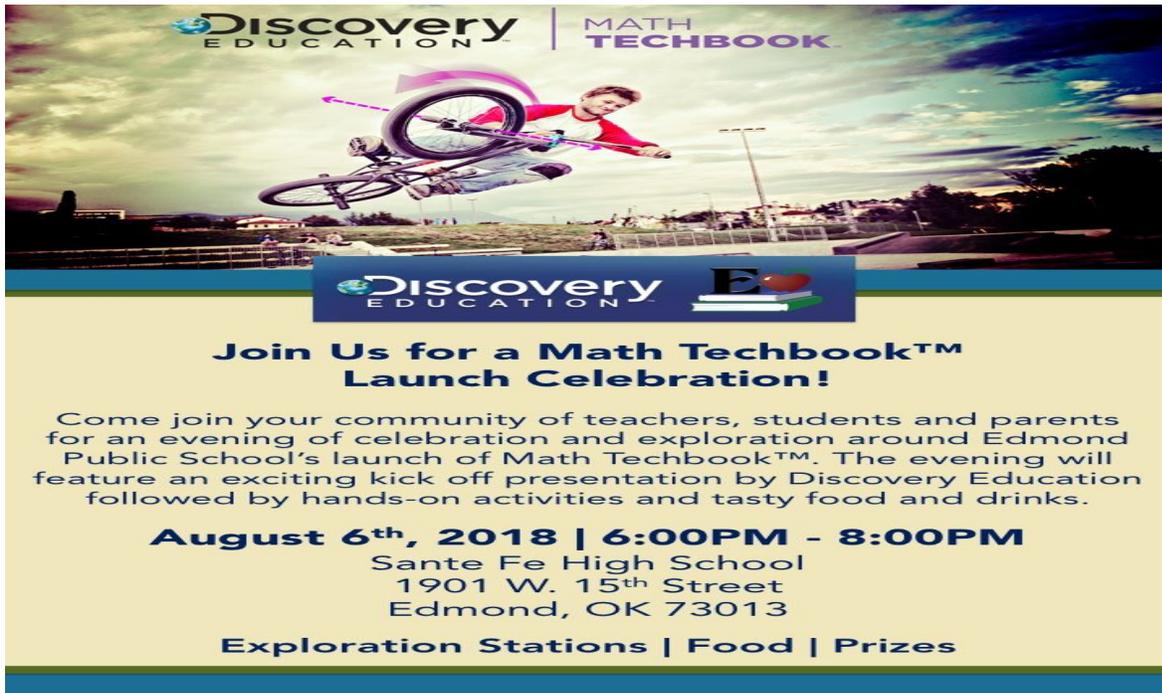
Talk Sports

Softball has already started practicing. Cross Country, Volleyball and Football are all set to go in the next couple of weeks. You can visit our webpage for athletic information <https://heartland.edmondschools.net/> . Before your 7th and 8th grader can participate you

must have a current physical and be fully cleared on RankOne. Please visit <https://edmondschools.rankonesport.com/> to complete the process. If you have any questions, you can contact Wendy Nelson, our Principal's Secretary.

New Math Curriculum

You are invited to a launch event to hear about our new math adoption!

A promotional poster for a Math Techbook launch event. The top half features a photograph of a person in a red shirt performing a bicycle stunt, with the Discovery Education logo and 'MATH TECHBOOK' text. Below the photo is a blue banner with the Discovery Education logo and a book icon. The main text is on a light yellow background, announcing the launch celebration at Sante Fe High School on August 6th, 2018, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event includes exploration stations, food, and prizes.

Discovery EDUCATION | **MATH TECHBOOK**

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Join Us for a Math Techbook™ Launch Celebration!

Come join your community of teachers, students and parents for an evening of celebration and exploration around Edmond Public School's launch of Math Techbook™. The evening will feature an exciting kick off presentation by Discovery Education followed by hands-on activities and tasty food and drinks.

August 6th, 2018 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Sante Fe High School
1901 W. 15th Street
Edmond, OK 73013

Exploration Stations | Food | Prizes

MORNING DROP OFF/AFTERNOON PICKUP

Please take a moment to view our pick up and drop off procedures

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J7uf5-DnWJn3RcVpH95FC57zPBZUiD1r7D9U8HuAUJc/edit>. Please use the south entry for pick up and drop off. The north entrance is reserved for

buses, special needs and visitors. We will also have new signage posted for additional guidance. While we unload and send off nearly 400 car riders everyday, your patience and this process will create a smooth and speedy experience. In the mornings the line is fairly short until 7:30 or so. Around 7:35 it begins to grow and a short wait is to be expected. The first bell rings at 7:40, and first hour begins promptly at 7:50. To avoid the wait, a 7:20-7:30 drop off will rarely be met with a line of cars. We expect longer lines the first week or so, however once the process becomes familiar to our patrons it will smooth out.

EPS EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Please refer to our the letter from Mr. Towne, or Superintendent of Schools, for information regarding school procedures during any potential emergencies.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/emergency/164d768dcd227ee9?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

We do put out frequent information and content on our Facebook page. If that is a media platform that you happen to use please like our page @TheHeartlandMS1.

EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING

Our team of educators and support staff are excited for this year, and know it will be the best year in the history of THE HEARTLAND! See you at SPUD on the 9th.

