

Dear Parents,

September 6, 2021

Ready let out that big sigh of relief! The first few days of school are in the books. On behalf of the staff at HDMS/HS it was so refreshing to see our students back! The sound of laughter, quiet chatter, and little voices filled our hallways, classrooms, and cafeteria. It felt surreal to see crowded hallways as opposed to placid and barren hallways of last year. Peeking into classrooms and hearing conversations about goals, expectations, and life at the school felt comforting. In short, although we experienced a few hiccups, last week felt good!

A Culture Change:

Every so often one is able to revisit history, reflect upon it, and make change. Hall-Dale has been living with the urban legend of not having deadlines. Truth be told, we have always had deadlines but not a way to hold students accountable. As a staff we feel it is imperative that students learn the importance of deadlines. Therefore, we will be instituting a dual reporting system so that deadlines truly matter. We are working out a few details but, in essence, if students do not meet the Habits of Work expectations they will not be eligible for honor roll, athletics and non academic clubs, or privileges. For students who are habitually not meeting the standards they will be “invited” to after school support.

Dropoff and Pick Up:

One hiccup that we will monitor over the next week is the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. I feel like I've been teleported to HDES with the line of cars. My goal is to monitor over the next week or so to see if this is the beginning of the year anomaly or if this is our “new normal”. If the current traffic flow is going to be routine I will be developing a new flow ... at least in the afternoon.

Laptops:

We will begin laptop distribution on Wednesday to the senior class and work our way in reverse chronology. Students will receive a laptop providing that they have turned in ALL of the paperwork that was sent home (including lunch forms). They will also need to provide a check for laptop insurance.

Class of 2024 Fundraiser at Homecoming:

Parents of the Class of 2024, if you are interested in helping with the traditional Homecoming Breakfast Fundraiser (either helping to work mit or donate for it) please contact Joey Gilbert at jqgilbert@seacoastsecurity.com or call on the cell number at 207-242-2811. Once you have indicated support in some manner a meeting will be set up to coordinate the event.

Lunch

A reminder that lunch is provided for free to students this year. Some students still prefer to bring lunch from home. We have one microwave in the cafeteria. If anyone has a spare microwave at home I'd love to be able to provide students with multiple options to cut down on the lines.

The weather afforded us the opportunity to use our new picnic tables outside of the cafeteria. Between my custodial crew and some volunteer teachers they assembled 15 picnic tables. That being said, I could certainly use several more. The middle school lunches are averaging 130 students. If anyone has a spare picnic table they'd like to donate we could certainly use them.

Sports:

Middle School sports begin this week. Practices run after school and end at 3:35 so that students may catch the late bus.

HS sports this week:

Field Hockey: 9/7 v Boothbay @ 4:00; **9/8 @ Mtn Valley Bus departs at 1:45**; 9/10 v Spruce

Boys Soccer: 9/8 v Winthrop; **9/10 @ Carrabec Bus Departs at 1:50**

Girls Soccer: 9/7 v Madison; **9/9 @ Spruce Bus Departs at 2:10**

XC: **9/10 @ Telstar Bus Departs @ 1:45**

Football: Bye week

A Note From Hall-Dale Athletic Boosters

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. HD Boosters is excited about the upcoming school year with our athletes! For those of you who are new to HD, Boosters is an active organization that supports extracurricular athletic activities and recognizes student athletes. Throughout the school year, we host events and raise funds, which are in turn used for our student athletes. Our goal is to support our student athletes visibly as well as recognizing them through awards and community recognition.

We communicate with most members via email and our Facebook page ([Hall-Dale High School Athletic Boosters](#)). Meeting attendance is not mandatory to joining the club. However, if you are a member, this allows you to have voting privileges at the monthly meetings. To become a member, please email Boosters Secretary Andrea Abrell at andreaabrell9@gmail.com so she can add you to our email distribution list. You can attend monthly meetings or just help out on occasion. Any help is greatly appreciated! We recognize family time is precious and we are all spread thin.

One of our biggest events of the year is Homecoming 2021 which will happen on Friday, Oct. 1st and Saturday, Oct. 2nd! We have a lot of exciting events happening and we could use your help. We have a Homecoming planning meeting scheduled for today, Tuesday, Sept 7th at 6:30. Here is the meeting link and all are welcome to attend. [Homecoming 2021 Meeting Link](#)

Our student athletes have endured so much these last 18 months and we are thrilled to be able to continue the many traditions that make Hall-Dale so special!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you!

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I hope that everyone had a fantastic weekend!

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