

August 2023,

Dear Muir Students & Families:

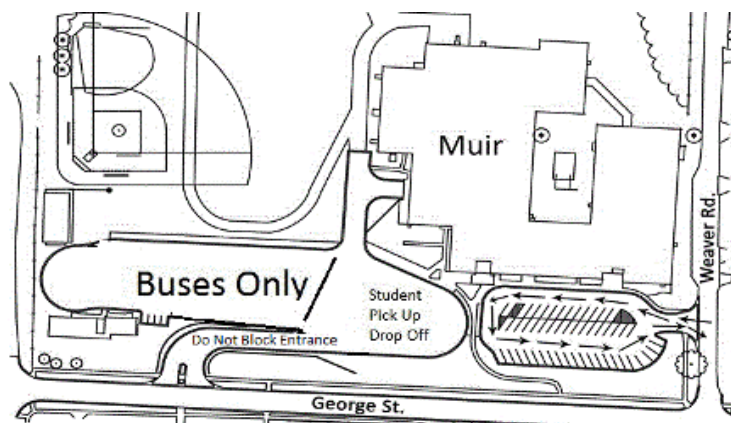
Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! Once again, we are requiring all students and parents to complete the Back-to-School online registration process. Families are encouraged to complete this process at home through [Skyward Family Access](#). ***Please note that it is crucial that you complete/update ALL information including Emergency Contacts for your child. Without identification in Skyward, we cannot release a student to anyone other than those listed as an Emergency Contact. In addition, please make sure your contact information is correct, including up-to-date emails and phone numbers. For those families who are eligible for free/reduced lunch, please complete this year's application ([click here for the form](#)) as this must be renewed each year. Please review the following information as you prepare for the school year:**

- **STUDENT SCHEDULES:** Student schedules will be available on Skyward Family Access beginning Thursday, August 24th, at 4:00pm. These schedules can only be accessed by families who have completed the back-to-school process on Family Access. Please be aware that schedules will not be viewable to families until completion of the Back-to-School process.
- **SKYWARD/FAMILY ACCESS:** Student schedules, locker assignments, and combinations will be available through Skyward. Much of the information you need is located in the “Student Information” section of Family Access. To access Skyward, you will need to have an account. If you do not have a Family Access account, you can get one by emailing familyaccess@hvs.org or by calling (248) 676-2350. Leave your name, student's name, building they attend, e-mail address, and a phone number where you can be reached. Huron Valley Schools will contact you to establish your password. ***Please note that the information you put into Skyward is what we use to contact you, and/or emergency contacts, should we need to speak with you, or provide you important information. Please keep this information up-to-date.**
- **BUILDING VISITS:** Muir Middle School will be open weekdays beginning Monday, August 28th - Thursday, August 31st from 8:00 – 3:00 p.m. You are not required to check in at the Main Office, but students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Students are welcome to visit the school and find their classrooms, test their locker combinations, etc. In observance of Labor Day, Muir Middle School will be closed on Friday, September 1st and Monday, September 4th.
- **6th GRADE ONLY WEB ORIENTATION:** Your 6th grade Welcome Back Orientation will take place at Muir on Thursday, August 31st. 6th grade students should report to the Muir main entrance by 9:00 am, and will need to be picked up by 12:00 pm. Our 8th grade WEB Leaders will be here to help facilitate.
- **IMMUNIZATIONS:** 7th grade students are **now** required to have the following immunizations before entering 7th grade (these additional vaccines were in past years a requirement for 6th grade students):
 - 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox vaccine) or history of the disease by the first day of school
 - TDAP booster at 11 years of age
 - Meningococcal (Meningitis vaccine) at 11 years of age

You must send proof of your immunizations to Muir before the first day of school. Any immunization questions should be directed to our Records Secretary, Mrs. Corey, who will be available beginning Wednesday, August 16th.

Note: Waivers are no longer offered through the school. You must contact Oakland County to obtain a waiver. For more information, go to www.oakgov.com/health or contact Nurse on Call at 1-800-848-5533

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th. The start time for Muir Middle School will be 8:23 a.m. and dismissal time will be 3:01 p.m. Any bussing questions should be addressed to our Transportation Department @ (248) 684-8200. Please note that ½ day release times will be at 11:48 a.m. and early release times will be at 1:30 p.m.
- **PICTURE DAY:** Student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 13th. All ordering information will be sent home with the students before Picture Day. The picture retake day is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 25th.
- **INTRAMURALS:** Intramural activities are available to students throughout the year. They include events such as the Writing Club, Minecraft, Guitar Club, Quiz Bowl, Chess Club, Homework Club, etc. The cost is \$35 and that includes access to all intramurals for the entire school year. If a student is interested in running a specific activity, please have him/her contact our Intramurals Coordinator, Ms. Kelly Curtiss at kelly.curtiss@hvs.org
- **YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks can be purchased online at www.jostens.com. We recommend purchasing early since the price increases later in the school year. Questions can be directed to Ms. Kelly Curtiss at kelly.curtiss@hvs.org
- **PHYSICALS:** All students who want to try out for a sport **must** have a physical dated after April 15, 2023 on file in the main office. **Participation in sports is subject to MHSAA and the State of Michigan approval for middle school athletics.**
- **PARKING LOT:** Muir Middle School has over 650 students and that requires 16+ school buses to transport them on a daily basis.
 - ❖ Follow an orderly counterclockwise pattern in the east and west lots
 - ❖ Do not stop at first set of doors in the east lot (by Media Center) – proceed up to the main doors
 - ❖ Everyday, there will be at least four buses in the west lot that will be dropping off and picking up students in the parent drop-off/pick-up lines, it is your role to yield to the buses and follow the parking signs
 - ❖ Do not block or narrow the entrance/exit by parking along either side of the curb in either lot
 - ❖ Do not drive into the bus only area



I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 5th! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Go Colts!

Stephen Digsby, Principal