

Welcome to Hamilton Junior High School!

## Mr. Luke Nichols, Principal



Hello! I am Mr. Nichols. I am the principal of Hamilton Junior High. We are so glad to have you at Hamilton Junior School. Our campus will still be filled with the same caring, helpful teachers and staff.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me whenever you have questions or problems. We are here to help.

lnichols@hamiltonisd.org (254) 386-4375

~Mr. Luke Nichols

### Mrs. Kristin Summers, Counselor

Howdy HJH parents!

I am thrilled to start my second year with the AWESOME Hamilton JH staff and look forward to working with you and your kiddo!

Please do not hesitate to call or email me whenever you have questions or problems. **We are here to help.** 

ksummers@hamiltonisd.org

(254) 386-8089

~Mrs. Kristin Summers

## Mrs. Molly Wood, HJH Secretary

This is Mrs. Molly Wood. She is our School Secretary! Mrs. Wood is available in the mornings, throughout the day, and after school. She answers phone calls and gets messages to students and teachers. If you need Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Wood will will put you in touch with us.

Please do not hesitate to call or email Molly whenever you have questions or problems. She will take care of your students.

mwood@hamiltonisd.org (254) 386-4376

~Mrs. Molly Wood





### **HJH Teachers and Staff**

Meet our

### **HJH School Motto**

"We are what we repeatedly do. **Excellence**, then, is not an act, but <u>a habit</u>."

~Aristotle

### Hamilton ISD - A Title I District



Hamilton ISD is over 50% Free/Reduced population,so anyone can receive services through Title 1. Because we are a Title 1 School, Title 1 funds are used in conjunction with local funds.

Services Include: Dyslexia, Content Mastery, Tutorials



Parent Involvement is the key to student success.

Parents can be involved through Parent Portal, Teacher Conferences, Meetings, Volunteering opportunities, and special programs.

#### Hamilton Junior High Parent/School Compact

#### As a student, I will be responsible for:

- 1. Attending all classes, daily and on time
- Being prepared for each class with materials/assignments
- Being properly dressed
- 4. Exhibiting respect for people and property
- Conducting myself in a responsible manner
- Refraining from violations of the Student Code of Conduct
- Observing all school rules, including safety rules
- Respecting the rights of others to learn without disruption
- Showing respect and cooperation with all adults at school
- 10. Working hard so I can be a successful learner

#### As a parent, I will be responsible for:

- 1. Getting to know my child's teacher
- 2. Attending conferences on request
- 3. Requiring and signing a report card at the end of six weeks
- 4. Requiring a report card at the end of each six weeks
- 5. Providing a home environment that encourages my child to learn
- 6. Responding to school communications positively and promptly
- 7. Sending a student to school appropriately dressed
- 8. Supporting/respecting teachers' professional abilities and decisions
- 9. Attend school board meetings to learn about district operations
- 10. Exercising your right to review materials, textbooks and other aids and to examine tests that have been given to your child

#### As a teacher, I will be responsible for:

- 1. Helping each student grow to his/her fullest potential
- 2. Providing an environment conducive to learning
- 3. Coming to class prepared to teach
- 4. Supplying clear evaluations of student progress/achievement to both students and parents
- 5. Providing appropriate and meaningful homework
- 6. Scheduling at least one parent conference as needed. Sending home a 3 week progress report to parents for student's with a grade below 70
- 7. Awarding Paw Power points.
- 8. Supporting and respecting parents' role in raising their child.



You have received a copy of these two documents that give more information about our Title I Campus plan. At the end of this meeting, we will be reviewing these documents, and we would welcome any parent interested to join us to help build on our effective parent and family involvement.

#### Hamilton Junior High Parent Involvement Policy

#### Hamilton Junior High is a Title I Campus.

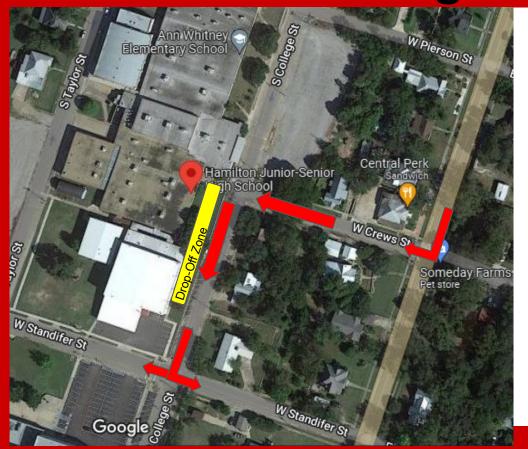
It is the goal of Hamilton Junior High School to develop and strengthen the bonds between home and school. We want our students to be life-long learners and we believe that parents can contribute positively to the accomplishment of our vision for students. We empower our students to excel and believe that parents and community will assist our students and us in reaching this aspiration. We believe that the positive results of effective parent and family involvement persist through our junior high programs.

Our school involves parents in multiple roles at all grade levels. We include many opportunities for parents to become involved, including but not limited to:

- · Volunteers, tutors, mentors
- Members in compus/district site-base council
- Supporting academics through helping with homework
- Family Nights
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Parent Training sessions
- Classroom quest speakers
- Multicultural events
- Field trip chaperones
- Attendance at school celebrations
- Attendance at extracurricular activities
- Parent Portal
- · Meet the Teacher Night
- . HJH Website: hamiltonisd.org
- HJH Facebook/Twitter page

Our classrooms and teachers welcome parents into our school. We will share information about curriculum, assessments, and student progress in a meaningful way to parents/families. We strive to maintain ongoing, two-way communication between school and home.

## Morning Drop Off



6th Grade and Non-Athletics

HJH doors open - 7:30a.m.

Drop off -Along the front of HJH (Marked in Yellow)

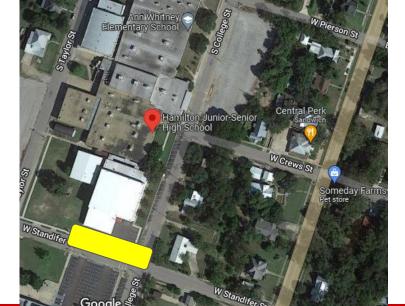
Turn on Crews Street (by Central Perk)

### Morning Drop Off

#### Girls Athletics & Boys Athletics

First Day Drop Off @ 7:30 AM (Times will change throughout the year. See Communication from Coaching Staff.

Girls Athletics





Drop Off Zones

Boys Athletics



## **Morning Routine**

6th graders, and 7/8 graders not in athletics, will report to the cafeteria when they arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:50.

At 7:50, students will leave the cafeteria and report to their first period classroom.



### **Breakfast and Lunch**



Breakfast will be served from **7:30 -7:50 a.m.** for all 6th graders, and 7th/8th graders not in Athletics.

Students will eat breakfast in the cafeteria.



7th/8th Athletics will eat breakfast after 1st period Athletics in the cafeteria. From 8:30 - 8:48 a.m. - Students running late are to be in WIN ON TIME - They may utilize a Grab and Go Breakfast and eat in WIN.

Microwaves will be available this year.

Lunch will be from 12:36 - 1:06.

## **Stay Organized!**

- You will be assigned 2 lockers (one on top; one bottom.
   The top locker number will be printed on your schedule and you will also have the locker directly underneath it.
- Most students use the top locker for academic items, phone, and lunch. The bottom locker is used for PE clothes and coats.
- If you want a combination lock from the school, those are available for you. You may bring your own lock, but the office must have your combination or the key.
- If your teacher requires a binder, be sure to keep it organized with dividers.





### Homework



- Students will have homework at night. Even if there is no assignment to complete, all students should read at least 20 minutes each day.
- Studying for a test is homework!
- All Reading/ELA teachers will require specific reading each six weeks.
  - Our Students are responsible for keeping up with their homework and assignments.

## Because we care about you....

#### Let's ALL Practice Good Hygiene!

- JH students should bathe or shower daily
- JH students should use deodorant daily
- Come to school neat and clean





### **Behavior Expectations**

- Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Kindness is promoted always
- Daily announcements will offer examples of good behaviors.







#### **HJH Promotes Good Character**

Students are nominated each six weeks for the 'Character Award' when staff notice them going out of their way to help others, be kind to new students, being inclusive, showing integrity, honesty, and respect!





## Bullying vs. Conflict



Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived IMBALANCE OF POWER.

The behavior is repeated over time.

**Conflict is:** 

Not liking someone.

A mutual disagreement.

**Exclusion, not intentional.** 

Being bossy.

\*All incidents and reports of physical, verbal, social, or cypberbullying that disrupts the learning environment will be thoroughly investigated and handled promptly by school administration.

### **Dress Code**

A copy of the HJH Dress Code is available online and at the HJH office.

All staff will work to monitor and enforce the dress code.

## First 10/Last 10 RR Policy



Students are given plenty of time between classes to take care of personal needs.

Students may NOT go to the Restroom during the first 10 minutes or last 10 minutes of class time.

NO students should be in the hall during this time period.

### **Parent Portal**

If you have not set up Parent Portal, please contact Mrs. Wood for your code and directions. This is a great way for you to monitor your child's schoolwork.



#### Please sign up for our Hamilton Remind

**Junior High Remind:** 

To: 81010

Text this message @hjhpar

Send a text to 81010 Text this message @hamiltonis

### **Cell Phones & Smart Watches**





#### Turned OFF and out of sight

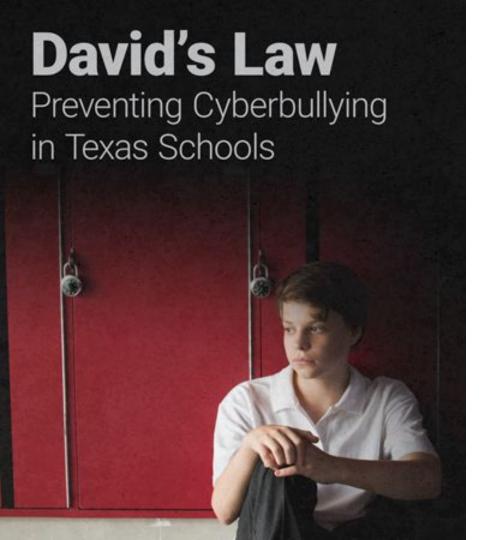
Backpacks/Lockers

Parents may call the office to relay messages.

- Students may use office phone for emergencies

Phones will be placed in office for violation of policy!

- \$15 fee to retrieve
- Per School Policy



Students harassing others online has become more and more of an issue as kids increase their use of phones and social media.

- The school has cyberbullying policies, and will notify parents if their child has been the victim or the aggressor in a cyberbullying incident.
- A school may discipline for a cyberbullying incident (even if it didn't happen at school) if it is impacting a student or the environment at school.
- Schools must develop an anonymous system for bullying and threats.

## STOP It app

Anonymous reporting for Students and Parents Report concerns

- Bullying
- Troubling Student Behavior (suicidal thoughts, threatening ideas or speech, etc.)





### WIN - What I Need

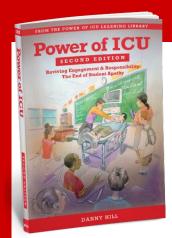
#### Intervention

#### Daily 8:48 - 9:18

- Focus on Intervention for Math, Reading,
  - Science, and Social Studies
- HB 4545 Tutoring Time
- Leadership Instruction
- ALL Students



### Communication through our ICU program



#### ICU - Intensive Care Unit

**ICU** - After school program every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday designed to assist students to complete missing work.

#### How it Works

- Student fails to complete work assigned an ICU.
- Parents will receive a text notification and an email with this information.
- Students assigned to same day ICU will call home to inform parents.
- · ICU continues until work is completed.

### Communicate with the Teacher!



Please call or email the teacher if there are concerns or problems.



To set up a teacher conference contact the individual teacher by email.

### **Registration Packets**

Please complete the Registration Packet

Registration

Forms

- Update
- Phone #'s
- Address
- Who can pick up your child

Please also fill out and turn in a lunch form

### **Attendance**



#### Attendance is SO Important!

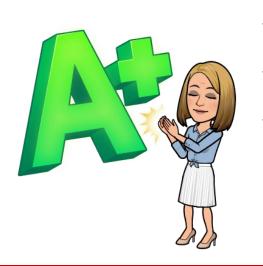
Daily attendance is required by law. (Students must attend 90% of the time to get credit.)

Please help us by keeping your phone number and address current.

Always call the office if absent!

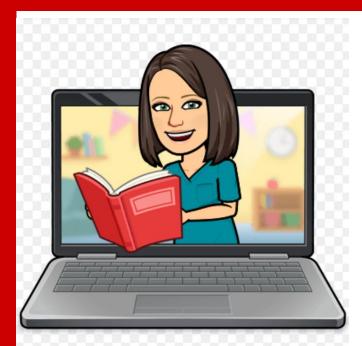
## **Grading**

# Grades will be computed each six weeks:



- ❖ 50% daily work
- ❖ 50% major grades
- Semester exam will count 1/7 of grade.

### Chromebooks



All students at HJH will receive a chromebook and case. Please encourage your child to take care of his/her chromebook. Specific items about chromebooks are in our Student Handbook @

(<a href="www.hamiltonisd.org">www.hamiltonisd.org</a>)

## **Fundraising**



Hamilton Junior High students are requested to help raise funds through chocolate sales or other fundraisers. Money raised through the fundraisers is used to provide "free" field trips for every student.

## Let's Work Together!

We will undoubtedly have concerns, When this happens:

1st - Contact your Child's Teacher

2nd - Contact Campus Administration



Many times our students perceive scenarios in ways they were not intended

- This happens for a variety of reasons
- Working together allows us to teach students how to handle conflict appropriately

Work with Individuals who can help solve the problem as opposed to people who may add to the problem. Ex. Social Media, Facebook, etc.