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August 25, 2020

Dear Member of the Class of 2022:

The days are getting shorter and back-to-school ads abound, which means the end of the summer is near. Hopefully, this summer has been a time for you to relax and reflect, as well as focus on your interests and your high school plans.

I know that you may have many questions regarding the start of school, especially during these atypical times. We have created the HVCHS Return to School website (accessible via the school webpage beginning on Wednesday, August 26) that provides information about a variety of topics; please take some time to review it before the school year begins, and feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Student schedules will be available on OnCourse on the evening of **Thursday, August 27th**. If you have any difficulty accessing your account, or if you are a new student in need of log-in information, please contact [registrar@hvrds.org](mailto:registrar@hvrds.org)

We've created several ways to welcome new students to HVCHS, including small group building tours on August 31 and September 2, and a Freshman/New Student Drive Thru Celebration on September 3. If you are a new student, please contact the main office at 609-737-4003 to register for these events.

The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 9th**. Depending on your cohort, you will either attend school in person or remotely that day. If you are attending in person, please remember: students must wear their student IDs on a lanyard around their neck and have a copy of their schedule with them on the first day of school. Charged chromebooks should also be brought to school on the first day. Please be sure to review the protocols and procedures found in the student handbook and HVCHS Return to School website prior to the first day of school.

Students should use the following building entrances:

- From 7:15 - 8:00 a.m., the bus loop doors and PAC doors will be accessible to students using student ID badges.
- The main entrance is accessible to students from 7:15 - 2:45 p.m. All students must use this entrance in order to enter the building after 8 a.m. There is an ID badge swipe at the main entrance.
- All students are expected to wear a mask, complete the pre-screening questionnaire, and have his/her temperature checked prior to entering the building. Please plan for minor delays as we implement these new procedures.
- Students who arrive late to school should report to the main office via the new main entrance to sign in.

School pictures for 9, 10 and 11 grade students will be taken on **Wednesday, September 9th** through **Friday, September 11th**, and **Monday, September 14th** during wellness classes and study halls. Information to purchase portrait packages can be found in the Virtual Backpack on the HVCHS page of the district website. The money for portrait packages is due on the day that your photo is taken.

Although many classes have specific supply requests that will be shared during the opening days of school, we are also recommending that each student own a set of headphones/ear buds with a built-in microphone. In addition, you will need a backpack or drawstring bag to carry your materials throughout the day, since lockers will not be used this year.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. I am looking forward to working with you this year, and I wish you all

the best for a great junior year!

Sincerely,

Patricia Riley

Principal

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