

Talbott Springs Families,

What a joy it was to see so many students and families today during our Learning Material Pick up and Family Orientations this week! Our students and families give us great energy!! Seeing so many of you reminds me that school is so much more than a building. Although I am looking ahead to the day that we can reunite in person for the learning, I am confident that our virtual time together will be valuable learning and relationship time for each of your children. There may be concerns along the way, but please reach out to Dr. Lewis and me so that we can address the need and work together to find a solution.

Homework for Parents! (1) Complete your child's Family File; (2) Please complete the FARM application and (3) Create a [learning space at home](#) to the best extent possible and (4) assure that your child checks his or her Canvas page starting on Saturday September 5 to see a welcome message from his or her teacher.

There is a great deal of critical information below as we start the 2020-2021 school year on September 8! Please reach out to our staff with your questions and please reach out to assist another family! Have a wonderful weekend! Nancy Thompson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HCPSS Virtual Instruction Supports: Occasionally, students may have issues with Canvas, Google Meet or other learning platforms used by HCPSS. If your child is having difficulty please use the resources below to problem solve.

- [Student Technology Resources](#): Provides guides, resources and videos for HCPSS student technology. Below are some direct links to commonly used resources:
 - [Canvas Orientation](#) - includes how to navigate Canvas
 - [Google Meet](#) - includes a [video overview](#) of how to login
 - [Chromebooks](#) - provides a variety of resources for using an HCPSS Chromebook
- [Password and Username Self-Service](#): Allows families to request a password reset or student's username. New students can use this application to retrieve their account information. This application is also linked off the [hcpss.me](#) website, which also includes user directions.
- [HCPSS Connect Parent Resources](#): Provides HCPSS Connect—including Synergy, Canvas, and Family File—guides and videos for parents.

Student Account Credentials: Parents/guardians with students **new** to HCPSS and whose registration has been finalized are being emailed student account credentials, which will be used to log in to HCPSS computers and applications. If you have a child new to the school system and did not receive the email and/or cannot locate the email in the junk/spam folder of the email account you used during registration. The email comes from a no-reply@hcpss.org address. Alternatively, you can use the [Forgot Password or Username](#) button on the [hcpss.me](#) student landing page to retrieve both your child's username and password. [Account Self Service directions](#) are posted online.

HCPSS Parent and Student Handbook can be found at this [link](#). HCPSS will not be printing individual copies of the Parent Student Handbook this school year.

Recovery of Learning Packets (ROL) Families are welcome to drop off completed ROL packet(s) to TSES. If you plan to drop-off a packet at our school, we ask that you either drop-off the packet to our school and complete the link provided below to ensure your child receives credit for work completed. Families must confirm packet submission by completing this Google form <https://bit.ly/HCPSSROLreturn> ([Links to an external site.](#)) or by calling 410-313-1526 to confirm submission. Families and students needing language support to submit the Google form may call the HCPSS Call Center.

Student Absences during Virtual Learning: Student attendance will be taken during school this fall. Please email tesattendance@hcpss.org so that your child's absence may be coded as excused.

REPEATED YET VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: FAMILY FILE STUDENT EMERGENCY FORMS: Although schools remain virtual through January 2021, TSES must have up-to-date emergency contact information for each student, in the event that our staff need to communicate directly with our families. *Families are to update the Family File information each school year for each child in the family.* <https://tes.hcpss.org/file/hcpss-connect-parent-accesspdf>. Assistance with completion of the Family File is available at this [link](#). Parents who have forgotten their login credentials may click the "Forgot Password" link on the sign-in page. If you need additional assistance, please fill out the [Connect Help Form](#). In addition, once you press submit, you will be given a choice to fill out a FARM application. Please complete the FARM application if you think that you might qualify.

Free and Reduced Meals Program: The coronavirus pandemic is causing a lot of hardship for many of our friends and neighbors. Many HCPSS families have been impacted financially by the pandemic, and may be eligible now to receive benefits through the Free and Reduced Price Meals (FARMs) program. Qualifying families can take advantage of a wide range of additional resources and discounts, including testing fees, tuition, internet and more. <https://www.hcpss.org/food-services/farms/>

The following is a brief overview of the 2020-2021 School Year. More information will be provided during the Family Orientation events on September 4 and during the Back to School Night events on September 25.

- K-5 Students begin on September 8, 2020; Pre-K students begin on September 10, 2020
- STUDENTS LOG INTO THEIR MORNING CLASS at 9:00. Grades K, 2 and 4 log into their Math class. Grades 1, 3 and 5 log into their ELA class.
- [Elementary School Student Day is from 9:00-3:50. Please use this link to access student schedules.](#) There are some similarities across the day for each grade level and there are some differences. Please note that the PK schedule is different from each of the other grade levels.
- Teacher Assignments, LexiaCore and Dreambox will be completed during asynchronous learning times. The amount of LexiaCore and Dreambox time is greatly reduced from the spring 2020.

Student School Supply Lists: HCPSS has shared [this list of school supplies](#) for all elementary school students. If you need support with providing these supplies, please contact our School Counselor, Mrs. Sansone at lauren_sansone@hcpss.org.

OMHS Food Pantry: As you go shopping this weekend, please consider buying a few extra of the following: canned veggies (we have very few!); jelly/jam; pasta sauce; diapers and wipes. Please bring your donations to the OMHS Food Pantry at OMHS on Wednesday, September 9 from 3-5pm, in drive-through fashion, similar to the materials collection/distribution events that have been happening at schools around the county.

There is also an [online donation option](#) if you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry. The OMHS Food Pantry will have its grand reopening on Wednesday, September 30 from 3-5pm.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 8, 2020	First Day of School for Students in Grades K through 5 Family Orientation for Pre-Kindergarten Students 10:30-11:15
September 10, 2020	First Day of School for Pre-Kindergarten
September 17, 2020	TSES PTA Meeting at 7:00

September 24, 2020 Back to School Night
September 28, 2020 School Closed