



SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Huntington Pre-K-8

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Greetings Huntington Pre-K-8 Families,

On behalf of the Huntington Pre-K-8 family, welcome to the 2021-2022 academic year! Our staff members have been enthusiastically working to prepare for the return of our scholars for full in-person learning. Our first day of school will be **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**. The health, safety, and well-being of our scholars, staff, and families is important to us, and we are committed to providing the best learning environment for your child's success. The following information is to remind students and families of the expectations and changes that are in place for this academic year.

- **COVID Guidelines:** The New York State Department of Health has recommended that school district's and local health departments follow the recent Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance regarding the reopening of school. This guidance suggests, in part, that all individuals wear masks indoors, maintain three feet of physical distance when possible, and continue with temperature checks and testing of staff and students.
- All students will have their temperatures taken before they enter the building.
- School hours for **elementary school students:** 9:00am-3:00pm (doors will open at 8:40am)
- School hours for **middle school students:** 8:15am-3:00pm (doors will open at 7:55am)
- Students are expected to be on-time and in school every day.

Arrival and dismissal procedures have been updated from the previous academic year, so please note updated guidance (*please see additional information on the "Huntington Pre-K-8 Arrival/Dismissal Map" enclosure*).

Arrival Procedures:

- Parents/guardians will NOT be allowed entry in the building. Staff will greet your child and escort them to their classrooms.
- All students and families are expected to wear masks on school grounds at all times. This includes outside when dropping off or picking up.
- All students will have their temperature taken before entering the building.
- **Student Drop-Off:** To minimize congestion during arrival, parents/guardians are asked to not pick-up students in the area directly in front of Huntington on Sunnycrest Road if driving. We ask that this space be used as a pass-through zone only. Kindly unload in the outer areas of Sunnycrest Road or park on Forest Hill Drive to walk your child to the flagpole area for drop-off (please see the enclosed map).

Dismissal Procedures:

- Parents/guardians will NOT be allowed entry in the building. Staff will escort students to the building exit.
- Pre-K students may be picked up at the pool door.
- If you care coming to pick-up your child, please meet your child in the area near the flagpole.
- All other grade level students will be escorted and dismissed through the front entrance.
- **Student Pick-Up:** To minimize congestion during dismissal, parents/guardians are asked to not pick-up students in the area directly in front of Huntington on Sunnycrest Road if driving. We ask that this space be used as a pass-through zone only. Kindly load in the outer areas of Sunnycrest Road or park on Forest Hill Drive and walk to the front area near the flagpole to pick up your child (please see the enclosed map).
- Students who ride the bus will be escorted to their buses by their teachers.

Staff members are working tirelessly to make sure that they are meeting the needs of students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the main office at 315-435-4565. In this time of continual change, we thank you in advance for your patience and support. We are eagerly awaiting the return of our scholars to the building, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Dupree".

Alison Dupree
Principal

SCHOOL-WIDE AREAS OF FOCUS

Culturally Relevant Education

Personalized Learning

AVID—Advancement Via Individual Determination

PAX

Restorative Practices

TOUR OF HUNTINGTON

Students and families are invited to **tour the newly renovated Huntington on Tuesday, September 7th. Tour times will be 2:00pm-3:00pm and 4:30pm-5:30pm.** This will be a time to tour the building to see our newly renovated learning space. Families will be able to engage with teachers during our family Open House on September 23rd, 5:00pm-7:00pm.

OPEN HOUSE

Please save the date for Huntington's Open House on Thursday, September 23rd, 5:00pm-7:00pm. This will be a chance to meet your child's teachers and receive information on classroom expectations, grading policies, important dates, etc.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

- All students are expected to wear a mask upon entering a school bus and the school building. Wearing a mask is mandatory throughout the school day and must be worn by all students at all times.
- Please adhere to the following guidelines concerning dress:
 - Clothing must be appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
 - Garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, plunging necklines (front and/or back), and see-through garments are not appropriate and should not be worn in school.
 - The length of dresses, skirts, and shorts must be a minimum of half the distance between the fingertips and the top of the knee when the student's hand is fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
 - Items that are vulgar, obscene, or offensive on matters of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability are not permitted.
 - Clothing should not display, endorse, or suggest the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
 - Clothing should not display, endorse, or suggest association with a gang/cult.

- Please place pants at waist level to ensure that undergarments are not exposed.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed (e.g., dragging laces, high heels, slippers).
- The wearing of hats or scarves/bandanas except for a medical or religious purpose is not allowed.
- Outdoor clothing (e.g., hats, gloves, coats, etc.) are to be placed in lockers prior to the start of the school day (locker distribution will depend on Health and Safety Guidelines as it relates to COVID-19).
- Coats, backpacks (including drawstring backpacks) are not permitted to be worn during the school day. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

STUDENT SUPPLY LIST 2021-2022

Please see the enclosed student supply list for each grade level. Please feel free to drop-off supplies prior to the opening school during our evening of **Tour of Huntington**.

Huntington Pre-K-8 Arrival/Dismissal Map



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS: 9:00am-3:00pm, doors open at 8:40am

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS: 8:15am-3:00pm, doors open at 7:55am



NO PARKING AND NO DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE

Please use this area as a pass-through zone only. Please use the outer areas of Sunnycrest Road or Forest Hill Drive to drop-off/pick-up your child. If necessary, please use Forest Hill Drive to park if you would like to walk with your child to and from the building (*the area near the flagpole*).



LOADING AND UNLOADING

Parents/guardians please use the outer areas of Sunnycrest Road or Forest Hill Drive to drop-off/pick-up your child. If necessary, please use Forest Hill Drive to park if you would like to walk with your child to and from the building (*the area near the flagpole*).



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

Drop-off zones for Pre-K or Kindergarten only. Please only enter the driveway to drop-off/pick-up if your child is in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten. Kindly use this area to load and unload only. Please do not park in this area.

FLAGPOLE

If you are walking to drop-off/pick-up your child during arrival and dismissal, please drop-off/pick-up your child in the area near the flagpole.