

Good evening, Hereford Families! I can't believe that school starts next week! Today, we had a great first day with teachers, and the Hereford team is so excited to welcome your student next Monday. This year, our start time (7:45 AM), dismissal time (2:30 PM) and bell schedule have all remained the same. Below you will find some important information for you and your student as we look forward to next week.

Bell Schedule

Use the link below to access our bell schedule for this school year.

https://herefordhs.bcps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3705599/File/Parents/Bell_Schedule_2022-2023.pdf

Student Arrival/Departure

Buses will drop students off at the auditorium entrance. All bus riding students are expected to wait in the auditorium until 7:30 AM when they are dismissed to go to their lockers and Homeroom.

Parents who drive their students to school should drive around the back of the building and drop their student off at the cafeteria entrance under the Science Building bridge. Please stay to the right side of the driveway, as cars may pass you on the left side while you are dropping off your student. I would recommend that your student sit on the passenger side of the car so they can quickly exit the car without opening their door into passing traffic.

Students who are driving to school must have a parking permit and park in their assigned numbered parking spot in their assigned lot. Their hangtag must be visible in their vehicle at all times. If they have any questions, they should email Mr. Arrington (tarrington@bcps.org). Students driving around the back of the building to get to the Lower Lot should drive in the left lane when going under the Science Building bridge.

School Website

We are continuing to update and revamp our website (<https://herefordhs.bcps.org/home>). If you click the "Parents" link at the top of the page, you will find a variety of resources including the bell schedule, attendance procedures, student planner information, and administrator/counselor assignments.

Grading Policy

At the link below you will find a copy of our school's grading policy which is aligned to the BCPS Grading and Reporting Manual. This same document will also be located in your student's courses in Schoology for their reference as well.

[2022-23 HHS Grading Policy](#)

Cell Phone/Headphone Use

This year we will have a renewed focus on minimizing distractions for students in the classroom. Please read the letter below regarding cellphone/headphone use during the school day.

[2022-23 HHS Cell Phone Letter](#)

Upcoming Events – Save the Date

Early Entry Day

-Early Entry Day is scheduled for August 25 from 7:30-11:30 AM. This half-day event is designed to be a sneak-peak for our 9th grade students. Students will engage in team building activities, learn more about HHS, and get a feel for what it's like to be in high school. Bus transportation is provided to and from the school for the day; as the event draws closer, we will provide more information about bus routes.

Bull Night

-Bull Night is the second half of our freshman orientation day. This event will occur on August 25, from 6-8 PM. Bull Night is designed to introduce some of the school staff and the school building to our freshman students and their parents/guardians. Families will have the opportunity to walk the halls to find their classes, try out their locker, and get out any high school jitters. Also, PE uniforms and Hereford Spirit Gear will be for sale at this event (cash or check only).

***Non-freshman students are who new to the building this year are welcome to attend this event. If you are a non-freshman new student who is planning on attending, please contact Ms. Book (ebook@bcps.org) to RSVP.*

Back to School Night

-After a couple years of virtual Back to School Nights, we are so pleased to be hosting an in-person Back to School Night this year! Back to School Night will be on **September 1 from 6-8 PM**. This evening is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to meet your student's teachers and hear about the great things they will be learning this year.

My Neighbor's Foundation – Graul's Market Gives Back Community Day

-Graul's Market is again partnering with the My Neighbor's Foundation for another Graul's Market Gives Back Community Day. The event will take place on Saturday, September 10, and they will donate a percentage of their sales that day to the My Neighbor's Foundation. Additionally, that day from 11 AM-2 PM there will be a Lunchtime Cookout at Graul's Market. All proceeds from the cookout will go directly to the My Neighbor's Foundation. Thank you for supporting the My Neighbor's Foundation, who in turn supports the students in our community.