

Happy Friday Hacker Families and Friends!

Today wraps up our first week of school and I hope that your students have come home feeling as good about this week as we do! We have spent the week working on getting all students acclimated, back into the school routine and, more importantly taking time to get to know them. Next week we will begin to delve more into the academic side of school. Below are a couple of notes / reminders as we move forward:

Student Drop Off and Pick Up – if you don't read anything else, please read this

Please remember that if you are dropping off or picking up your student from school you do so on Jackson Street on the school side of the road. Please do not use the bus drop off zones (N. 4th E and E. 2nd N) or the parking lot between Hacker and Bennett Mountain High School. While it may seem trivial, in doing so, we are better able to keep our students safe by minimizing crossing the street while also keeping the bus lanes open. We have had way too many close calls this week!

Please also remember, students should not arrive prior to 7:30am. Staff is not on site to provide for their safety.

Parent / Guardian ID Check

As a reminder, our school continues to use access control to ensure student safety. What this means for you and your student is that during school hours all exterior doors will be locked, including the front door, limiting access to the building. To gain entry, you will need to press the call button to the left of our front door ***and*** present a photo ID to the camera before being allowed in the building. To aid the flow of traffic, the front door will be unlocked in the morning prior to student entry into the building (beginning at 7:30a.m.) and after students have been dismissed for the day (until 4:00p.m.). This procedure has been implemented to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff.

Canvas

As students begin to have more academic work, Canvas, our learning management system, will become more important. Not only is Canvas the program students use to access and complete assignments when working online, it also has a parent portal side that allows you to see your student's assignments, due dates and grades. Information on how to create your parent account can be found here (you will need to scroll down a little):

<https://sites.google.com/mtnhomesd.org/mhsdcanvas/home>.

School Pictures

We've had a few inquiries so I thought I would share earlier than planned. Hacker Middle School's picture day is Tuesday, October 12th! Picture packets will be sent home closer to the actual picture day with information. Dorian will be our photographers and they offer an easy online purchase option that will be explained on the packet.

It has been a great start and we look forward to it continuing throughout the year. A key component of this will be the partnerships formed between parents and the school – together we can support students to do their best!

Have a great weekend!

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