

Hancock Central School District

The Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Our Vision: Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

Core Beliefs:

- **Our mindset:** We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- **Collaboration:** We work better together, always.
- **Innovation:** We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- **Integrity:** We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- **Learning environment:** Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- **Student centered:** We put students first.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We realize as the new school year begins, many parents like to walk their child(ren) to their classrooms. This is often part of first-day of school traditions, which we recognize and welcome. However, following the first week of school, parents or guardians will be expected to drop their child(ren) off at the front entrances of our elementary and high school buildings at 8:00 AM. Please do not drop-off or pick students up from the second floor of the high school building, as this interferes with unloading students from their busses.

Dropping children off at the front entrance of the school assists in reducing the number of people entering and exiting the buildings, which greatly increases the safety and security of our schools. It also allows children to practice independence. Furthermore, dropping children off at the front entrance minimizes the distractions in your child(ren)'s classrooms. The beginning of the school day is always a busy time for children and teachers; their full attention needs to be focused on getting the day off to a good start. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school or email the teacher to set up an appointment to meet in advance.

Dismissal for Hancock Elementary School walkers and students being picked up is 2:30 PM. *Designated visitor parking is located in the side lot closest to the playground, or in the overflow of the faculty/staff lot.* Cars are prohibited in the bus lane/fire lane including around the inside of the traffic circle. Please enter the front vestibule to sign your student out. You must have photo ID ready to present upon sign out. Staff are required to verify the identification of any adult picking up a student (even if we see you every day). All children picked up will be called to the lobby.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the Hancock HS/MS Office at 637- 1305 or Hancock Elementary Office at 637-1219. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Julie Bergman
PreK-12 Principal

Jackie Beamer
Director of Pupil Personnel