

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.

September, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

As we welcome back students this September, much thought and consideration has been given to the provision of meals for, and transportation of our students. In the Hancock Wildcat Restoration Plan, posted on the district web page, there are several protocols and procedures detailing specific information pertaining to meal provision and transportation (see copies enclosed). The protocols and procedures are designed specifically to address the needs of our families and students during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

During the 2021-2022 school year, all students, regardless of income, are eligible for one free breakfast and one free lunch per day. Snacks and additional servings will be at an additional expense. Families are encouraged to pre-pay via cash, check or online via My School Bucks at www.myschoolbucks.com. A form will be used to order meals and keep track of meal counts.

The school day begins no earlier than 7:50 AM. Parents, guardians and caretakers are being asked not to wait with their child(ren) at arrival time. Whenever possible, HCS is encouraging self-transportation to and from school to minimize the number of students on any bus and to encourage social distancing. Families will be surveyed to better understand the transportation needs of students by indicating if bussing is needed or if parents and students will be self-transporting. All transportation protocols and procedures have been written with social distancing and the use of face coverings as precautions for all persons to follow to ensure the safety of everyone. These safety measures include not only bussers but walkers and those who are transported to and from school each day.

Providing meals and the transportation of students are critical elements to the overall operation of our school program. Moreover, the health, safety, and welfare of our HCS students, faculty, parents, guardians, and caregivers is of the utmost importance. We are confident that we have taken every safety precaution to reopen our schools safely so our students can learn, play, and grow. Together we will learn how to safely return to school during this time of transition. We look forward to school reopening. Until then, stay well and take care of one another and yourselves.

For transportation questions, please contact Jodi Newman at 607-637-5322. For food service questions, please contact Jo-Anne Smith at 607-637-1320.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Jackie Beamer
Director of Pupil Personnel