



Freshman Parent Meeting

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*Zoom Meeting
May 14th, 2020*

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Welcome and Introductions

- Mary Henneman, PTO President
- Bill Walsh, Principal
- Meg DeDobbeleare, Student Speaker

Department Presentations

- Jessica Hurt, Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction
- Ryan Maita, Assistant Principal, Operations
- Jennifer Regnier, Director of Guidance
- Sally Phillip, Activities Director
- Dan Jones, Athletic Director
- Closing – Bill Walsh
- Deans - Kimm Dever, Director of Deans

Q&A to Follow

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- **Subscribe to the PTO e-blast** at hcpto.org/subscribe/
- **Join the PTO** and purchase your online directory
 - Purchase the membership through PushCoin. Add the PTO to your webstore cart, when paying your D86 School registration fees
 - Beginning in August, click on the ‘Join the PTO’ link on the website
- **Get Involved!**
 - With the **PTO**:
 - **Join a committee**: Go to hcpto.org/volunteer-form/ or click on the **Get Involved** tab of the PTO website to sign up for PTO committees
 - **Attend a meeting**: See the calendar at hcpto.org
 - With the **Boosters**:
 - **Website**: theboosters.com
 - **Spiritwear Sales**: May 16th and June 1st
Contact Michelle at mbfischer74@gmail.com
 - **Music Parents Association**: hchsmusic.com
 - **Drama Parents Association**: Hinsdaledrama.com



Bill Walsh, Principal



A Special Note from Principal Walsh

I apologize for the technology limitations we encountered with Zoom today. We did run the presentation a second time at 3:45, I am sorry if you were not able to connect for either presentation. We did not record the presentation because we did not have authorization to record names and faces of people who participated. I have attached the agenda and names of the presenters. If you have a question on one of these school matters, the listed individual will surely help you.

Welcome

- It's a pleasure to speak to you today. We know this transition is important. At HCHS, we do everything we can to teach your student to be successful.
- You will hear from a number of people on the Building Leadership Team in a moment. They will share what services are offered and how best to reach them.

School Website: D86.Hinsdale86.org



Jessica Hurt, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction



Welcome

- Welcome to Hinsdale Central!
- It's nice to see all of the faces of the incoming parents.

Role of the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction

Helps students to achieve academic success by supervising academics, curriculum, and instruction. Oversees all areas related to academics, including master schedule, curriculum guide, sender school articulation, testing and graduation

- ***School Website: D86.Hinsdale86.org***



Ryan Maita, Assistant Principal for Operations



Welcome to the Red Devil Family

Registration

- **Process:** You should have received a link from D86 on Thursday, May 13th. Follow that link to start the process. Note that incoming freshmen who have already registered for classes are considered returning students.
- **Residency:** We use a 3rd party verification process, so most people will not need to provide any additional information for residency verification. You will be contacted by email if additional information is needed.
- **Fee payment:** Fee payment will occur in July. You will pay registration fees, any lab fees, and will have the opportunity to purchase yearbooks, PTO memberships, directories, Boosters memberships, and other items through the Webstore. We typically allow people to do this in-person, but this will not be likely this summer.
- **Student Schedules:** Class schedules, teacher assignments, bus assignments, and locker assignments will be available mid-July in Home Access Center (HAC) once fees are paid. See link for HAC tutorial:
<https://d86.hinsdale86.org/domain/134>
- **Books:** MBS virtual bookstore will be open in July. Student schedules will automatically be loaded into MBS and book requirements will be pre-populated. Books can be purchased from any bookseller. You are not obligated to buy from MBS.

Technology

- We are a 1-1 Environment, so every student will receive a chromebook.
- Freshmen will receive chromebooks during freshmen orientation. If for some reason, campus is closed for the start of school, we will schedule a drive-by pickup of chromebooks.



Jennifer Regnier, Director of Guidance



Welcome

- Welcome to Hinsdale Central!
- We have a small class of incoming freshmen, approximately 600 students this year.

Role of Guidance and Social Work

We have 12 counselors, 6 social workers, a registrar (helps with upcoming registration), and assistant registrar, and 2 administrative assistances.

- **Counseling:** Provide academic, career, and post-secondary planning services for students. The services vary by year. Counselors focus more on academics with freshmen and more on post-secondary planning with juniors and seniors. Each counselor has about 220 students. Freshmen will find out counselor assignments in late June.
- **Social Work and Student support teams** – Student support teams (composed of counselors, social workers, and deans) meet to help students with academic, social, and emotional support. We work together to problem-solve and help students. Please reach out if your student is struggling either academically or socially/emotionally. We want to partner with you to make experience a success.
- ***Our focus freshmen year is building strong relationships, starting out strong academically, getting involved***



**Sally Phillip,
Activity Director**



Welcome

- Welcome to Hinsdale Central!
- We encourage your student to get involved with a club, sport, or other Hinsdale Central activity. We have found that students who are involved their freshman year tend to have more rewarding experiences at Central.

Overview of Activities

We have nearly 100 clubs at Hinsdale Central. There is something for everyone: service, spirit, competitive, professional, music, etc.

- We will host an activities fair during the second week of school in PE. Students can get information and sign up for clubs then.
- Clubs are open all year. Try something, and if it doesn't work out, try something else.
- We have a number of competitive clubs. Tryouts will be announced in the fall.

Peer Leaders

Each freshman is assigned a peer leader. Peer leaders will reach out to freshmen over the summer, and

freshmen will meet with peer leaders during freshmen orientation. It's a great way to get connected with an upper classman. They will answer questions freshmen have throughout the year.



**Dan Jones,
Athletic Director**



Welcome to Hinsdale Central!

Overview of Athletics

- We have 31 Athletic sports and more than 100 teams
- As much as possible, we try to make most freshman sports no-cut, which means we often have A and B teams at the freshman level.
- All athletes need a physical. For freshmen, the freshmen physical can be used for the sports physical.

Summer Camps and Fall Season

- Coaches typically get to know freshmen at summer camps. As of now, summer camps are officially postponed. We might end up expanding our tryouts or offering more open gyms, so athletes have more exposure to coaches. We are governed by the IHSA.
- First day of fall sports is August 10th. As of now, fall sports are on as scheduled.

Website: il.8to18.com/hinsdalecentral



Kimm Deever, Director of Deans



Welcome and Overview

- Welcome to Hinsdale Central!
- There are three deans assigned to the student body. Deans are assigned based on guidance counselor. Deans manage attendance, discipline, and help with academic success

Key Announcements

- **Student Planners:** All students will receive a student planner Review the student planner d86.hinsdale86.org/domain/134
- **Attendance and Absences:** Attendance procedure is different than what most parents experience at middle school. We need you to call when your student is absent. Not all parent call-ins are excused absences. Unexcused absences include vacation, getting a drivers' license, oversleeping, etc. Note that students are allowed to make up work for an unexcused absence if a parent calls out their student.
- **Bus Dropoff and Pickup in the Fall:** Since the current bus dropoff is a construction area, we will have a new traffic pattern for pickup and dropoff. Buses will be using the front door. This will increase the congestion significantly. We recommend parents allow their student to walk (if possible) or ride the bus.
- **Medications:** Students are allowed to Can carry epi-pens and inhalers. All other medications , including OTC medications such as Tylenol and Advil should be brought to the nurse's office.
- **Student Success Center:** We offer a student success center for students returning from medical leave and for students needing academic assistance.



Bill Walsh, Principal Closing Remarks



Looking Forward

The first day of school is August 12th.

Freshmen orientation will be in the morning, and upperclassmen will join in the afternoon.

Guiding Principals for How We Return to School

A committee is looking at how we might return to school. Several factors are being considered.

- **Health-Related**
 - *Vulnerabilities: 30% of staff and some students are at risk (age/pre-existing conditions) – will need to protect*
 - *Maintain social distancing (implications for lunch, PE, passing periods)*
 - *PPE availability*
 - *Cleaning / Disinfecting*
- Consistency/predictability
- Instructional
 - Instruction time
 - Face-to-face vs remote
 - Challenges for large classes
- **Transportation**
- **Technology-Related (required for curriculum)**
- Social/Emotional Considerations
- Practical Considerations
 - Lunches and breaks
 - Siblings/childcare
- Attendance concerns
- Positive case concerns
- Reversibility (From Remote-to normal, from normal to remote)
- Establishing relationships