



# Hudson Jr. High School Guidance Newsletter

Grade 7&8

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## Attendance

If your child misses school, you must send in a written note within 3 days **OR** you must phone the attendance clerk the day your child is absent. Please remember the school attendance policy: 5 days absent a letter will be sent home. At 10 days absent a letter will be sent and the safety officer will visit your home. A district *PINS* petition and/or a CPS contact may be made at day 15. 16 days absent may prevent advancement to the next grade level.

**Student Withdrawals:** If you are planning on moving, please come into the Guidance Office to fill out a withdrawal form. Transferring to a new school will be easier if you let us know where you are going. Also, sometimes students leave items or awards here at HMS and we would like to forward those things to your new address.

**Emergency Contact Forms:** Emergency forms were sent home with students earlier this year. It is very important to the school to have this information available for every student in case we need to contact you. Please return the completed forms as soon as possible. If you need another form, please call.

## Homework, Homework, Homework!!!!

**If your child is out sick** for a day or more, you can request the homework for that night by calling 828-4132 ext.8308 by 10:30 am. Requested homework is available in the Guidance Office after 2:45 pm.

**Set aside a time for homework.** Students should do their homework in a quiet place without the distractions of television or a radio. It is usually helpful for this to become a ritual - same time, same place every

**Check Agenda Book.** All students are given Agenda Books. These are useful for keeping track of homework, and for keeping in touch with your child's teachers. This system can help you know how your child is doing in school.

### **Make your expectations clear.**

Your child should know that you consider school to be important and you expect your child to succeed. This should be said to your child. There are also ways of showing this, such as checking report cards, calling your child's teachers, using the agenda book to communicate with the school.

### **Parent Connect**

- Keep updated on your child's progress

### **It's Easy to Get Connected!**

- Log onto the district website.
- Click the link for Parent Connect
- In 48 hours come to the Guidance Office to receive your password
- Check your child's grades and attendance DAILY online!

**Staffings:** If your child is having difficulty in school, please call us to arrange a staffing. We will gather all of the teachers involved in your child's education to problem solve and help develop a plan for success. These meetings are generally held after school at 2:45pm. The focus is on how parents and the educational team at HJS can work together to help your child succeed. Generally, an earlier meeting with your child's teachers can help them stay on track for the year.

**Counseling Services:** Counseling services are available at HMS. We counsel students in individual as well as group sessions and work with a variety of outside agencies including: Columbia County Mental Health, The Reach Center, and the Mental Health Association. Students are counseled on a variety of issues such as academic difficulty, social skills improvement, student conflicts and other issues which affect their academic performance. If something is going on in your child's life, please make us aware of the situation and we can work together to help your child cope with the stressors which are affecting their educational progress.

**Talk about future plans.** Talk to your child about his or her plans for the future. It is never too early to begin thinking about college or vocational school. Many children who have goals such as college or vocational training do well in the earlier grades because of that plan. Also, please

remember that students are learning valuable study skills and habits in middle school, which will help them to be more successful in high school. It is much harder for a student who is not used to doing homework and studying for tests to begin to do so in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Practice makes it easier!!!

**Parent Connect**  
**The easy way to**  
**monitor your child's**  
**progress!**

## **70's Rule Groups Beginning Again!!**

We are planning on beginning the academic support groups for students again this year. We will schedule students for groups so we can help them organize their materials, assignments and plan for academic success. Students who are receiving grades below 70%, are attending school less than 70% of the time or who are struggling with academic skills may be assigned to a group in order to help them succeed. The earlier we can turn the habits into more positive actions the better your child will be prepared for educational success.