

Good evening Hamburg School community. These are items of interest for the week of August 30, 2021.

First Day : The first day of school is this Thursday, September 2nd, 2021.

First Bell : Classes begin at 8:23AM. Students must check in with their homeroom teacher before the first bell rings. Students arriving to class after the first bell are tardy.

Morning Arrival : Hamburg School will open to students at 7:55AM this school year. Parents may drop their children off in the arrival lane near the middle school entrance, near the stairs by the “Old Building,” or in the bus lane on Linwood Ave. Beginning at 7:55AM, school staff will be outside the school building to assist students to their designated doorways.

Dismissal : With the exception of our youngest learners (PreK & Kindergarten), students will dismiss at 3:00PM. The Fire Lane / Drop-off Area will close to vehicular traffic at 2:00. Pedestrians should use the sidewalk to move toward the building, not the hill near the middle school.

Arrival / Dismissal Plan : For more information regarding arrival and dismissal, including emergency plans, please view the [linked document](#).

Meals : Hamburg School will offer lunch and breakfast to students at no cost to families. Breakfast is served from 7:45 to 8:00 in the cafeteria. Students may bring their own lunch and snacks (PreK-1st Grade). As a courtesy to others, please send nut-free meals and snacks until students are familiar with our dining procedures.

Homerooms & Schedules : Students should receive their class assignments and schedules (Grades 5-8) in the mail early this week. If you have not received your child’s letter by Wednesday evening, please contact the main office by September 1st.

Nurse’s Note : Preschool, Kindergarten and 6th Grade students must be compliant with all mandated vaccines. Preschool and Kindergarten students also require a physical exam. Documentation must be given to the Health Office by Thursday. **Students without updated health records** in these three grades **will not be able to begin school.**

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Lockers : Students in 4th Grade and older will be issued a lock and locker to secure their belongings. To allow for social distancing, students will have limited access to their lockers during the school day and/or visit their lockers in smaller groups. Locks and locker assignments will be issued by Sept. 10th.

Cross Country : The Hamburg Cross Country team is back and looking for runners in grades 5th through 8th! To sign up, students must have a yearly physical and complete all necessary forms before our first practice on September 13th. At dismissal, come see Mrs. Hoover or Ms. Blauvelt by the main exit to sign up, get paperwork, or ask questions! Come run with us!

Travel Guidance : Schools are still expected to follow the [CDC's travel recommendations](#). Staff and students traveling outside neighboring states will need to stay home for up to 10 days upon return. This is supported by our County Department of Health.

Masks : [Executive Order 251](#) mandates staff, students and visitors to wear appropriate face-coverings inside school buildings across New Jersey. Like last school year, there are very few exceptions. Classroom teachers will exercise mask breaks as needed. View this [document](#) for more information on effective face coverings.

For additional information regarding any of these topics or events, please check the school's website and Digital Backpack. Have a great week!