

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

THE HOUGHTON WEBSITE

<http://www.hpts.us>

FACEBOOK: Houghton Middle School

FOR DAILY HOMEWORK WEBSITE INFORMATION:

- Go to: <http://www.hpts.us>
- Click on Middle School Link
- Scroll down to HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS (middle of the page) and click on the title. Assignments are usually updated by noon.
- A calendar will appear. Click on the date and grade you'd like to view.

POWERSCHOOL-Grades, Attendance and Lunch Balances

Create a parent access account on PowerSchool. You may choose to log in and view this information or subscribe to a variety of email reports. If you have issues with PowerSchool please call the middle school office. If your child is a returning student, parent access account information will be the same as before and you will not need to set up an account.

PLEASE NOTE - Change of Information for the Listserv, Bus Delays and School Delays:

If you are new to the district or subscribing for the first time, please follow the directions below as they have changed. If you have previously subscribe to any of the following lists, your information was migrated at the time of the change.

LISTSERV: To subscribe to the middle school listserve send an email to msparents+subscribe@hpts.us. You will receive an automated reply. Reply to the message or click on the "Join this Group" link in the body of the automated message to confirm your subscription.

BUS DELAYS: To receive messages via text letting you know of any bus delays go to www.remind.com. Create an account and password and select "I'm a parent." You will be prompted to select a class. The class name is "busnot." Continue by entering your cell# and hit enter. You should receive a message on your phone with a confirmation code. Enter that code on the website and choose parent as your role. You have now completed the request.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS OR DELAYS: To receive messages via text, send a text to [\(906\) 934-6014](tel:9069346014) and type @hpts in the message area. After sending your first text, you will be asked to reply with your name to confirm. Standard text message rates may apply and you can opt-out of messages anytime by replying with 'unsubscribe@hpts' in the message area. This is a one-way text messaging system.

ATTENDANCE LINE: 906-482-0450; Option 2 for Middle School; Options 1 for the attendance line or Option 2 for the office. Please remember to call the attendance line (available 24/7) when your student(s) will be absent, leaving early or coming in late. If you make a same day appointment or need to pick up your student immediately, please call the office directly. We check the attendance line regularly between 8:00-10:00 and at 12:30. Please remind your student to sign in and out of the office.

Have questions about busing? Call Lamers at 906-482-4866. *This phone line will be available on August 31st.*

Have questions about the school lunch and breakfast program? Call Shelby Turnquist at 906-482-0450, option 5 or reach her by email at sturnquist@hpts.us. If you will be submitting an application for free and reduced meals, please be aware only one form is needed for your family, even if you have children attending in more than one building. Families who were eligible last year are reminded that the application must be filled out every school year to remain eligible.

Have questions about athletics? Contact our athletic director, Bruce Horsch, at 906-482-0450, option 6. Please be aware your child must have a current sports physical form on file to be able to participate. This includes practices. A physical is considered current if it was completed on or after April 15 of the previous school year.