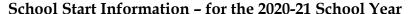
## **Dakota Hills Middle School**





Below are some important August/September dates to know for the start of the 2020-21 school year at Dakota Hills

Monday, August 31st. Student schedules are turned on and viewable/printable from home on Campus (no lockers!)

Tuesday, September 1st: 7th and 8th Grade New Family Orientation (only for 7th and 8th grade families new to Dakota Hills) 2:00 to 3:00 PM

• Support Staff Welcome, Site Tour, Student Schedules, School Orientation

Tuesday, September 1st: Virtual Back-to-School Day (for families that need tech or Campus Parent Portal assistance) 3:00 to 7:00 PM

- In-Person assistance for families that need help with Campus, course schedules, Campus Parent Portal
- Lunch account deposits handled online via PayPAMS
- Extra-curricular activity payments via Campus Parent Portal MyPaymentsPlus
- This is <u>not</u> a time when the school will be available for walking around: media center help only

For those needing technical assistance or to establish a Campus Portal account, you may come to DHMS between 3 and 7 PM (Media Center) to get tech help. All back-to-school forms or tasks can be completed via Campus Portal or downloaded from our website. Incoming 6th grade students can print their schedules on August 31st, or they will receive their schedules at the 6th grade student/parent orientation events on September 8th, 9th, or 10th (by alphabet, see below).

Informational forms at: dhms.district196.org (go to "Academics" on the top menu, then "Back-to-School Resources")

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>: 7th Grade Virtual Parent Events (for 7th grade students with one parent, see time frames below)

Two sessions facilitated by FLEX Advisors: one session from 11 AM to Noon, a second session from 5-6 PM

- 7th grade parents and students are invited to attend an online zoom session with their FLEX advisor
- Two zoom sessions will be staged: on at 11 AM and another at 5 PM on September 2nd.
- FLEX Advisory teachers will send out zoom links to their FLEX groups students and parents
- Items covered will include Schoology resources, A-B-C Group sessions and access, and conferencing information

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>: 8th Grade Virtual Parent Events (for 8th grade students with one parent, see time frames below)

Two sessions facilitated by FLEX Advisors: one session from 11 AM to Noon, a second session from 5-6 PM

- 8th grade parents and students are invited to attend an online zoom session with their FLEX advisor
- Two zoom sessions will be staged: on at 11 AM and another at 5 PM on September 3rd.
- FLEX Advisory teachers will send out zoom links to their FLEX groups students and parents
- Items covered will include Schoology resources, A-B-C Group sessions and access, and conferencing information

September 8th thru 10th: 6th Grade Orientations, in groups (see below for dates and times, alphabetically by student last name)

- 12:30 to 2:30 PM, plus walk-around time PM for students with one parent (busing provided)...
- 6th grade students should attend with one parent only (this will help limit group size)
- All students should bring a copy of their student course schedule (printable via your Campus account)
- All students should bring their iPads with them to this event (Schoology information and use will be covered)
- Students that receive bus transport, along with one parent will have a bus option to and from this event. Buses will arrive around Noon at your designated stop to bring students (with one parent) to school: return busses will leave DHMS at about 2:25 PM. (District 196 Transportation will mail out your regular bus stop information)
- The parent (with your 6th grader) can drive to school for this event, if desired

## 6th Grade Orientation Schedule:

- Tuesday, September 8th: Students last name A G
- Wednesday, September 9th: Students last name H O
- Thursday, September 10th: Students last name P Z

## **Session Information:**

- Students with a parent go to the FLEX advisor classroom at 12:30 PM: FLEX Advisors will facilitate sessions to cover a welcome, Schoology information, student schedule information, classroom locations, a school site tour, and DHMS hybrid information.
- Lunch is <u>not</u> provided at this event
- Students whose parent cannot attend should still come to school as we want to get important welcome and school start information to students. In particular, DHMS Schoology information will be very important.

Monday, September 14th: First Day of School (Hybrid Group A in school, Group B at home: Green Day on student schedules)