



HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent, Guardians and Families,

We hope that you have been enjoying this amazing autumn season we have had so far. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Below are some updates that will keep you updated about all that is happening this time of year at Heritage Middle School and in the NECSD.

Question: Are Parent/Teacher Conferences being scheduled for this school year?

Answer: Heritage will be holding P/T Conferences on Wednesday November 25, 2020 from 7:00-10:30 AM and Wednesday December 2, 2020 from 4:30-8:00 PM via Google Meets.

Question: How do I sign up for a Parent/Teacher conference?

Answer: Your child's Grade Level Team of teachers and Related Arts teachers will provide access to a signugnexus link. This information will also be made available on the Heritage Middle School district webpage. There you will be able to select a date/time for your meeting.

Question: My child's teacher said they didn't turn in an assignment but when I look in the Google classroom, it says it was submitted. Why is the teacher saying that and how can I double check?

Answer: Go into your child's Google classroom under Classwork and you can see assignments that were submitted. You can open up the assignment. If it is blank then it was submitted but not completed.

Question: When I go into the Parent Portal and look at my child's attendance, it isn't accurate. What do I do?

Answer: Attendance in the system takes 24-48 hours to be updated so don't panic! If it is still incorrect after that make sure to the classroom teacher.

Question: I want my child to be able to come back to school 2 days a week OR I want my child to remain at home 100% virtual. How do I make a change?

Answer: The district is currently not accepting changes. However, if there is a concern or issue, please contact your child's Grade Level Administrator via email or phone call.

Question: When will I receive my child's report card?

Answer: The end of the first marking period is Friday 11/13/20. Report cards will be put into the mail on Friday 11/20/20. You should receive the report card within a week.

Question: What if my child is failing?

Answer: Take time to have a Parent/Teacher Conference. Students will NOT be socially promoted this year. Students are required to be in class and pass courses in order to move onto the next grade level.

SPIRIT WEEK AT HERITAGE is November 16-20, 2020: Dress up whether you are home or at school!

Monday 11/16 Crazy Socks Day

Tuesday 11/17 Favorite Team Jersey Day

Wednesday 11/18 Pajama Day

Thursday 11/19 Dress Like an Older Version of Yourself

Friday 11/20 Goldback Pride Day Wear your blue and gold

Here is information that the NECSD would like to share with you: The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has developed a [Parent Dashboard](#) to increase transparency and make information about school performance and other school-level data easier for parents and the public to access. The Parent Dashboard is part of [New York's Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) plan](#), which emphasizes equity in education for all students and expands measures of school accountability and student success. This new dashboard will provide parents with information about their child's school. The Parent Dashboard is now available in addition to the New York State School Report Card on NYSED's [public data site](#). The Parent Dashboard offers information on all public schools including charter schools.

In 2019, NYSED gathered feedback from parents and stakeholders to guide the work of developing the Parent Dashboard. The data elements that parents ranked highest on the survey are available on the Parent Dashboard.

NYSED is now gathering additional feedback from parents and stakeholders to guide further enhancements to the Parent Dashboard. We invite parents and other stakeholders to explore the Parent Dashboard and then provide feedback via an [online feedback survey](#) available in 17 languages. NYSED will use this feedback to identify the data that is most useful to parents and the public and to make improvements to the website.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit the [Parent Dashboard](#), which includes frequently asked questions and contact information. Thank you for your feedback and for your continued commitment to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Brunger

