

HERITAGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Dear Heritage Families,

The end of the summer is almost upon us. We, here at Heritage, are busy getting ready to welcome our students back on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. As the new principal at Heritage, I am excited to meet you and your scholar in the fall! I have been an educator for 22 years and have served as an administrator at all levels K-12. Prior to arriving at Heritage I was a K-8 principal. This is my 7th year in the Newburgh district. Please welcome Ms. Marcie Heywood as the Grade 6 Assistant Principal and Ms. Jessica Layne as the Grade 7 Assistant Principal. We are pleased that Dr. Larry Woods will continue as our Grade 8 Assistant Principal.

Here, at Heritage, we know that middle school students are capable of learning and achieving at high levels. It is our goal to serve our students with academic excellence, developmental responsiveness and social equity in a safe and healthy school environment.

Students begin arriving at HMS at 7:00 AM and must be in Homeroom by 7:15 AM. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM daily. You can look at grade level supply lists on line. There are many supplies that can be purchased ahead of time regardless of the team your scholar will be assigned to. We encourage you to buy those general supplies prior to the first day of school. Schedules will be sent out in late August. In addition, we will have copies available here on the first day of school for students.

We have received many parent phone calls about the honors program, which will continue in grades 7 & 8. Grade 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in accelerated classes. Criteria for these grade 6 courses are pending per finalization from the district. Students must meet the district criteria which includes: overall GPA, NYS ELA & Math results, final exam scores, current reading level and teacher recommendation. In addition, once participating in the honors courses, students must maintain an 85 average. Failure to do so will result in removal from this program. Guidance counselors will not return until the end of August to complete student schedules. Please note that high expectations are set for all students regardless of the label of honors. However, if you would like me, the principal, to review a request for your scholar to be considered for honors programs, you can email me at lbrunger@necsd.net or call the office at 563-3750.

Take time to visit the NECSD website at www.newburghschools.org. There you can find the FACE Forward eNewsletter. You can sign up on-line to receive this newsletter via your email. This newsletter connects you to various activities and programs available in the school district and community. In addition, school supply lists, upcoming events, latest news and parent quick links are located here. In addition, there is a two question survey about internet access from home that the district would like our input on.

A priority for me, as the principal, is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students. High levels of academic achievement and personal growth happen when our students and adults feel safe in the school environment. We want students to find the joy of life-long learning and to become well prepared in grades 6, 7 and 8 for high school, college and/or careers. Potential is "having the capacity to become or develop into something in the future." When we believe in the potential of **each** of our students, we send the message that each student is a leader of tomorrow and excellence will be achieved by all!

Thank you, in advance, for joining us in your scholar's education.

Most Sincerely,

Lynnette Brunger

HONOR AND VALOR MORAL INTEGRITY SCHOLARLY PRIDE

**HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017**

Dad Bring Your Child to School	Friday, September 30 th
Open House	Thursday, October 6 th 6:30PM – 8:30PM
Veteran’s Day Breakfast	Thursday, November 10 th 8:30AM – 10AM
Parent Teacher Conferences	Tuesday, November 22 nd 4:30PM – 8PM Wednesday, November 23 rd 7:30AM – 11AM
Winter/Holiday Concert Choral/Strings	Tuesday, December 6 th 7PM – 9PM <i>Wednesday, December 7th (Snow Date)</i>
Winter/Holiday Concert Band/Jazz	Wednesday, December 14 th 7PM – 9PM <i>Thursday, December 15th (Snow Date)</i>
Literacy Escape	Wednesday, February 8 th 7:30AM – 10AM
Valentines Dance	Friday, February 10 th 6PM – 9PM
Science Fair	TBD
March Madness (School Spirit)	March 1 st – March 17 th
6 th Grade Open House	Wednesday, March 1 st 7PM – 9PM <i>Tuesday, March 7th (Snow Date)</i>
NECSD Day 2 nd Annual District Event	Friday, April 7 th (During School Day)
Spring Parent Teacher Conferences	TBD
Spring Instrumental Concert Jazz/Band	Wednesday, May 3 rd 7PM – 9PM
Spring Choral and String Concert	Monday, May 8 th 7PM – 9PM
Honor Society Induction	Wednesday, May 17 th 7PM – 9PM
Heritage 5K	Saturday, May 20 th (Time- TBD)
8 th Grade Recognition Ceremony NFA Main Campus	Tuesday, June 20 th 6PM – 8PM