

TIGER UPDATE

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Back-to-School Edition

Dear Parents and Guardians:

A few years ago, Staples ran a commercial with the theme, *they're going baaaaack!* The commercial, set to the song *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, showed jubilant parents and their reluctant children shopping for school supplies in anticipation of going back to school. Though the reasons change, the excitement of the start of a new school year still returns every August. For students, it's the opportunity to be reunited with friends, meet their new teachers ... possibly wear their new back-to-school clothes. For parents it's the return to a consistent schedule/routine and the comfort of knowing that, for the next nine months, you won't have to struggle to motivate the unmotivated or hear frequent declarations of boredom. For teachers and administrators it is the excitement of a fresh start, new classes of students, and the renewed hope that you will once again make a difference in the lives of the students who will come before you.

The 2017-2018 school year promises to be a year of unprecedented change as we gradually move forward with our vision of transforming the way we deliver instruction. Our mission has always been to prepare our students for success after graduation. In order to equip them with the tools they will need to experience success along their chosen career path, we must change the way we deliver instruction in order for our students to be "future ready". Exciting initiatives involving Chromebooks and the Google platform (G-Suite) are being implemented in many of our district classrooms. Education continues to evolve as we strive to engage our students, meet their individual learning needs, and prepare them for success in a global society.

The new school year will begin for all students on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Our teachers, administrators and staff have been working hard to prepare for another enriching school year. We urge you to get involved in your child's education by attending scheduled orientations, open houses, Meet-the-Teacher nights, parent advisory/PTO meetings, extra-curricular activities, performances, and other district events. Take full advantage of all that our district has to offer.

Hollidaysburg Area School District has a long established tradition of academic excellence. It is our goal to continue that tradition by meeting the needs of all students and providing them with a quality education that will prepare them for success in whatever career path they choose to pursue.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Gildea, D.Ed.
Superintendent

BUILDING INFORMATION

Building Times

	Report At	Tardy At	Dismissal At
SH	7:21	7:31	2:41
JH	7:32	7:38	2:50
FOT	8:50	9:00	3:30
FKS	8:50	9:00	3:30
CWL	8:50	9:00	3:30

Marking Periods

1st Marking Period October 26
 2nd Marking Period January 16
 3rd Marking Period March 22
 4th Marking Period May 31
 Report cards are sent via Secure Document Delivery to the email address you have in School Messenger for General Messages. Report cards are sent a few days after the marking period ends. Any days lost due to inclement weather will change the scheduled end of the marking period dates.

The Hollidaysburg Area School District complies with the rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and rights contained in the District Record Policy, which is available at the District Office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Aug. 21, 22 and 23	No School for Students.....	Act 80 Teacher in-service
Aug. 24.....		1st Student Day
Sept. 4	No School for Students	Holiday
Oct. 6.....	No School for Students.....	2 hr. early dismissal
Oct. 27	No School for Students	Teacher in-service
Nov. 10.....	No School for Students	Holiday
Nov. 21.....	No School for Students PM	Conferences
Nov. 22, 23, 24 and Nov. 27 inclusive.....	No School for Students	Holiday
Dec. 21	No School for Students PM	Teacher PM in-service
Dec. 22 to Jan 1 inclusive	No School for Students	Holiday
Jan. 15	No School for Students	Holiday
Feb. 16 to 19 inclusive	No School for Students	Holiday
March 29.....	No School for Students	Teacher in-service
March 30 to April 2 inclusive.....	No School for Students	Holiday
May 25	No School for Students PM	Teacher in-service
May 28	No School for Students	Holiday
May 31	No School for Students PM	Teacher PM in-service
May 31.....		Last Student Day
June 1.....		Teacher in-service

Note: Any days lost due to inclement weather will be made up as follows:

February 16, March 29, April 2, June 1, June 4, June 5, June 6, June 7, June 8

BUILDING CONTACTS

BUILDING	TELEPHONE	BLDG. PRINCIPAL	BLDG. COUNSELOR
Foot of Ten	695-1941	Brian Keagy	Christina Straub
Frankstown	695-4961	Frank Filkosky	Perk Oettinger
C. W. Longer	695-4431	Timothy Gildea	Allison Herbaugh
Junior High	695-4426	Edward Barton	Katelynn Parks, 7th Tina Peters, 8th Veronica Sell, 9th
Senior High	695-4416	Maureen Letcher	Kimberly Hutsky, 10th Hully Hoover, 11th David Herncane, 12th
HASD Cyber Academy	695-4426	Justin Arthur	

The Hollidaysburg Area School District is an Equal Opportunity Education institution and will not discriminate in employment or the provision of programs and services to students based on race, color, gender, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap/disability as required by Title VI, IX, and Section 504. For more information regarding civil rights grievance procedures, and Title VI and Title IX, contact Dwight Straesser, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Human Resources at 814-695-5585. For issues pertaining to handicapped provisions and facilities that are accessible, contact Philip Smith, Coordinator for Section 504 and Director of Physical Plant at 814-696-9185. The human resources office is located at the HASD Administration Building, 405 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The physical plant office is located at HASD Junior High School, 1000 Hewitt Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

CHILD FIND - Screening to identify students who may require special programs and services is ongoing and includes teacher observation, group tests, individual tests, state assessments, vision and hearing screening, speech and language screening, review of cumulative files, large and fine muscle screening, and support and monitoring by the child study team. All information is confidential and is available only to school staff working with a child and to his/her parents. More information on any aspect of special services is available from building principals or the office of the Special Education Director, Mrs. Laura Koehle, at 695-5659.

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY (IDEIA) - The Hollidaysburg Area School District offers programs to students in need of support for a variety of emotional and academic concerns. Parents who believe their child needs special services should call the building principal at the school their child would attend or the office of the Special Education Director.

CHAPTER 15- ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS – In compliance with state and federal law, the Hollidaysburg Area School District will provide to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student’s abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for “protected handicapped students” are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs. For further information on the evaluation procedures and provisions of services to protected handicapped students, contact Robin Blair, School Psychologist, at 693-7908.

GIFTED EDUCATION (CHAPTER 16) - The district has programs to meet the educational needs of identified gifted students who require gifted education. Educational programming could include acceleration, enrichment, or both, as appropriate according to each child’s intellectual and academic abilities and needs.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS - Your child’s records include all the information kept or used by the school officials that relate directly to your child. This information includes basic physical information, attendance and tests, and achievement scores. The records also include special education information such as Evaluation Reports, psychological testing, IEPs and NOREPs, and other assessments. Law mandates that your child’s records be kept confidential by school officials. Records generally cannot be released to anyone outside the school system without your consent or the consent of a student if over 18 years of age. Please contact school officials if you would like to review your child’s records.

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS (IDEIA) & NOTICE OF PARENTS RIGHTS (GIFTED EDUCATION) - State and federal laws outline your rights and the safeguards to be followed in providing a free appropriate public education. School officials must give you written notice whenever they want to evaluate or re-evaluate your child or whenever they want to make any significant changes in your child’s IEP/GIEP or placement. School officials must provide you with written notice when they refuse to do something you have asked them to do. These notices explain your rights, including your right to utilize the Dispute Resolution System when there is a disagreement between the school district and parent. The notice also lists agencies from which you may be able to get help or services for your child. School districts are required to educate students in need of special education with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

EL SCREENING - Students are screened if English is indicated as a secondary language. Please contact Dr. Francine Endler, ESL Coordinator, at 695-5584.

ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Hollidaysburg Area School District provides an extensive program of standardized assessment. Group tests are also administered to secondary students for career and diagnostic math and reading. PA state assessment in English Language Arts and math are administered in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, with Science in grades 4 and 8. The Keystone Exams in Algebra I, Biology, and Literature are administered to secondary students. Other tests are administered to individual students only when professional staff need special diagnostic or achievement information. A list of the district's Assessment Options, which is updated yearly, is available and you may request a copy of the list by calling 695-5584.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The HASD encourages and invites you to become partners with us in your child's education. You will be invited to attend school activities, meetings, and conferences. There are opportunities for parents, grandparents, and community members to volunteer in the schools.



The junior and senior high schools have established Parent Advisory Committees. The JH Parent Advisory Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM in the JH library. The SH Parent Advisory Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM in the conference room at the senior high school.

All elementary schools have active Parent-Teacher Organizations.

HEALTH SERVICES

Three certified school nurses and three health room assistants provide health services among the five district schools and three nonpublic schools. In the event that a child becomes ill when a nurse is not available, school officials may find it necessary to contact parents to pick up your child. We ask your cooperation in such instances.

It is also important that the nurse be aware of any health problems that a student may have or special accommodations that need to be made. Please contact the building nurse to notify her of such problems or to make arrangements for any medications which must be administered during the school day.

CONCUSSIONS

Concussions can have a major impact on students in the school setting. If your child is diagnosed with a concussion, please contact the school nurse in the appropriate building. The school nurse can help coordinate necessary program changes for your child as he/she recovers. If you have any questions about concussions, please refer to www.cdc.gov/concussions.

School nurses and the buildings they cover are:

Julie Bowser, Dept. Chair	Senior High, St. Patrick's, Hollidaysburg Catholic and Penn Mont
Wendy Lieb	Junior High and C. W. Longer
Susan Swope	Frankstown and Foot of Ten
Susan Nori	Health Room Assistant at C. W. Longer
Christine Snyder	Health Room Assistant at Foot of Ten
Mary Haenig	Health Room Assistant (Float Nurse)
Warunee Stiffler	Health Room Assistant (Float Nurse)



CAREER CONFERENCES

Students in grades 8 and 10, along with their parents, are invited to the school in the spring of the year to meet with a guidance counselor to plan for the child's future. Results of interest inventories, academic records, and test results are some of the items used in the discussion and planning process. Helpful resource information will also be available at this time.

ALTERNATE READING ASSIGNMENTS

The Hollidaysburg Area School District recognizes that the content of certain literature selections might be objectionable to some individuals. In the event that a child receives a reading assignment which parents find objectionable, the classroom teacher should be contacted. If appropriate, the teacher may provide an alternative reading assignment. As in the past, parents have the option of reviewing course materials. Parents should contact the building principal to review course materials. Inquiries can also be made to Dr. Francine Endler, Director of Curriculum.

INSURANCE FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

All students in grades 7-12 who participate in sports, including cheerleaders, majorettes, and band members, will be covered by accident insurance at no cost to parents. This insurance policy is a secondary benefit plan with parent coverage as a primary plan.

Should your child sustain an injury during practice or competition, he or she is required to report it to the coach and/or athletic trainer immediately. If your child participates in sports, cheerleading, or band and incurs an injury that is not related to these activities, this insurance coverage will not pertain. As in the past, the district will also offer optional accident insurance, for purchase by parents, to all students. Information concerning this coverage may be found on the district website under "News & More".

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

Students entering the 7th grade are required to have a standard HASD gym uniform. These uniforms may be purchased at several area merchants. The same uniform is acceptable grades 7 through 12. Senior high students beginning 10th grade are required to take a swimming class. Students must provide their own swimsuits. There is not a standard swimsuit that all students wear. Girl's swimsuits must be of a one piece design to properly cover the body. Slits up the side, open areas on various areas of the suit, and suits that are low-cut at the bodice or high cut in the legs are not acceptable. Boy's swimsuits should be modest. Cut-offs or shorts are not acceptable.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Proper behavior of students on a school bus is important to the safety of everyone. *Improper behavior will result in suspension of a student's bus privileges.* The district uses video cameras on buses that record audio and video to help maintain safety, but there is nothing more effective than parents encouraging their children to follow common sense rules of good behavior and safety. The district seeks parent support in helping us to maintain safety on school buses.

The district operates a full day kindergarten. Kindergarten students will ride the same bus as elementary students in the AM and PM. HASD requires that a parent or adult guardian be present at the bus stop when a kindergarten student is dropped off. As in the past, the district will review requests for changes in bus stops for special child care arrangements. Such requests can be considered only if a child care provider, or babysitter, is located in the same elementary attendance area as your child, the requested stop is on an existing bus route, and there is space on the bus.

Fullington Autobus Company is the district's transportation contractor, located at 240 Patchway Road, Duncansville and managed by Linda Hodge. Questions or concerns regarding late buses or driver job performance should be directed to Fullington Autobus at 693-7630. Questions regarding babysitter accommodations, bus assignments, or stop locations should be directed to Linda Conway, Transportation Secretary at 695-5585. Discipline matters should be directed to the building principal. Questions regarding change in bus routes should be directed to Dwight Straesser, HASD Transportation Director at 695-5585. Please visit our website for additional transportation info at www.tigerwires.com (click on "Transportation"). HASD bus numbers are in white and are on the bus window.

The following is a partial list of transportation safety tips for students:

1. Always look both ways before crossing a road when getting on or getting off a bus.
2. After getting off the bus, move away without delay and make sure that your driver sees you. Go directly home.
3. Stay out of the danger zone – the area outside of the bus where the driver can't see you (directly in front of and behind the bus.)
4. In the winter, do not stand on a snow bank near a bus stop.
5. Always remain in your seat, facing forward.
6. Use the bus handrail when getting on and off.
7. Never put any part of your body outside a bus window.
8. Do not wear headphones when traveling to your bus stop or when waiting at the stop. You need to be aware of traffic sounds.
9. Parents – make sure your students know your emergency contact phone numbers; have a plan for early dismissals, have a plan if your child gets home and is locked out.
10. Parent or adult guardian needs to be at the bus stop for kindergarten students.

ATTENDANCE AT THE GREATER ALTOONA CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

All vocational technical students must report to class on days that the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center(GACTC) has scheduled classes when classes are not scheduled for HASD*. Bus transportation from Hollidaysburg Area Senior/Junior High School to GACTC and back will be provided for AM students at 7:45 AM. Students must arrange for transportation to the senior high school by 7:35 AM, and to the junior high school by 7:40 AM Buses will be available for transportation to and from the GACTC.

***NOTE:** Policy is outlined in the student handbook covering this type of situation as well as when HASD is in session and the GACTC is not.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Throughout the year the need may arise for the use of a community agency which could provide families with specific support services. Listed below are several available agencies. A more detailed list can be obtained from Dr. Francine Endler at the Administration Building. Questions regarding services should be directed to these agencies.

AGENCY	PHONE	AGENCY	PHONE	AGENCY	PHONE
UPMC Behavioral Health Services (Crisis)	889-2141 or 800-540-4690	UPMC Behavior Health Services	946-2279	American Rescue Workers	695-0762
Blair County Children & Youth	693-3130	Cove Forge Behavior Health Care	800-873-2131	Blair Senior Services	946-1235
Childline Abuse Hotline	800-932-0313	Catholic Charities	944-9388	Amtran	944-4074
Blair Co. Community Action Agency	946-3651	Pyramid Healthcare	888-694-9996	Food for Families St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen	944-6302
Blair Co. Mental Health & Disability Services	693-3023	Home Nursing Agency Behavioral Health Services	943-0414	Dept. of Public Welfare	946-7111
Hollidaysburg Area High School Student Assistance Program	695-4416	Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries Counseling Services	696-4500	Empower3 Center for Health (free clinic)	889-6111
Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School Student Assistance Program	695-4426	Family Services of Blair Co. (Main Office)	944-3583	Teen Link Connection	941-8336
C. W. Longer Elementary Student Assistance Program	695-4431	Family Services of Blair Co. (Sexual Assault/Domestic Abuse Shelter)	944-3585	Women's Health	889-2012
Foot of Ten Elementary Student Assistance Program	695-1941	State Health Clinic of Blair Co.	946-7300	PA Careerlink of Blair County	940-6200
Frankstown Elementary Student Assistance Program	695-4961	Family Emergency Shelter	949-3778	Teen Shelter	941-0975
		Blair Co. Drug & Alcohol Partnerships	381-0921		

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Please join us daily for breakfast and lunch in the school cafeteria! Our meals are planned to appeal to our students and provide variety while meeting the nutrition standards established by the National School Lunch Program. We are proud to offer fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low fat dairy choices. We make daily efforts to address the Nutritional needs of our students and look forward to serving you!

2017-2018 Meal Prices

\$1.10 Elementary Breakfast	\$0.50 Milk	\$1.20 Secondary Breakfast
\$2.25 Elementary Lunch		\$2.50 Secondary Lunch

Students from households that meet income guidelines or receive SNAP or TANF are eligible and should apply for FREE or REDUCED priced meals. The application is available on-line at www.compass.state.pa.us and on the school district website at www.tigerwires.com throughout the school year. Mail the completed application to: HASD Senior High School, Food Service Dept., 1510 N. Montgomery St., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. All information is confidential. If you have any questions concerning school meals or the meal application, please contact the Food Service Office at 695-7537.

Dedicated to supporting the educational mission of the HASD, the Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation has awarded more than \$497,000 in grants to the district and its teachers for innovative programs, artist-in-residence, special activities, clubs and more since its inception.

It is through the generosity of local businesses, school district employees, alumni, community members and other organizations that the HASD Foundation has been able to provide these resources to enhance the district's educational program. For additional information or to make a contribution to the Foundation, please call Jodie Albarano at 696-4454 Ext. #1130, or write to:

HASD Foundation
405 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg PA 16648
The HASD Foundation is a non-profit, 501(C) 3 organization.

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2017-2018 Season Ticket Prices

All Sports Passes-Season Passes

Student (Grades 1-6)	\$20
(Must be accompanied by an adult)	
Student (Grades 7-12)	\$25
Adult	\$60

Varsity Football- Season Reserved Seat Tickets

\$30 per reserved seat (5 home games @ \$6 per ticket)

Individual Sports Passes

Football	\$30
Volleyball	\$25
Boys' Soccer	\$25
Girls' Soccer	\$20
Boys' Basketball	\$28
Girls' Basketball	\$28
Wrestling	\$20
Swimming	\$28

Individual Ticket Prices

Varsity Football

Adult - \$5 / Student - \$3 in advance, \$5 at gate

JV Football

Adult - \$4 Student - \$3

All other senior high sports

Adult - \$5 Student - \$3

All junior high sports

Adult - \$3 Student - \$2



DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

The Dual Enrollment program provides an opportunity for a smooth and successful transition to college by offering the students in some classes the opportunity to be exposed to college work while still in high school. After successfully completing the course work and exams prepared in cooperation with the university, the student will receive college credits and a grade recorded on a regular college transcript. Costs incurred are the responsibility of the student. We currently have cooperative programs with the University of Pittsburgh, Saint Francis University and Mount Aloysius College.

INFINITE CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Hollidaysburg Area School District will use the Infinite Campus Student Information System this school year. With this system, parents and students can view grades, assignment details, homework and attendance online 24 hours a day. It allows parents to access contact information to make communication with teachers.

Log-in information is the same as last year. If you forget your login and password, you can use the auto-retrieval system.

Parents can request changes to their home phone number, cell phone numbers, work numbers, and also update, remove, or add non-household emergency contacts via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Once the request is made, it has to be approved on the school end.

Changes to addresses still need to be completed at the Hollidaysburg Area School District Administration Office by *calling Linda Conway at 814-695-5585*, along with providing the appropriate paperwork listed on the Infinite Campus Portal (proof of the new residency). Proof of residency is mandatory before any changes can be made.

SCHOOL MESSENGER PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

The Hollidaysburg Area School District uses School Messenger to communicate with parents throughout the year. It alerts you when your child is absent from school and also when there are early dismissals, delays, and other emergency and weather notifications. Principals use the system to email newsletters and other event notifications to parents.

The Secure Document Delivery system allows important student specific information to be sent to you via email. This will require you to click on a link to obtain the document.

Each year you should log into School Messenger and verify your account. To do this you would go to <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/hollidaysburg/> where you can change phone numbers and/or email addresses to be contacted, which number, email or text is contacted for each type of event, and remove numbers you no longer wish called. It is important we have an up-to-date email address to send information to. If you forget the password, you can use the retrieval link on the site to have it sent to you.

If you have not set up your account yet, please go to www.tigerwires.com/schoolmessenger and follow the instructions. If you do not validate and add/change numbers in the account, we will only notify one number on record. Using the program gives you control over who is called and for what type of event.

Before the school year starts, we ask that you log in and update your account or create a new account. If you have any questions, please call 814-695-4426, Ext. 6147 or e-mail icparentsupport@tigerwires.com.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

Successful completion of the written and oral presentation of your graduation project is a requirement for graduation. The oral presentations are scheduled for April 9th – 13th and April 16th – 20th. Please plan to be available for the presentations.

<u>Elementary</u>	Foot of Ten	Aug. 17, 2017 – 5:00-6:00 PM
<u>New Family</u>	Frankstown	Aug. 10, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM
<u>Orientation</u>	C. W. Longer	Aug. 08, 2017 – 6:00-7:00 PM
<u>Meet the</u>		
<u>Teacher Night</u>	Foot of Ten	Aug. 22, 2017 – 5:00-6:30 PM
	Frankstown	Aug. 22, 2017 – 4:00-6:00 PM
	C. W. Longer	Aug. 23, 2017 – 5:00-6:30 PM
	Junior High	Sept. 05, 2017 – 6:00-8:00 PM
	Senior High	Aug. 31, 2017 – 6:00-9:00 PM
<u>7th Grade Orientation</u>	Junior High	Aug. 17, 2017– 6:00-7:00 PM (Please arrive at 5:45)
<u>10th Grade Bldg. Tours</u>	Senior High	Aug. 08, 2017 – 9-11:00 AM 1- 3:00 PM

2017-2018 TESTING CALENDAR

PSSA Administration

English/Language Arts Test Window – April 9-13, 2018 / Grades 3-8

Mathematics Test Window – April 16-20, 2018 / Grades 3-8

Science Test Window – April 23-27, 2018 / Grades 4 – 8

Make-up Window – April 30 – May 4, 2018

Keystone Exam Administration

Winter 2017 – Algebra 1, Biology, Literature

Wave 1: December 4-15, 2017

Wave 2: January 8-22, 2018

Spring 2018 – Algebra 1, Biology, Literature

May 14-25, 2018