



Hilliard Darby High School

Matt Middleton, Principal

Dear Panther Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. As we approach the start of a new academic year, I am writing to share some important updates and information to ensure a smooth and successful experience for our students at Darby High School.

First, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining our school community. We are thrilled to have you as part of our Panther family and look forward to getting to know you better.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, the staff and administration have been working diligently on creating an environment that fosters academic excellence and personal growth. We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that caters to the unique needs and interests of each student.

Important 'To Do List' for Parents/Families: Please take a few minutes to be sure we have your updated contact information in Home Access Center. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an email address. These pieces of contact information are used by the district and your child's school building for emergency and important notification messages. You can also view & sign off on the student handbook and purchase the Technology Protection Plan.

The Technology Protection Plan is only \$25 per year and must be purchased prior to August 30th! The cost of replacing one cracked ipad screen typically is \$80-\$100. It's definitely worth purchasing and will save you money if the ipad is accidentally damaged. (The Technology Protection Plan is automatically provided for those students who are on the Free Lunch Program. If you qualify for the Reduced Lunch program, the Technology Protection Plan only costs \$12.50.)

Here are some links to help:

[View the Technology Protection Plan](#)

[To enroll/purchase click here.](#)

[How to update Registration Information/Contacts and more in HomeAccess](#)

Parent-Teacher Communication: We value the partnership between parents and Darby High School. Open lines of communication are essential to your child's success. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers, counselors, or administration with any questions or concerns you may have.

Upcoming Darby Days and Freshmen Orientation: Please mark your calendars for the upcoming back-to-school events. These events give students the opportunity to meet with their counselors, explore the campus, and get acquainted with the school's policies and procedures.

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Thursday, August 8, 2024 – Darby Days

Students will have school/ID photos taken, be able to meet with counselors, receive iPads, pick up parking passes, find classrooms, learn about available clubs, etc.

8:00 am - 9:00 am - **Fall Athletes & Marching Band (10-12th grade ONLY)**

9:00 am - 11:30 am – **10-12th grade ONLY**

1:00 pm –4:00 pm – **10-12th grade ONLY**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 – Freshman Orientation

Students need to attend the entire time. School/ID photos will be taken and students will receive their iPads.

8:45 am – 9:00 am – **Freshman Arrive**

9:00 am – 2:00 pm – **Orientation (lunch will be provided)**

6:30 pm – **Freshman Parent Meeting in the Performing Arts Center**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – Darby Days Make Up Day

8:00 am – 11:30 am - Students can stop in at any time between these hours.

Monday, August 19, 2024 – Open House

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Students and Families will have the opportunity to walk the building, find classrooms, and visit with teachers and staff

Lunch Information: The price for a lunch meal is \$3.00. Breakfast is \$1.50. [Click here for the full price list.](#) Also, important to note students who are eligible for both free and reduced-price lunch can eat breakfast free of charge. Information on how to apply for free/reduced lunch can be found [here](#). Money can be added to students' lunch accounts via [MyPaymentPlus](#).

Parking Pass Information: All student drivers must have a parking pass. Complete this [online questionnaire](#) and then stop by the main office to pick up your pass during Darby Days or once school starts.

Athletic Tickets and Information: Please visit our [Athletic Department website](#) for schedule and to purchase passes and/or individual game tickets.

I am confident that the upcoming school year will be filled with growth, discovery, and achievement. Together, we can create an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and supported in their journey of learning. I am looking forward to welcoming over 1600 students back at Darby High School on August 21st!

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our school office at 921-7300.

Go Panthers!

Matt Middleton
Principal