

Heritage Middle School

08/30/2024



Notes from the Principal

Panther Nation!

We have had a great start to the school year and we capped off the first full week of school with a lot of fun today! Thanks to our PTO and Student Support team for hosting our annual 'Back to School Cookout'. Mr. Daubenmier grilled 900 hotdogs for all students and staff and Kona Ice provided a refreshing treat.

Inside our classrooms, the enthusiasm and focus for learning is already at a high level. Parents, I encourage you to engage in conversation with your student about all the great lessons and learning that has already taken place this school year.

Now that we are starting to settle into our new school year and routine, please don't let any question go unanswered. Reach out to your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions.

Remember that there is no school on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day. Enjoy your long weekend and a welcomed break from the heat of this week.

Have a great weekend and GO PANTHERS!

Joel Assenheimer
Principal



Important Dates

September 2nd	NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
September 6th	Club Fair (Lunch Periods)
September 6th	STAR Reading Assessment Day
September 13th	STAR Math Assessment Day
September 19th	Washington DC Parent Meeting - 7PM - Cafeteria
September 24th & 25th ONLY)	Signs of Suicide (7th Grade Phys. Ed/Health Classes
October 3rd	Fall Parent / Teacher Conferences



District News

Issue 39 Hilliard School Combined Levy/Bond for November 5 Election

The Hilliard City Schools Board of Education has taken the steps to place a crucial school levy on the ballot for the November 5 general election. In a unanimous decision, the Board passed the necessary resolutions to address the district's growing needs and future plans.

This is the first school levy request in eight years. Here are the key details of Issue 39:

- Operating Levy: A 6.9 mill operating levy, costing homeowners \$242 per \$100,000 in home valuation per year.
- Bond Issue: Authorizes the District to issue \$142 million in bonds to construct, renovate, and improve facilities. This levy will appear on the ballot at 1.84 mills, but due to maturing debt, no additional millage will be collected. In a resolution passed by the Board of Education on June 10, 2024, it was stated that in 2024, the district collected about 4.00 mills in property taxes to pay off existing bonds, as calculated by the Franklin County Auditor. If voters approve the new bond issue on November 5, 2024, the district plans to keep the property tax rate for paying off bonds at no more than 4.00 mills for 2025 and the following years.

You can read more about the purpose and impact, along with FAQ's, by [clicking here for the Issue 39 web page](#). The district will also be hosting several Issue 39 Community Conversations. The dates/times/locations are listed below under Important Dates.

Treasurer's Office Wins Award

Hilliard City School District has been honored with the Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in the preparation and issuance of our budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year! This award, presented by ASBO International, recognizes our commitment to transparency, accuracy, and high standards in financial planning.

We are incredibly proud of our team for their hard work and dedication to upholding the best practices in school budgeting.

Important Technology Reminders

Summer HomeAccess updates and the Technology Protection Plan (TPP) - If you haven't done so already this summer, please check [HomeAccess](#) to confirm your contact information is up to date. It is especially important we have an accurate MAIN/PRIMARY phone number listed as well as an e-mail address for you. We synchronize this information across many of our systems and use this contact information to keep you up-to-date as well as important notification messages, like snow days! You can also view and sign off on the student handbook and purchase the Technology Protection Plan for any student in grades K-12. August 19 will be here sooner than you think, so why not do this all now, and not have to worry about it before the first day of school? Here are some links to help:

[More about the Technology Protection Plan](#)

[How to enroll and purchase the TPP](#)

[To learn more about Home Access visit the Help Page](#)

Canvas Accounts for Parents & How to use Canvas as a Parent or Guardian - Canvas is the online Learning Management System we use in Hilliard Schools. Your child's teacher(s) may use Canvas in a variety of ways. Some examples are: to provide access to important resources, to create online discussions where students can post and reply, and to receive, evaluate, and/or provide feedback on work your child submits digitally. As a parent, you are already enrolled as a Parent Observer in all of your child's active Canvas courses. To login to Canvas as a parent observer go to hilliard.instructure.com or click on the link to Canvas from our [HCSD Parent page](#). Your parent/guardian username and password match your username and password for Home Access Center. If you want to learn more about how to navigate Canvas as a parent, find the course "How to Use Canvas for Parents" using the link below:

[How to Use Canvas for Parents](#)

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Community Subscribers: Please use [SchoolMessenger Subscriber Portal](#) to update your email and preferences.

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