

Class of *2030* Parent Meeting



English



Arabic

August 11, 2026

6:30pm



Spanish

Social Media

Twitter/"X"

@Hilliard_Darby
@HDarbyAthletics
@DarbyFans

Instagram

@hilliard.darby



Admin Team

Principal: Matt Middleton



Assistant Principals



Adam Olsheski
(A-G)



Brian Hart
(H-O)



Lauren Hall
(P-Z)

School Counselors



A-D: Norb Fischer

E-K: Jon Figel



L-Q:
Angie Miyamoto

R-Z: Julie Wolfe



Social Workers



Lauren Hickson
Social Worker (A-M)



Morgan Skaff
Social Worker (N-Z)

School Counseling and Student Support Services

- [Kelli Henwood](#) (School Psychologist)
- [Lauren Hickson](#) (Social Worker A-M)
- [Morgan Skaff](#) (Social Worker N-Z)
- [Trevor Maggied](#) (College Counselor/College Credit Plus)
- [Josh Stephens](#) (Student Services Coordinator)

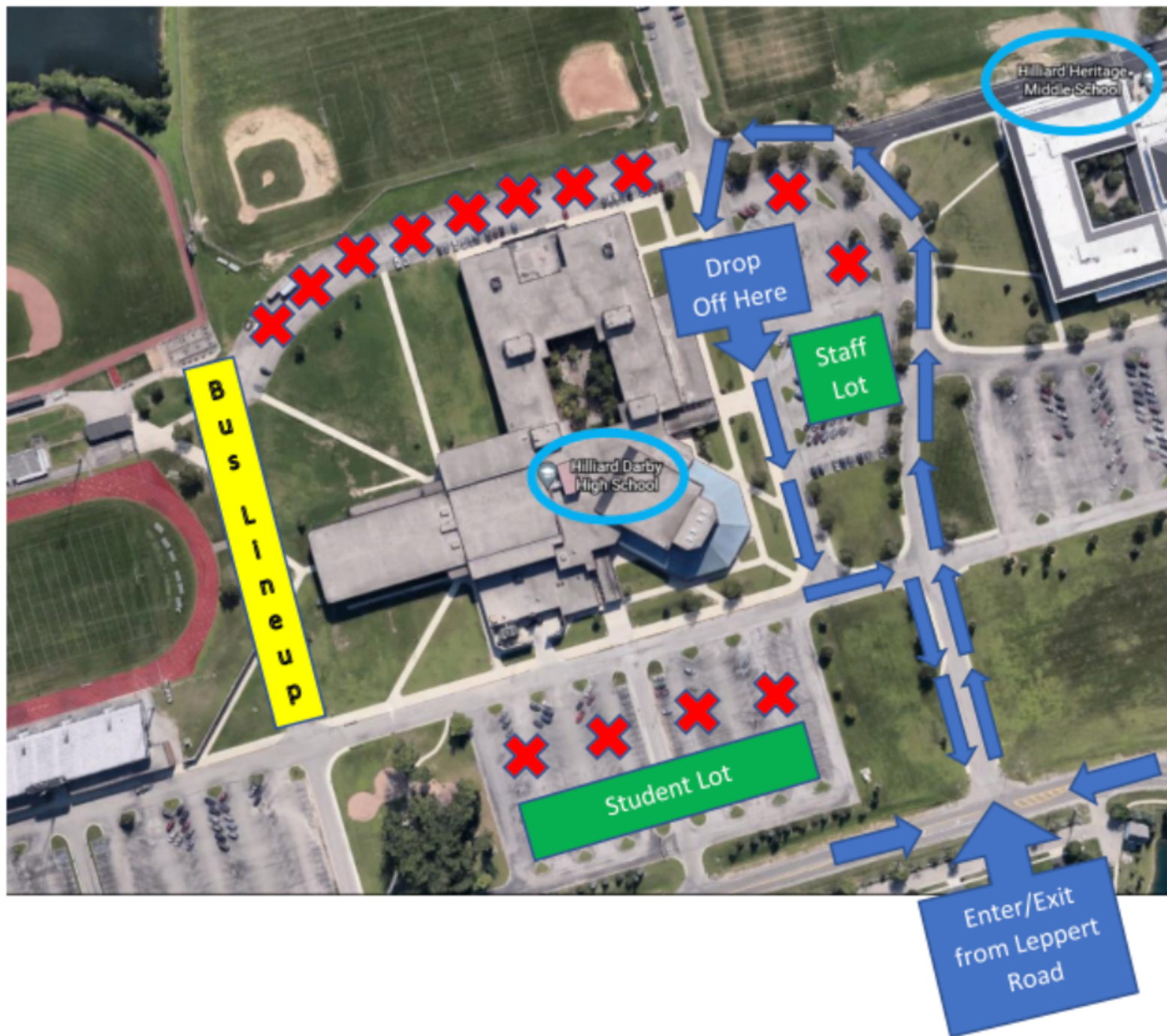


Procedures

- Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up
 - Main Entrance (Heritage side of building)
 - Please do not cut through the parking lot
- Bike racks located on East side of building
- School busses and student drivers use Leppert Rd. entrance
- Doors will open at 7:00 am



PICK
UP
and
DROP
OFF
MAP



Cell Phones

No cell phones during instructional time!!!

No cell phones to the restroom from class!!!

We need your help with this as well...please try to not text during the school day with your student unless it is an emergency. Or at least remind your student not to respond until they are allowed their phone. (Lunch and between classes)

Lunch Time

- Periods: 4th, 5th and 6th
- ***No open lunch for Freshmen***
- Please, **no outside food delivery!**
 - Security reasons
 - Food allergies
 - District visitor policy
- Free and Reduced Lunch
 - Click [here](#) to fill out Free and Reduced Lunch Application
 - Technology protection plans and AP test fee reductions
- Students cannot charge to an account with a \$0.00 balance



Who Do I Contact?

1. Classroom Teacher
 - a. Student first!
2. Case-Manager (if a student with IEP)
3. School Counselor
4. Assistant Principal



Attendance

- ParentSquare will be the primary resource for attendance reporting - see the [attendance button](#) on the Hilliard Schools website.
- Students entering the building AFTER 7:55 am must report to the attendance office
- Three types of absences
 - Official, Excused, and Unexcused
 - [Instructional video on how to check student attendance](#)



Attendance

Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic Absenteeism Definition: Missing more than 10% of enrolled days or enrolled periods for any reason-excused, unexcused, or suspensions.

Did you know:

A student is chronically absent if he or she misses as few as 2 school days per month?

**2 days per month X 9 Months
= 18 school days**

Why it matters?

50% of students who missed 10% (two days) in September went on to be Chronically Absent

90% of students who missed 20% (four days) in September went on to be Chronically Absent

50% of students who miss just two to four days of school in September go on to miss nearly 30 days of learning throughout the school year.

The Power of a Student Being Present- EveryDay



Why it matters?

By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Freshmen Teams - Team 1, Team 3, Team 8

- The majority of our ninth grade students (as schedules allow) will be on a freshmen team
- These teams will have a **shared Freshmen Focus period** (as schedules allow) that will help facilitate meaningful academic and social-emotional support during the transition to the high school experience
- Assist in building a strong sense of belonging in Panther Nation!



Focus Period

Day	Action
Monday	<i>Grade Check, return to Small Group classrooms for Lessons, Intervention, etc.</i>
Tuesday	<i>Small Group, Targeted Intervention**</i>
Wednesday	<i>Team Staff Meeting</i>
Thursday	<i>Small Group, Targeted Intervention**</i>
Friday	<i>Celebration Day, Small Group, Targeted Intervention**</i>

****Small Group, Targeted Intervention pull-outs are NOT optional - if our teachers recognize an intervention is needed, let's make it happen within the given time!****

Home Access Center

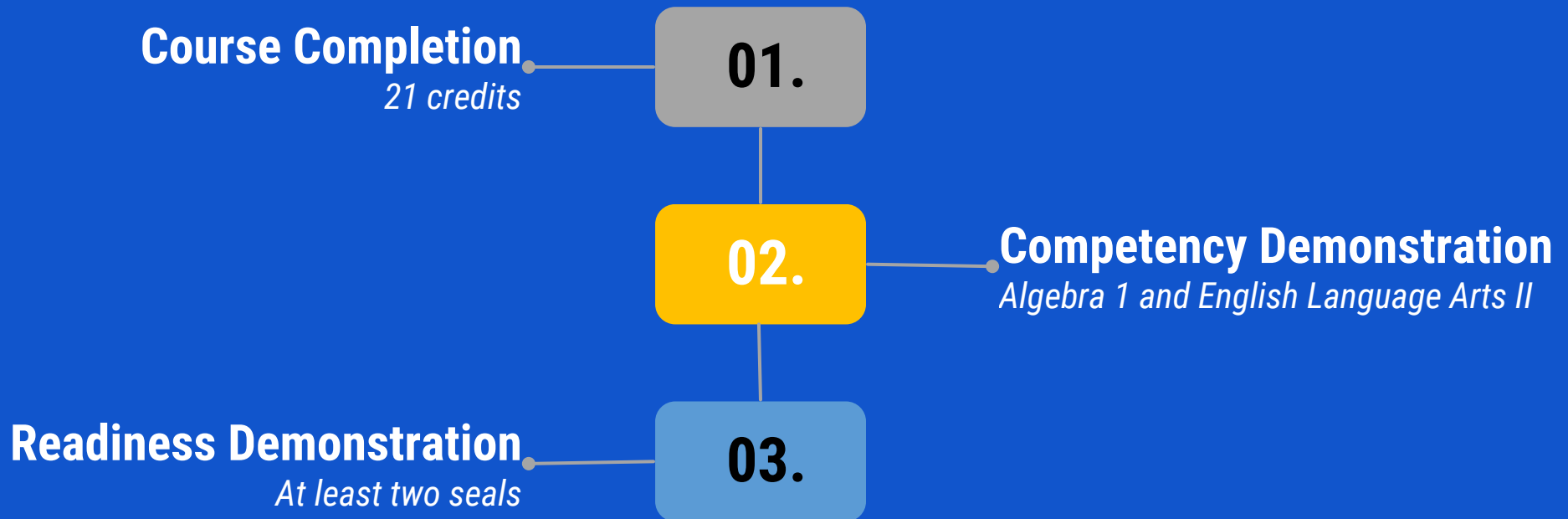
- Up-to-Date Grades
 - Allows you to keep track of academic progress
 - Check attendance
- Go to HDB website, click on “Parent Tab” at the top of the page, then click “Home Access Center” under “Resources”
- Please update your information on Home Access
- For help with Home Access Center, click [here](#)
- Freshmen lockers and combinations are available in Home Access
- Check preferred language for parents/guardians is accurate (connects to *ParentSquare*)

Technology

- iPad Setup: [Click Here](#)
- For any other issues with technology: [Click Here](#)
- If the above links cannot solve your problem:
 - Please complete a [Help Ticket](#). Our team will get back with you as quickly as possible. *For instructional matters, reach out to teachers directly*
- Be sure to purchase the Technology Protection Plan (TPP) for your iPad online via [MyPaymentsPlus](#)
 - After August 29th your iPad will be inspected before purchasing the TPP, and will need to be paid in the office (cash or check only)

OHIO'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond (those who entered grade 9 on or after July 1, 2019) must meet Ohio's new graduation requirements, which consist of three key components:



COURSE COMPLETION

English Language Arts

4 units

Mathematics

4 units

(Must include Algebra 2 or an equivalent)

Science

3 units

(Must include Biology and a physical science)

Social Studies

3 units

Health

½ unit

Physical Education

½ unit

Financial Literacy

½ unit

Electives

5 units

(Must include fine arts)

HCSD Local Requirements

½ Future Ready

DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCY

Students must earn a competency score of 684 or higher on the Algebra 1 and English II end-of-course tests.

State law requires districts to offer remedial support and opportunities to retake assessments to any student who fails to attain competency scores on one or both of the tests.

Competency Alternatives: Career Readiness, College Credit Plus, Military Enlistment, and Remediation-free ACT or SAT scores

DEMONSTRATING READINESS: DIPLOMA SEALS

STATE-DEFINED SEALS



LOCALLY-DEFINED SEALS



STUDENTS MUST EARN AT LEAST TWO SEALS, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A STATE SEAL.



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ATHLETICS





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Chris Ludan
*Athletic
Director*



Colin Seely
*Asst. Athletic
Director*

Darby Athletic Department

Athletic Director: **Chris Ludban**
Assistant Athletic Director: **Colin Seely**
Athletic Secretary: **Regan Fabb**
Athletic Trainer: **Thad Apel**
Athletic Trainer: **Courtney Basinger**
Athletic Trainer: **Courtney Cress**

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<http://hilliardschools.org/darbypanthers>

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Sports Offered

Fall Season

Varsity Football: Brad Burchfield
Varsity Boys Soccer: Kyle Reichle
Varsity Girls Soccer: Kevin Dougherty
Varsity Boys XC: Zeke Bennett
Varsity Girls XC: Maddy Rice
Varsity Girls Tennis: Shawn Morris
Varsity Cheerleading: Amie Clark
Varsity Girls Volleyball: Justin Sharfenaker
Varsity Girls Golf: Brian White
Varsity Boys Golf: Brent Bower

Spring Season

Varsity Baseball: Andrew Ozbolt
Varsity Softball: Shawn Papp
Varsity Boys Track: Zeke Bennett
Varsity Girls Track: Michael Cornathan
Varsity Boys Lacrosse: Nick Wile
Varsity Girls Lacrosse: Kaleb Secor
Varsity Boys Volleyball: Evan Bell
Varsity Boys Tennis: Scott Nickel

Winter Season

Varsity Gymnastics: Carol Eskay
Varsity Bowling: Heather Estes
Varsity Wrestling: Matt Burgei
Varsity Swimming: Brent Bower
Varsity Girls Basketball: Chris Savage
Varsity Boys Basketball: Mike Decker
Varsity Basketball Cheer: Kaity Mangold
Varsity Competition Cheer: Amie Clark



Tickets - Hometown



- Hilliard Darby/Heritage Tickets Sales 2026-2027
- Hometown Ticketing
 - <https://www.hilliardschools.org/darbypanthers/tickets>
- Purchase a Student Pass: \$58.00 – Good for the entire school!!!
- Other ticket options, family pass options, visit above site
- Questions ??? Stop in the athletic office, email or call

Athletic Eligibility

- Student-athletes must be taking and passing 5 credits per quarter
- Before making a schedule change, please make sure you check with the Guidance Department or Athletic Department
- Make sure you have a Final Forms account and it is updated
- Participation Fees are paid through:
www.mypaymentsplus.com



Ways to Get Involved:

- ✓ **donate** ✓ **volunteer**
- ✓ sign up for Darby eNews emails
- ✓ check out the **PTO website**
- ✓ follow PTO on **Facebook**
- ✓ follow PTO on **Instagram**
- ✓ sign up for **PTO emails**
- ✓ sign up / renew **Kroger Rewards**

Website: <https://www.hilliardschools.org/hs/darby/pto/>

Darby PTO info website



Join Darby PTO!

✓ flexible ✓ easy ✓ fun



Volunteer Interest Form



2026/2027 Volunteer Interest Form
<https://forms.gle/Ke7vBQaRbNAYE2Nw9>

Staff Back to School Lunch

Tuesday, August 18

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

First PTO Meeting, Darby Main Office

Tuesday, September 8

6:30 pm

First Cookie Day, Cafeteria

Thursday, September 17

9:15 am – 1:15 pm

More info at the table!

Staff Lunch Donations



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA5A62BA4F94-65105428-2026>

Share Good Vibes!

...for the Students

- ✓ Cookie Day Joy!
- ✓ Freshman Focus Treat!
- ✓ Dave & Buster's After Prom Fun!
- ✓ Senior Picnic Celebration!

...for the Staff

- ✓ Back to School Lunch
- ✓ Fall Conferences Meal
- ✓ Staff Winter Surprise
- ✓ Winter Conferences Meal
- ✓ Staff Appreciation Festivities

Scan to Donate to Cookie Days!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA5A62BA4F94-64972999-20262027#/>

**Support Darby PTO activities
through direct donations via PayPal**

***Single largest source of funds for
all activities --- Thank You!!!***

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?
hosted_button_id=RSEF34DT88PMY](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=RSEF34DT88PMY)



Support Darby PTO activities through Kroger Community Rewards

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Search for:

Organization Name: HILLIARD DARBY H.S. PTO

Or Organization Number: JF441

Last year \$1,250!

**Pro Tip: Your rewards selection does expire,
so now's a good time to check your current selection.**





Thank you for joining us!
GO PANTHERS!

