



Dear HES Families,

We are so excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year! Here are some important upcoming dates and information that will help prepare you for the start of school.

MERSCH

The PTO invites **ALL** families to their annual MERSCH (end of sum**MER**-beginning of **SCH**ool) ice cream social at Hadley Elementary School playground on **Sunday August 27, 2023 at 3pm.** Please contact the PTO at hadleypto@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – Thursday August 31, 2023

Kindergarten students: The first two days of school for kindergarten students will be half days, dismissal is at 11:15am, bussing will be provided at this time.

Grades 1 - 6 begin with full days.

Preschool students: The first day will be September 5, 2023 for preschool students.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Teacher assignments for 2023-2024 have been posted to the SchoolBrains parent portal. If you are experiencing issues logging into the parent portal please email hes@hadleyschools.org and we will help you with your access. Your child's classroom teacher will contact you via email prior to the first day of school.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents should also check the SchoolBrains portal for bus information. You should be able to see your student's bus 'color' and bus pickup and dropoff times. The school tries to get this information to you as early as we can without having to change the route or times due to changes in our student enrollment. **Please note that for the first 6 weeks of school no changes to bus assignments will be allowed.** Any questions or concerns should be directed to our transportation coordinator, Tricia Hopf at phopf@hadleyschools.org.

ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS ADDED FOR SCHOOL CHOICE FAMILIES ONLY

Bus stops have been added at the following locations for our school choice families to access:

- Pride Station (at the intersection of Route 9 & Bay Road)
- TJ Maxx
- Barstow's Dairy Store
- Atkins Farm Market

Additional information will be coming from the superintendent's office soon.

NEW DISMISSAL FORM

In an effort to streamline our dismissal process, this form must be filled out for all students in grades K-6. This information is shared with the office and your students' teacher to ensure students are dismissed to the correct location each day. Please fill out this form before August 30, 2023. [Click here for the form.](#)

NEW LUNCH POINT OF SALE SYSTEM

Introducing the new Point of Sale system for lunch in Hadley Public Schools. The new system is **SchoolCafe** and [this link](#) will provide information about this new system and how you sign up. **School lunches will be free for students for the 2023-2024 academic school year however, we ask that you sign your student up using the link.** Please note that you will need to create your SchoolCafe account by September 15, 2023. Please contact Kelly Bryant the Food Service Director if you have any questions at kbryant@hadleyschool.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please take a moment to review our [2023-2024 School Calendar](#) as there are dates you will want to make note of (half days, curriculum days, vacation weeks, open house and the tentative last day of school next year!)

Please be sure to contact HES at hes@hadleyschools.org if there are any questions. A reminder that should your mailing address or contact information change, please contact the school to be certain to get important mailings and emails for back to school. Please watch for the **HES September Newsletter** for more school information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dowd
HES Principal