

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

2023-2024 School Year Family Guidebook

Dear HBT Families,

Welcome to an exciting new chapter at H.B. Thompson Middle School! We are thrilled to have you and your child join our vibrant community. As partners in education, we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where your child can learn, grow, and flourish.

Our dedicated faculty and staff are here to support your child's academic and personal development, fostering a love for learning and helping them navigate the challenges of middle school. We encourage active communication between home and school, as your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success. Please utilize this handbook, as well as our website, to keep up with the happenings at HBT.

We can't wait to see all of our students on September 5th. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Here's to a year of growth, discovery, and shared accomplishments!

Warm regards,

Kevin Bonanno, Principal, H.B. Thompson Middle School

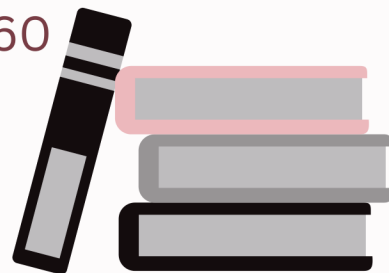
## Meet Your Administrative Team:

Principal - Kevin Bonanno, 364-5760

Assistant Principal - Christian Harrigan, 364-5760

Assistant Principal - Paul Naraine, 364-5775

Assistant Principal - Joey Waters, 364-5767



## **HBT Middle School 2023-24 Bell Schedule**

	<b>Regular Class Schedule</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	8:04 AM – 8:44 AM
<b>Period 2</b>	8:48 AM – 9:29 AM
<b>Period 3</b>	9:33 AM – 10:13 AM
<b>Period 4</b>	10:17 AM – 10:57 AM
<b>Period 5</b>	11:01 AM – 11:41 AM
<b>Period 6</b>	11:45 AM – 12:25 PM
<b>Period 7</b>	12:29 PM – 1:09 PM
<b>Advisory</b>	1:13 PM – 1:22 PM
<b>Period 8</b>	1:26 PM – 2:06 PM
<b>Period 9</b>	2:10 PM – 2:50 PM

# Coming and Going @ HBT



As we are an all-transportation district, we encourage all students to take the bus daily. Please remember to use caution and drive slowly as you drive through all areas of the lot and the surrounding neighborhood. Our faculty, custodial staff and security will be assisting students upon arrival and dismissal.

**Arrival** - All cars dropping off in the morning should enter the front circle and drop students off. Students attending clubs and extra help in the morning may arrive at 7:00 a.m. and will be directed to the cafeteria until 7:15 a.m. All other students should arrive no earlier than 7:40 a.m. The rear of the building is only for the arrival and dismissal of our buses. Approximate arrival time is 7:45 a.m.

**Dismissal** - All buses will dismiss from the back of the building. Please see the detailed explanation on our school website.

**Early Dismissal** - Any student leaving early must have a note signed by a parent or guardian with the stated reason. This note should be given to our attendance office. If a situation arises while your child is in school and you must pick them up, please call ahead to the attendance office. We will arrange for your child to meet you at the security desk. Please have identification ready. Students will not be able to be picked up between 2:30 and 2:50 p.m. as it interferes with regular dismissal and disrupts 9th period classes. If your child needs to be picked up due to illness, they will be signed out by the nurse's office. Students cannot be dismissed for sickness other than through the nurse's office. If your child texts you, please ask them to see the nurse.

# LUNCH



Students may bring lunch or purchase lunch in the school cafeteria. We have a mixture of hot lunch and "grab and go" options. Please look at the district website, under *Food Services*, to create and deposit money into your child's account.

## Lunch Schedule

Period 5 - Grade 6 - 11:01 a.m.

Period 6 - Grade 7 - 12:25 p.m.

Period 7- Grade 8 - 1:09 p.m.



No outside delivery of food or drink is permitted (Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc...) Parents may drop off an individual lunch in an emergency. There is no group food deliveries for birthdays, etc...

Students are encouraged to go outside during recess. Students may also go to the nook, the library or a workshop, if offered, during lunch.

# THINGS TO KNOW



- **Advisory** - Advisory is a place to foster relationships, facilitate communication and build a positive school culture. Advisory is multi-grade and takes place daily after period 7. Extended advisory days take place 1-2 times per month. A different bell schedule is followed on those days.
- **School Counseling and Wellness Centers** - Our Mental Health Team is here to support students navigate all elements of middle school life. The best place to start is with our Guidance Office. The phone number is listed on the last page. Our psychologist and social worker are available for more acute situations.
- **No Place for Hate** - We are designated a No Place for Hate school by the Anti-Defamation League. We embrace diversity and inclusivity for all of our students and work to live up to this designation on a daily basis.
- **DASA (Dignity Act)** - our DASA Coordinators are Mrs. Mills Carroll and Mr. McAleer. Please review the district's DASA Information and reporting procedures.
- **Code of Character, Conduct and Support** - The Code and other community expectations will be reviewed with students on the first day of school. The full code can be reviewed on our website.
- **Attendance** - To report a student's absence, please call the Attendance Office at (516)364-5771 or email: [hbtattendance@syosetschools.org](mailto:hbtattendance@syosetschools.org). Students who are late to school must obtain a late pass at the security desk. Multiple latenesses will result in administrative intervention and consequences.
- **Cell Phones** - Cell phones are not to be used during the school day, outside of responsible use within school guidelines in the cafeteria as permitted by lunch supervisors. Phones are expected to be turned off and preferably, locked away in lockers. Our "off and away during the day" protocol will be strictly enforced, and students bringing phones to class will be expected to turn them off and store them according to teacher directions.



# MORE THINGS TO KNOW



- **Lockers** - All students will be issued a locker during the first few days of the school year. The most important items for students to bring on a daily basis are a charged Chromebook, a pen, and the necessary binder(s).
- **Clubs** - A list of clubs with the meeting date and time will be created and posted throughout the building and on our website. Students will be able to attend a club fair to learn about our different clubs.
- **Chromebooks** - Students are expected to bring their Chromebooks to school daily. All students must follow the District's *Code of Character, Conduct and Support* as well as the *Acceptable Use Policy*. Please make sure you have completed an electronic copy of the *User Agreement* online. Any problems can be reported to our Library Media Center, (516) 364-5778.
- **Photo Objection** - Please review the Photo Objection Form (on our district website, *Back to School Mailing*) and submit the form electronically, if you DO NOT want your child's photo used in any publications.

# COMMUNICATION WITH HBT



- Google Classroom
- Phone
- Email
- School Webpage
- District Website
- HBTV
- Weekly E-mail Update
- Proprio Translation Services
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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Athletic Office	364-5749
Attendance Office	364-5771
District Switchboard	364-5600
Health Office	364-5765
Main Office	364-5760
School Counseling Center	364-5767
Transportation	364-5840