

**Heritage Middle School**  
Back to School 2017 – 2018

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**Open House for upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders** will be held Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Open House for upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders** will be held Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Open House for upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders** will be held Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

At Open House you may pick up your child's schedule, meet teachers, pay locker fees and supply contributions, pay on your child's lunch account, and find out which bus your child will ride.

**Supply fees are as follows:**

Locker	\$15.00
Agenda	\$ 5.00
Math Fee	\$ 5.00
Science Lab Materials	\$10.00
Social Studies Fee	\$ 5.00
Language Arts Fee	\$ 5.00
Connections Supplies	\$10.00 (Band, art, drama, technology, home economics, computer keyboarding, and PE)
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

**Payments:** Your child's full name and your telephone number should be on each check. Cafeteria payments may not be combined on a check for anything else you pay to the school because the school and cafeteria do not use the same bank. We cannot accept any check written in excess of \$300.00, nor can we give change from a check. All checks must be written for the exact amount due. Catoosa County Schools has contracted with an outside agency for electronic collection of checks returned for insufficient funds. The agency will automatically charge a fee to your bank for each returned check.

**Cafeteria Prices:** Breakfast **\$1.30** Lunch **\$2.45**

Applications for free or reduced price meals will be mailed to each household this summer. Additional applications may be obtained from your school's cafeteria bookkeeper if needed.

**The first day of school is Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.** The school building will open at 7:00 a.m. Upon arrival to school 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to the auxiliary gym. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to the main gym. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:15 a.m. Students arriving after **8:00** a.m. are counted tardy. Dismissal bell will ring at **3:20** p.m. (It will take a few mornings for traffic flow to become "normal". For this reason, we will not count students tardy due to traffic the first week of school.)

**Supplies:** Each team of teachers has a separate supply list, which will be available at open house. Do not worry if you don't get all the supplies purchased before the first day of school. Basic supplies (pens, pencils, notebook paper, etc.) will be sufficient for the first week.

**The following beverages are not allowed at school:** sodas, energy drinks, coffee or teas.

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones at school must be turned off, kept on silent or used only at teacher discretion.

**If your child becomes sick or injured at school,** you will be contacted as soon as possible by our school nurse.

**Medication:** Forms are available in the main office for students who need to take medication at school.

**Stay Connected:** Sign up for our weekly newsletter at [www.heritagegenerals.com](http://www.heritagegenerals.com).

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Sign up for access for Parent Portal to view your child's attendance, grades, and cafeteria balance.

**Dress Code:** Catoosa County Schools do not allow the following.

- Tank, strapless, or spaghetti strap tops (shoulders must be covered)
- Low cut blouses
- Jeans with holes above the knee unless something is worn underneath (skin must not show through holes)
- Sagging pants (pants must be worn at waist)
- Shorts or skirts which are shorter than knee length (or within 1")
- Leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants **unless** they are covered by fingertip length skirt, or fingertip length top
- Skulls on clothing or accessories
- Inappropriate writing or images on clothing or accessories
- Mesh or muscle shirts
- See-through clothing items
- Facial piercings (lip, tongue, eyebrow, etc.)
- Hats, hoodies, headbands, and bandanas
- Coats or jackets longer than fingertip when arms are extended beside the body
- **Students out of dress code will wear scrubs or PE uniform for the remainder of the day**
- **Students out of dress code on out of town field trips will be required to change or wear items provided by school**

**Please keep this policy in mind when shopping for school clothes.**

**Student Drop Off/Pick Up:** Students must be dropped off and picked up at the front of the school. For safety reasons, students may not be dropped off or picked up at the bus area, band area, or at the ends of the 3 academic wings.

**Fall Picture Day is September 18th.** If you plan to purchase pictures, your child will hand a completed order form and **payment** to the photographer on picture day. **Students must be in dress code.**

**HMS Back to School Bash at the Fort Oglethorpe Swimming Pool** in Gilbert Stephenson Park

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

Open to all Heritage Middle School students and their families.

Admission is **\$5.00** at the door.

Pizza and drinks will available for purchase.

Normal Swim Dress Code applies. (Please ask if you have questions.)

**Important Immunization Information:** We were recently notified by the Georgia Department of Public Health that immunization requirements have been revised. Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, students will be required to have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and one dose of Meningococcal conjugate vaccines prior to entering 7th grade. Because of this change all students entering 7th grade must have an updated immunization form #3231. Our nurses will be checking all current forms and sending out information to current 6th grade parents. The state will audit our 7th grade forms this fall. Although the immunizations are required for rising 7th graders (and new entrants into a Georgia school in grades 8-12) the Department of Public Health strongly encourages all middle and high students to obtain these vaccinations. As you make visits to your pediatrician or other health care giver between now and August, please keep these immunizations in mind and, when immunizations are given, ask for an updated form 3231 to provide to the school. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse.