

Glenwood Middle School

Back to School Night
September 3, 2025



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Administrative Team



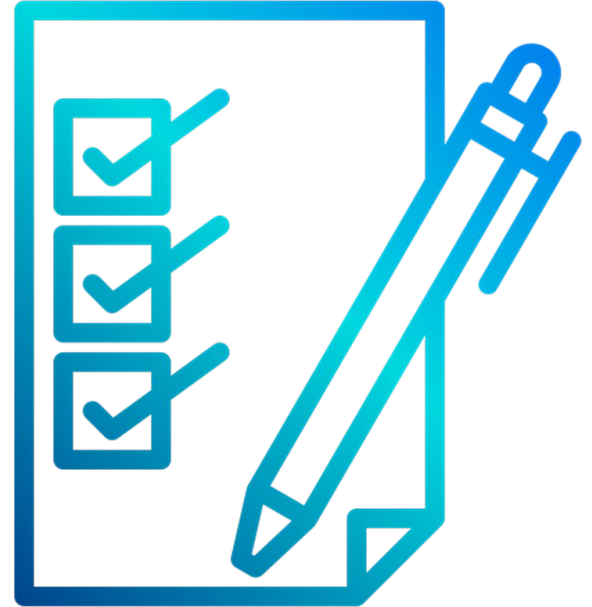
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Agenda

- Welcome
- Greetings from the PTSA
- HCPSS Mission & Vision; GMS Values
- Daily Bell Schedule
- Arrival/Dismissal
- Lockers & Backpacks
- Personal Communication Devices
- Student Meals
- HCPSS Code of Conduct & our “RISE”
- Building Community & Connections
- School Communication
- Tonight’s Schedule



Glenwood Middle School PTSA

EXPERIENCE GREATNESS



Glenwood Middle School PTSA
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HOME ABOUT US MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR FUNDRAISERS VOLUNTEER SPONSORS RESOURCES

Family Outdoor Movie Night
Friday, September 6, 2024
Glenwood Middle School
Now showing: *Wonka*

Doors open at 6pm
Movie starts at 7:30pm

Bring a picnic, dinner, chairs or blankets. Showballs for sale from Gus Metro Shop Balls.
All students must be accompanied by an adult. In case of rain, events will be held in the cafeteria.

BECOME A MEMBER
JOIN TODAY!

SCHOOL Spiritwear!
Order without apprearance

CATCH OUR NEXT MEETING
September 10th
Sept 10, 7pm (JMS Media Center)
[View Events Calendar](#)

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Tony Locos Restaurant Day & Night
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Tony Locos Gives Back!!
SEPTEMBER 10TH 2024
10% OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO

We need you!
Stay involved!

Join today!



A sampling of the activities and items that the PTSA funds:

- The Baltimore Shakespeare Factory residency with all 8th grade ELA students
- Cultural Arts events
- Family events (ex: Friday's movie night!)
- Teacher & staff appreciation events throughout the year
- 8th Grade Celebration
- School dance!



H C C P S S

Vision

Our Vision

We are a great school system that inspires **Growth, Well-Being, and Excellence** for all.



Our Mission

HCPSS creates an **innovative and accountable** learning community where we expand **opportunities and access, remove barriers,** and foster an **inclusive environment.**

Mission

GLENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL CORE VALUES



ENGAGE. INSPIRE. EMPOWER.

We engage in high-quality instruction that fosters perseverance and a commitment to lifelong learning.

We inspire students to become independent and responsible individuals.

We empower students to approach challenges with resilience, creativity, and curiosity - equipping them with the skills to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We create a community rooted in a strong sense of belonging, and a culture of understanding, care, and mutual respect.

We foster a safe and welcoming community that embraces diversity and individuality, and where every member supports, honors, and respects one another.

Daily Schedule

Students must be
in homeroom,
by **7:50 a.m.**



Glenwood Middle School Daily Bell Schedule

Time	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
7:40 a.m. – 7:49 a.m.	Arrival		
7:50 a.m. – 7:57 a.m.	Homeroom		
7:59 a.m. – 8:49 a.m.	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
8:51 a.m. – 9:41 a.m.	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
9:43 a.m. – 10:33 a.m.	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
Lunch Block 10:35 a.m. - 12:49 p.m.	Lunch 10:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	Period 4 10:35 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.	Period 4 10:35 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
	Period 4 11:07 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.	Lunch 11:27 a.m. - 11:57 p.m.	Period 5 11:27 a.m. - 12:17 p.m.
	Period 5 11:59 a.m. - 12:49 p.m.	Period 5 11:59 a.m. - 12:49 p.m.	Lunch 12:19 p.m. - 12:49 p.m.
12:51 p.m. – 1:41 p.m.	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
1:43 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Period 7 & Afternoon Announcements		
1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:35 p.m.	Dismissal		

Advisory

Every Thursday, right
after homeroom

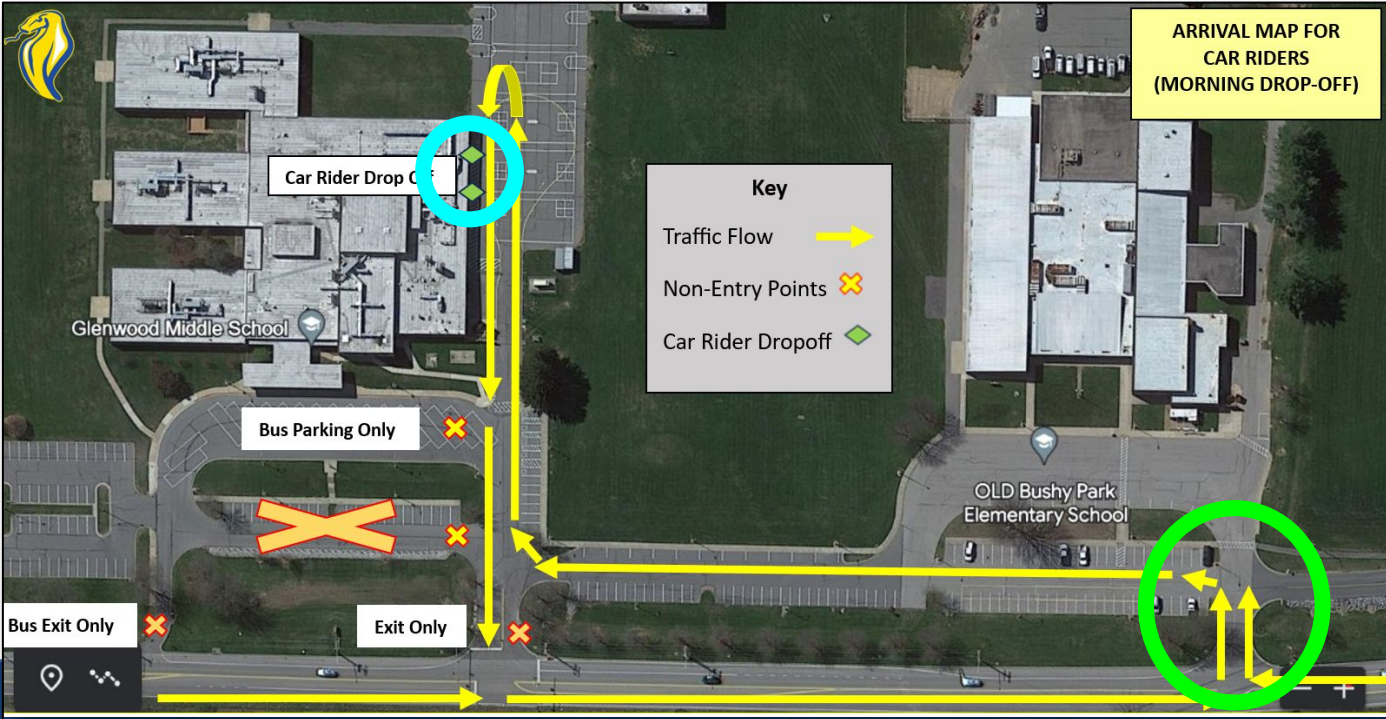
(schedules are on our website)



Glenwood Middle School Advisory Schedule

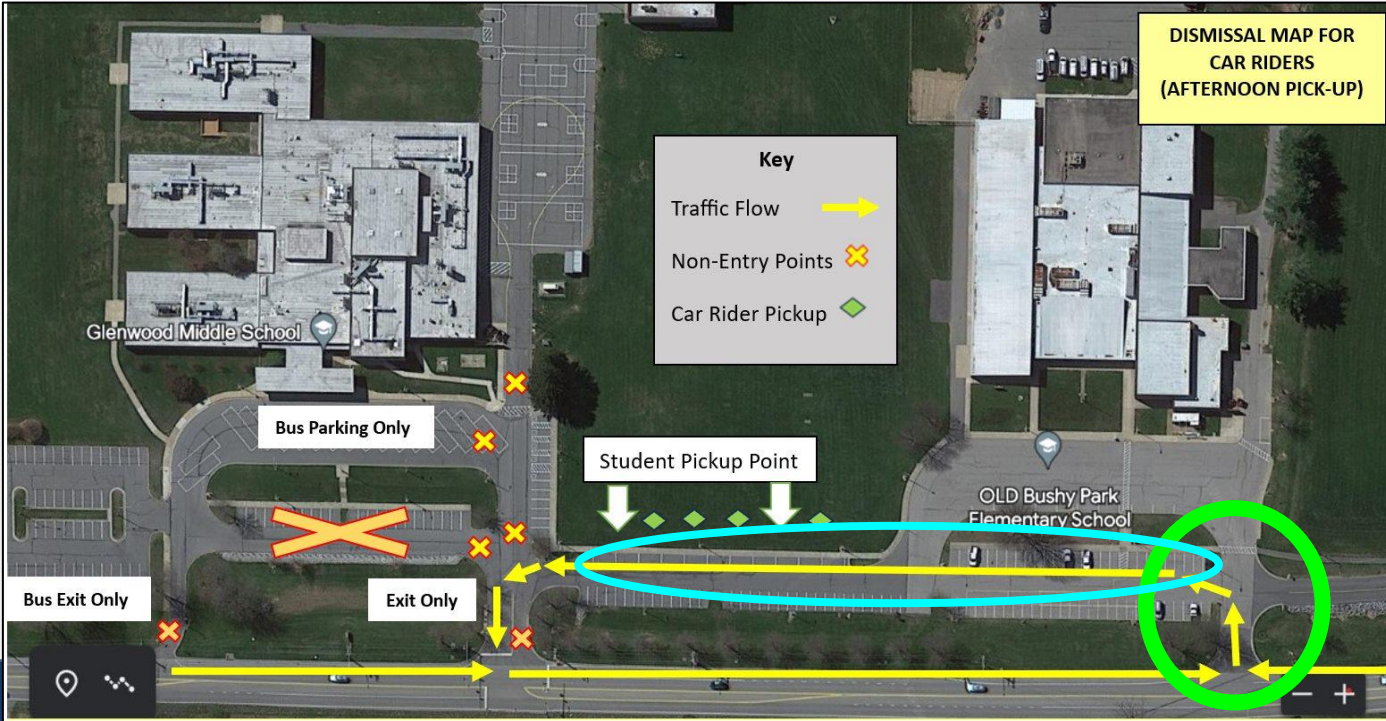
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7:40 a.m. – 7:49 a.m.	Arrival		
7:50 a.m. – 7:57 a.m.	Homeroom		
7:59 p.m. – 8:46 p.m.	Advisory		
8:48 a.m. – 9:31 a.m.	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9:33 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10:18 a.m. – 11:01 a.m.	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
Lunch Block 11:03 a.m. - 1:03 p.m.	Lunch 11:03 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.	Period 4 11:03 a.m. - 11:46 a.m.	Period 4 11:03 a.m. - 11:46 a.m.
	Period 4 11:35 a.m. - 12:18 p.m.	Lunch 11:48 a.m. - 12:18 p.m.	Period 5 11:48 a.m. - 12:31 p.m.
	Period 5 12:20 p.m. - 1:03 p.m.	Period 5 12:20 p.m. - 1:03 p.m.	Lunch 12:33 p.m. - 1:03 p.m.
1:05 p.m. – 1:48 p.m.	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6
1:50 p.m. – 1:52 p.m.	Period 7 & Afternoon Announcements		
1:52 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7
2:35 p.m.	Dismissal		

Car Riders: Arrival



- Drop-off starts at 7:40 a.m.
- Enter at the Old Bushy Park entrance (not at the light)
- Drive onto the blacktop and drop off at one of the doors

Car Riders: Dismissal



- Dismissal is at 2:35 p.m.
- Cars enter at the Old Bushy Park entrance (not at the light)
- Line up at the stop sign on the access road. Students will walk to meet you.

Lockers & Backpacks

Lockers

- Arrival
- Before Lunch
- After Lunch
- Dismissal
- Other times?
Ask a teacher
for a pass



- Students can carry them to / from school, but they are kept in lockers during the day.
- Items can be stored inside of desks in most classrooms.
- Lockers are narrow and they must be able to close.
- No wheels on backpacks.



Students may carry a small purse/fanny pack/"everywhere belt bag" for small personal items (no string bags).

These items should be kept inside of desks in the classroom.

Personal Communication Devices

Current HCPSS Policy (effective 3/3/2025):

- Students will keep personal technology devices **away** and **silenced** and ensure they are **not a distraction** during the student day.
- Smart watches may be worn during the student day but may **not distract instruction** or be used for reasons other than checking the time.
- Personal laptops are not permitted for use in middle school.



Personal Communication Devices

HCPSS: Consequences for Policy Violations

First Incident

Documented on an ODR

Device is confiscated until the end of the student day

A device that is confiscated during 7th period of the student day will be confiscated for the entire next student day

Second Incident and Beyond

Documented on an ODR

Device is confiscated

Device will only be **returned to a parent/guardian** during **regular school hours**.

2025-2026 Student Meals

● Breakfast

- Served from 7:40 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. in the cafeteria (breakfast passes if students run over)
- Students should go to the cafeteria upon arrival.
- \$2.00

● Lunch

- Grade-level lunch periods
- \$3.30 (\$0.50 for just milk)
- Students do not have to pre-order



Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Step 1: Visit www.hcpss.org/farms/

Step 2: Click “Apply Online” to begin the online application process

How to Apply

Please submit only one application per household. Families that need computer or language assistance to apply online, please contact your child’s school.

View the [federal income eligibility guidelines](#).

Online

APPLY ONLINE

(ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AVAILABLE)

- After the online application has been submitted and reviewed, eligibility notifications will be sent via email/mail.

HCPSS WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the 'MY SCHOOL Apps' website for the Howard County Public School System. A blue banner at the top right says 'APPLICATION'. The navigation menu includes 'Getting Started', 'Household Information', 'Students', 'Children (Non-Student)', and 'Signer's Information'. The 'Getting Started' section is active and contains the following text:

What you will need to provide during the application process:

- The name and **current** income of every member of your household
- The school and grade of every student in your household
- Your electronic signature
- (Optional) A valid email address or phone number for district communication about the status of the application.

If you are ready to get started, click the button below to begin the online application process.

BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION

Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:



HCPSS - FAMILY FILE (EMERGENCY FORM)



MAIN NAVIGATION

- Students
- Parents/Guardians
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical
- Arrival/Departure
- Media
- Data Confidentiality
- Student Creative Work
- PTA Directory / School Directory
- Submit

Thank you. You have successfully submitted the family file information.



Click the below link to download the printed emergency procedure card:

[\[Download \]](#)

Free and Discounted Benefits

The FARMs program provides families with significant benefits to help you save money. Eligibility is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.

Log out

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits

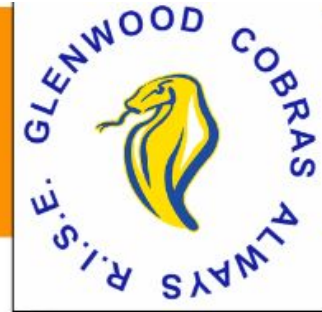
Town Halls & the [HCPSS Student Code of Conduct](#)

We view the code of conduct as a team effort. There are responsibilities for staff, students, families, and our community. Let's all do our part to make this year safe and successful for all!



Building Community & Connections

RISE



At GMS we are committed to...

- demonstrating RESPECT for ourselves and others.
- establishing and maintaining INCLUSIVE relationships.
- STRIVING to do our best.
- EMPOWERING all community members to advocate for themselves and others.

Building Community & Connections



Building Community & Connections

GLENWOOD **TOGETHER**



**STRONGER TOGETHER.
THRIVING TOGETHER.
ALL TOGETHER.**



Building Community & Connections

Book Club

Chess Club

Computer Programming

Creative Problem

Solving

Debate Team

Engineering

Environmental Studies

Film Production

Forensic Science

Graphic Novel Production

Leadership

Lego Masters

Little Bits Programming

Math Counts

National History Day

NJHS

Newspaper

Photography

Rubik's Cube

STEM Research

Student Government

Association

TED Talks

Television Production

Writer's Guild

Yearbook



Building Community & Connections

Information about Intramurals and Clubs will be shared by the end of September.

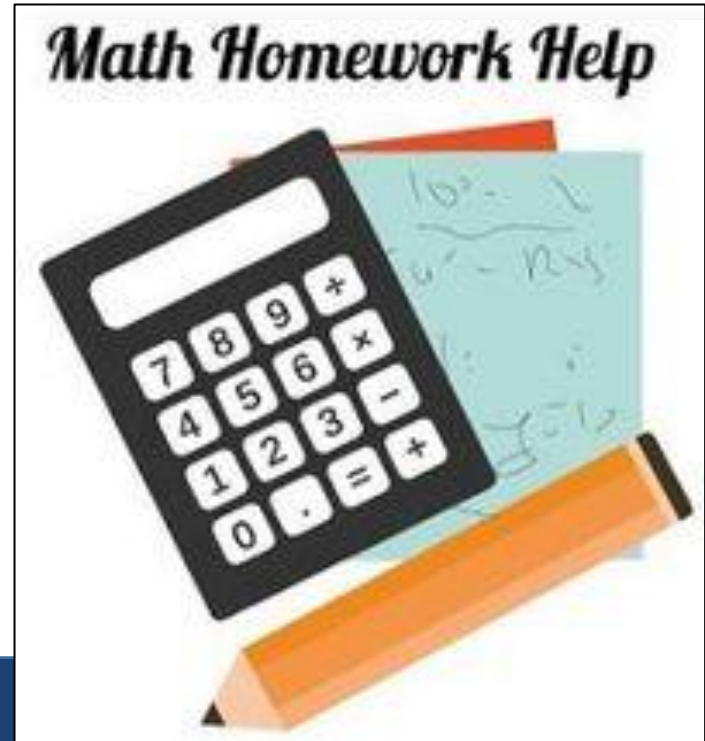


Building Community & Connections

Starts Monday, 9/8

Students check in with their homeroom teacher, go to their locker, and then go to Mrs. Storr's room for help.

Run by teachers and students



School Communication: Emails and Texts



Utilizing contact information submitted through the Family File, parents and guardians **automatically receive emails from HCPSS and Glenwood.**

To comply with FCC & wireless carrier requirements, parents/guardians **must opt in one time** to receiving **text message** alerts. To confirm that you have opted in, **text the word “YES” to 67587** from the cell phone number on file in HCPSS Connect Family File.

Unsubscribing to either an HCPSS or school email, will remove you from receiving all email messaging - including emergency notifications!

Please call the front office if you believe you are not receiving emails and/or text messages.

School Communication: Our Website

HCPSS Connect

Provides **single sign-on access** to student information & classroom instructional tools:

PARENT ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASSWORK



HCPSS Connect

HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely, relevant and easily accessible information relating to your student.

 HCPSS CONNECT LOGIN

- **Family File - Completed online - must be updated each year!**
- Visit <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> to update your family file, or to get help with your username or password

School Communication: Our Website

Notifications: Attendance, Grades & Internet

The screenshot shows the user interface of the Howard County Public Schools website. At the top right, there are links for 'My Account', 'Help', 'Online Registration/Family File', and 'Logout'. The main header includes the school name 'Howard County Public Schools' and a greeting 'Good morning, [Name], 8/21/2022'. A left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Synergy Mail (with a red notification badge '32'), Calendar, Attendance, Class Schedule, Course History, Fee, School Information, and Student Info. A 'More Options (Report Cards, etc.)' link is at the bottom of the sidebar. The main content area features three large buttons: 'Canvas', 'Daily Attendance', and 'Report Cards'. Below these, a button for 'Parent Email Notifications' is circled in blue. Other partially visible buttons include 'Homeroom'.

Auto Notify: Check the items below for which you would like to receive an e-mail notification.

Attendance Notify me when my child is tardy or absent

Grade Book Notify me with my middle or high school (only) child's grade book scores
Send messages every: %
 Only Send Messages when Grades are below: %

Internet Usage Notify me weekly regarding my child's/children's internet usage via Lightspeed

Primary E-Mail:

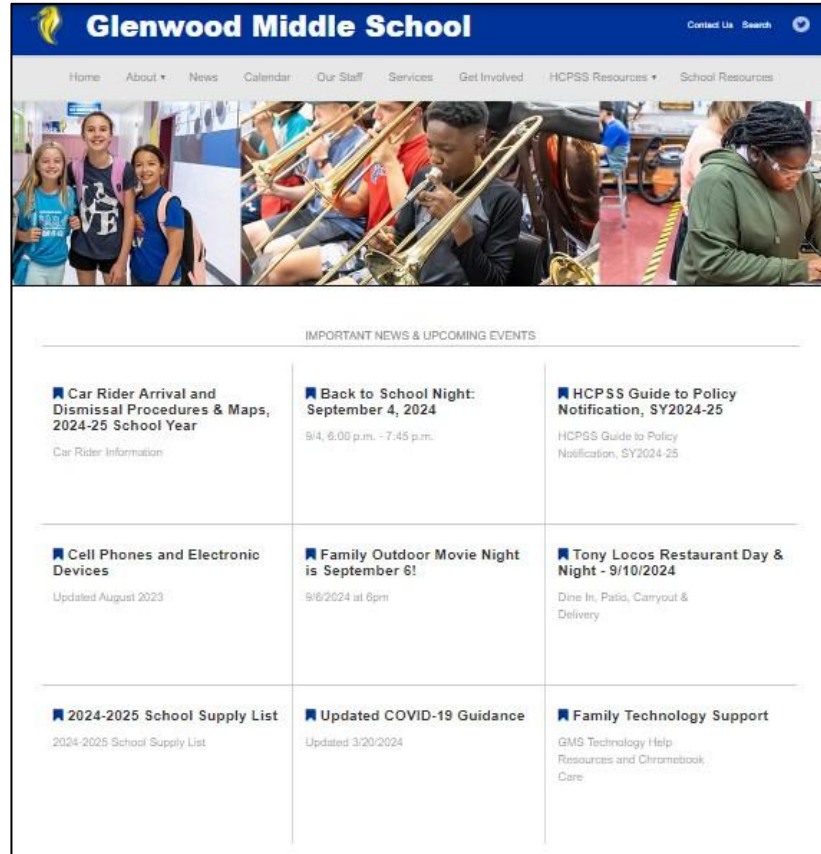
School Communication and Social Media

- Newsletter - Every other week on Friday
- PTSA Newsletter - Every other week - opposite Fridays
- Emails - School/HCPSS (using Family File Info)
- GMS Twitter - www.twitter.com/hcpss_GMS
- Principal's Instagram - [@principal_shindel](https://www.instagram.com/principal_shindel)



School Communication: Our Website

Visit Our
Website for
News and
Upcoming
Events



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IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Car Rider Arrival and Dismissal Procedures & Maps, 2024-25 School Year Car Rider Information	Back to School Night: September 4, 2024 9/4, 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	HCPSS Guide to Policy Notification, SY2024-25 HCPSS Guide to Policy Notification, SY2024-25
Cell Phones and Electronic Devices Updated August 2023	Family Outdoor Movie Night is September 6! 9/6/2024 at 6pm	Tony Locos Restaurant Day & Night - 9/10/2024 Dine In, Patio, Carryout & Delivery
2024-2025 School Supply List 2024-2025 School Supply List	Updated COVID-19 Guidance Updated 3/20/2024	Family Technology Support GMS Technology Help Resources and Chromebook Care

Tonight's Schedule

GMS Back to School Night Bell Schedule	
Time	Class / Event
6:00 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	General Session (cafeteria)
6:30 p.m. - 6:37 p.m.	Period 1
6:40 p.m. - 6:47 p.m.	Period 2
6:50 p.m. - 6:57 p.m.	Period 3
7:00 p.m. - 7:07 p.m.	Period 4
7:10 p.m. - 7:17 p.m.	Period 5
7:20 p.m. - 7:27 p.m.	Period 6
7:30 p.m. - 7:37 p.m.	Period 7

- ★ General Session, Cafeteria
- ★ Period 1
 - Pick-up a copy of your child's schedule, map & bell schedule
 - 1st period starts at 6:30 p.m.
- ★ 7 minute classes, 3 minute transitions
- ★ Help Desk & Student helpers
- ★ Canvas/Family File help in media center