



# John Hopkins Middle School

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Dear Trojan Families,

I, along with the John Hopkins Faculty and Staff, is so excited for the 2022 – 2023 school year to begin. We hope you are as well. We have a lot to be proud of. Our school was able to maintain a school grade of a C, as determined by the 2022 Florida Standards Assessments. In doing so, our school was able perform just as well as many of the other district middle schools. Our scholars demonstrated they are just as talented and intelligent as any other Pinellas County middle schooler and that our faculty and staff have the skillsets to provide the most optimal instruction.

As we prepare for the first day of school, I would like to share some important information with you that will make Wednesday, August 10 and beyond a less anxious time for you and your child.

## School Start Time –

School starts promptly at 9:40 a.m. each morning. Scholars will be allowed onto campus each morning beginning at 9:20 a.m. Breakfast will be provided for free to all John Hopkins scholars between 9:20 – 9:35 a.m. each morning.

## School Uniform –

John Hopkins Middle School has a school uniform policy that all scholars are required to abide by.

**Tops:** Tops must be a solid color polo-style shirt (hunter/dark green, burgundy, or black).

- A John Hopkins-sponsored school t-shirt will also be acceptable.

**Bottoms:** Bottoms can be pants, shorts, or skirts for females. Color options are navy blue or khaki tan only.

**Shoes:** Shoes can be any color, but must be close-toed and have a backing.

\*\* Please visit the school website ([www.gojhops.com](http://www.gojhops.com)) to find our school apparel store.

## Before School Arrival Procedures –

**Car Riders:** Parents/guardians dropping their child off each morning are asked to drop their child off no earlier than 9:15 a.m., as doors to allow scholars onto campus will not open until 9:20 a.m.

- As you enter the main entrance of the school, please veer to your right and follow the drive to the covered walkway and drop your child off there. Please pull as far towards the end of the drive as possible to allow more cars to drop off underneath the covered walkway. You may pull around cars as needed to exit the drop off area. Please refrain from dropping your child off at the front of school prior to 9:40 a.m.
- As you enter the drive, please yield for walkers.

**Walkers:** Scholars walking to school will be allowed onto campus beginning at 9:20 a.m. Walkers should meet at the single gate just to the (cardinal direction) north of the main drive entrance of the school. Walkers will follow the sidewalk that will lead them towards the back of campus, where most scholars will enter campus.

**Bus Riders:** Bus riders will be dropped off in the Bus Circle. They will be directed to the areas of campus where scholars meet to either eat breakfast or wait to be allowed to report to their first class of the day.

- In the event a bus is late, scholars can still eat breakfast if they choose.
- Scholars will not be marked tardy due to their bus arriving late.

### **When the School Day Starts on 8/10/22 –**

Most scholars, especially scholars new to John Hopkins Middle School, will be scared and anxious. To help calm nerves of our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders on campus and new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to our school, lists will be posted in various areas of campus that will inform scholars where to report for their first period class. Lists will be sorted by grade level and will be in alphabetical order by the scholars' last name. School personnel will be visible and eager to help guide all scholars to the location of their first class.

- Parents/guardians will not be allowed to walk their child to their first class. Please know your child will learn their way around campus in a few short days and what seems to be a very large campus is a campus that is very easy to learn.
- Scholars will receive their paper schedule from their first period teacher.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunizations –**

All scholars entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have the Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) shot (or a valid exemption) prior to attending classes.

- Parents must provide a completed Certificate of Immunization form to the school office.

### **After School Dismissal Procedures –**

**Car Riders:** Scholars will report to the Car Circle for parent/guardian pickup beginning at 4:10 p.m.

- Parents/guardians are asked to form a single file line in the car line.
- Please do not park in the parking lot and require your child to cross the path of cars to get to your car; this is a huge safety issue.
  - In addition, please do not park and get out of your car to come and find your child, as this also poses a safety issue.

**Walkers:** All scholars who will be walking home will exit at the front of the school, past the flagpole and will exit at the south corner of the school's main drive entrance. Crossing guards will direct scholars north, south, or east, across 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, to exit the school.

**Bus Riders:** All scholars riding the bus will exit campus between Building 2 and the Cafeteria (Building 3). This will be the same area scholars entered campus when they are dropped off in the morning.

- For the first few days of school – up until Friday, August 19 – busses will not be released until all scholars understand where their bus is in the pickup line and they learn their bus number.
- Beginning the week of August 22, busses will be released daily at 4:17 p.m. Scholars should make it priority to immediately head to their bus at dismissal, so they do not miss their bus ride home.

### **Early Pickup –**

Please refrain from picking your child up no later than 3:45 p.m. daily for early dismissal. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## **Lunch –**

All scholars are eligible for eating lunch through our Food Services free of charge daily. Scholars may opt to bring their own lunch. They will be allowed to eat their own lunch in the Cafeteria during their designated lunch period.

- Parents/guardians are asked to refrain from dropping off fast food for their child to eat during their lunch period.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted to eat lunch with their child in the Cafeteria.

## **Supplies Needed –**

All scholars are expected to come to school daily with materials needed to maximize their learning experience. Basic materials needed each day include a backpack, pen and pencil, and notebook paper. Each teacher may require additional materials for their classroom; please be cognizant of their class syllabus.

- All scholars will have the opportunity to be issued a school laptop. All scholars are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity as the laptop will be used to enhance their learning experience throughout the year – during the school day, as well as outside of the school day.
  - There is no charge for your child to be issued a school laptop.
  - Scholars are asked to bring their school-issued laptop to school daily.

## **First Day Packets –**

Your child should bring home a packet of information that will include important documents such as clinic and information cards, media release form, and many more. Please assist the school in completing these important documents and having them returned to the school, specifically any contact information in case of an emergency.

Information has been shared with parents on how to electronically complete these forms. To find out how to complete forms electronically, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/pcsfirstday>, or webpage <https://www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms>, or call the Technology Information Systems Helpdesk at (727) 588-6060 for more information.

While this is a lot of information at once, I hope you find the information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please contact us at (727) 893-2400 between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. prior to August 10. August 10 and after, office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Carlmon Jones  
Principal