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Welcome back for the 2019 – 2020 School Year!

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Aug. 20 - 23:
Benchmarks
- ❖ Aug. 27 - 28:
IOWA Testing
- ❖ Aug. 26: After
School Program
(ASP) Begins
- ❖ Sept. 2: Labor
Day Holiday –
No school

It is our mission to help every scholar feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our HGA family. Additionally, we have highly qualified professional educators and support personnel who spend countless hours planning quality lessons to engage our scholars in learning. Our teachers also utilize research-based practices and analyze academic data to determine current academic levels and to set goals for growth and improvement. With this in mind, we extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want, need, and value your involvement and support in your child's education!

Testing: Benchmark assessments were administered August 20th -23th and IOWA testing is scheduled for August 27th through August 28th. The benchmark results are included in students' grade averages.

Holiday: The school is closed on September 2nd due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Attendance: Regular school attendance is a key factor in scholar success. It is just as important that scholars arrive to school on time. Scholars are expected to be at their desks ready to learn promptly at 7:45 a.m. Three tardies will equal one Saturday detention.

Dismissal: Your patience and cooperation are requested during the dismissal process. As an increased safety measure and an effort to reduce wait time in the scholar pick-up area, the outline procedures must be followed: 7th – 12th Grade scholars are dismissed thru the main entrance of the school. Additionally, scholars picking up siblings from the elementary must do so prior to exiting the building. A grace period of 30 minutes will be given to ensure all scholars are picked up. After the 30 minutes grace period, a fee of \$15 will be charged.

ASP (After School Program): The ASP begins on Monday, August 26th and the hours will extend to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The Friday schedule will remain from 7:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Cell Phone Policy: Keep in mind that our school has a policy of **NO cell phones or electronics**. If confiscated, the parent must come to the office to retrieve it and pay a \$15 fee. All collected fees are applied to our scholarship account.

School Uniforms: All scholars must be in uniform. We need your cooperation with the following: Uniform pants must be “regular fit” and not “skinny fit”. No scholar 6th – 12th may wear shorts to school.

Thank you so much for all your support and let's make it a great year!
Please feel free to call the school office at (832) 649 – 2814 if you have any questions or concerns.

Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four-year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum.