



William S. Hackett Middle School



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Principal's Message

Greetings and happy spring to all! Enclosed is your child's third quarter report card for your review. You may call the Guidance Office at (518) 475-6486 with any questions you may have and/or to set up a meeting with your child's teacher(s) if you so desire.

As we have entered the final quarter of the school year, it is critical that students remain focused on academic achievement. Attendance plays a vital role in your child's success at school, so we ask that you also be aware of the attendance information indicated on his/her report card. **Please note that Hackett Middle School will have full-day sessions through Thursday, June 24.**

On April 26, we welcomed back students in seventh and eighth grade who elected to participate in our hybrid learning model for the fourth quarter. In keeping in alignment with COVID-19 guidelines:

- All students and staff wear a facemask at all times except when eating;
- Students wipe down their desks as they enter each classroom (we will provide wipes for students);
- Hallways are marked with signs and other reminders to remain six feet apart;

- Desks are at least six feet apart;
- Hand sanitizer is readily available; and
- Health and safety procedures continue to include nightly cleaning and sanitizing.

Reminders and details

Eighth grade students enter through the main entrance on Delaware Avenue. Students who ride the yellow bus (First Student) and/or are in seventh grade should enter through the cafeteria entrance behind the school.

Students should bring their laptop, charger and earbuds to school each day and be sure to fully charge their device before coming to school. The health screener for your child(ren) should be completed each day.

Students go through routine security screenings and have their temperature checked upon entering the building. A grab-and-go breakfast is provided to students at each entrance to eat in their first-period classroom. Students eat lunch in the cafeteria for half of their lunch shift and are seated in assigned seats placed 6.5 feet apart. They are assigned to study hall in their homeroom for the other half of their lunch. The cafeteria will be cleaned

and sanitized between lunch shifts.

Our next **PTA meeting** will be Wednesday, June 2. Please click on meet.google.com/iho-pmey-qxp to join us. Our third quarter **Honor Roll Ceremony** will be held virtually and is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m. Also please note Tuesday, May 18, is the **School Budget vote and Board of Education elections**, and therefore, there is no school for students that day.

As our school district did not utilize any of its snow days, **Monday, May 17** will be designated as a recess day with two additional recess days added to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. To that end, there will also be no school on **Thursday, May 27, Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31** of the holiday weekend. School will resume on Tuesday, June 1 and continue with regular, full-day sessions through Thursday, June 24, which is the last day of school.

As the end of the school year approaches, our students get very excited about summer vacation. If we remain vigilant in these last few weeks, I am confident that the end of the year will be as positive as the beginning. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

In-person seventh, eighth graders return



Seventh- and eighth-graders whose families chose in-person instruction began returning to school during the week of April 26. We are so happy to be able to see our students up close and personal!

Moving-Up Ceremony June 25

On Friday, June 25, we will celebrate our **Class of 2021 Moving-Up Ceremony**. In order for an eighth grade student to participate in the ceremony, he or she must pass three of their four core classes as well as be

in good behavioral standing. As we get closer to the end of the school year, additional information and guidelines regarding the ceremony will be provided as we work to ensure that we meet all COVID regulations

and protocols.

Please contact your child's Guidance Counselor at (518) 475-6486 with any concerns you may have regarding your child's academic standing.

Grade 8 Dance June 18

The **Grade 8 Dance** will be held on Friday, June 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hackett (rain date is June 24). This is a semi-formal affair and students should dress appropriately. More information and the permission slip will be made available at a later time. Students must meet academic and behavioral requirements to participate.

Budget, board vote May 18

The City School District of Albany will hold its annual school budget vote and Board of Education elections on Tuesday, May 18.

All eligible voters are encouraged to come and participate in the voting process. As a result of the school budget vote being held in several schools throughout the district, **school will be closed for students on May 18.**

Learn more about the budget and board vote on the school district website at albanyschools.org/budget

Mark Your Calendar

Now- June 9	NYSESLAT Speaking Test
May 9	Happy Mother's Day
May 12	Third Quarter Honor Roll Ceremony, 8:30 a.m.
May 17	NO SCHOOL
May 18-June 9	NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing tests
May 18	No School – School Budget vote and Board of Education elections
May 21	Fourth quarter interims – grades close
May 27-31	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day Recess
June 2	Final PTA meeting, 7 p.m.
June 8-9	NYS science written test (Grade 8)
June 18	Grade 8 Dance, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (rain date June 24)
June 22	Living Environment Regents
June 23	Algebra Regents
June 24	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
June 25	Grade 8 Moving-Up Ceremony, Time TBD