

JOHN HANSON MONTESSORI

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am hopeful that you have truly enjoyed a summer of work, study, and relaxation. As children learn best when parents are engaged in their education, we encourage you to be involved in your child's education as much as possible by attending school functions/meetings, volunteering, and scheduling visits to your child's classes.

This year's theme is "By Working Together, We Will Make a Difference". As I enter into my 26th year as an educator in Prince George's County, I am excited to serve as the Principal in the BEST Montessori school in the world! I am filled with excitement and great anticipation to begin this journey with you and more importantly, our JHMS students.

As our world continues to reset from the impact of Covid-19 and the pandemic, I am encouraged to know that we all have the opportunity to refocus on our goals, dreams, and expectations. It remains critically important for all stakeholders to work together to ensure our Hanson Soaring Eagles obtain and reach good success and academic achievement.

John Hanson Montessori is a GREAT school, and we will settle for nothing less than our best for our students. An extension to our theme is "We are HANSON - where Community is Important; Collaboration is Essential; Care is our Priority." It is from this perspective that I plan to lead our school, faculty, staff and students.

As we begin to prepare for the upcoming 2022-2023 School year, please note the following:

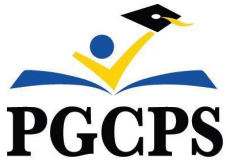
Friday, August 26, 2022: The Systemic Student Orientation for all new students will occur. PreK-3, New PreK-4 and New Kindergarten families will meet in the cafeteria at 10 am. Former 5th grade students transitioning to 6th grade will attend; further details will be provided.

Monday, August 29, 2022 —First day of School for JHMS students. FULL IN-PERSON instruction will begin with Homeroom class at 9:15 a.m., and the school day will end at 3:55 p.m. It is critically important that students are on time everyday of the school year.

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 (6 p.m.) - Back to School Night for grades PK3 - 5th Grades.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (6 p.m.) - Back to School Night for Middle school Grades.

Mandatory Dress Code: JHMS does not have a school uniform policy; however, students are expected to adhere to the PGCPS dress code which is posted on the school's website.



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Schedules: Parents and students will be able to access student schedules in Schoolmax prior to the first day of school. It is suggested that parents access their child's schedule prior to August 29, 2022; this will assist students with knowing the location of their classroom. Middle school students will receive a printed copy of their schedule on their first day of school.

School Supplies: The general 2022-23 School Supply lists for each grade level are posted on the website. Please note:

Primary: PK3-Kindergarten

Lower Elementary: 1st - 3 grades

Upper Elementary: 4th - 5th grades

Middle School: 6th - 8th grades

Bus Transportation: Bus routing is computerized. Go to www.pgcps.org for bus information. You will receive a letter from the Transportation Department indicating student a.m. and p.m. routes with stops and times. Students are not permitted to ride any bus other than their assigned route. Please note that there is a bus driver shortage; please be patient during the first few weeks of school if your child's bus arrives later than scheduled.

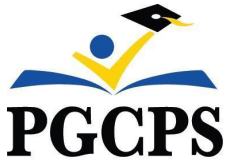
Free and Reduced Lunch: Free and reduced lunch applications will be available the first week of school. If your child qualifies, have him/her return the completed form to the main office, or the form may be mailed directly to the Department of Food Services. If an electronic process is made available, you will be notified.

Breakfast and lunch will not be provided free of charge for all students this school year. Please ensure that you are depositing funds in your child's School Bucks account if needed to purchase breakfast and/or lunch.

PGCPS-Issued Chromebooks: Students will retain their Chromebook until further notice. Only students who are withdrawing from PGCPS are required to return their PGCPS-issued Chromebook. **Therefore, only if a student is no longer attending any school in PGCPS will he/she return their Chromebook.**

Students entering first grade with an iPad will be transitioned to using a Chromebook during the first month of school. Further information about this process will be forthcoming.

Cellular/Electronic Devices: It is highly recommended that students refrain from bringing cellular/electronic portable devices to school to avoid possible distractions in the learning environment. **Students who choose to bring cellular and electronic devices to school must power them off prior to entering the school building; in addition, the device must be out of sight during the entire**



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instructional day. Students, who do not comply with the policies and procedures, will receive consequences outlined in the Students Rights and Responsibilities handbook.

Please note that we will communicate all instructions and updates pertaining to possible CDC/PGPCS COVID-19 guidelines that may be implemented during the 2022-2023 school year upon receipt.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of John Hanson Montessori School, we welcome you and yours as we embark on a global educational experience. We look forward to all stakeholders working together, so our students may reach their destiny of GREATNESS!

Please feel free to contact me with any inquiries or concerns; my email address is Courtney2.king@pgcps.org.

Sincerely,

Courtney M. King

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