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Dear Parents/Guardians,

August 19, 2020

Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family. All of us at Hazel Park Preparatory Academy (HPPA) look forward to seeing **grades 1-8 on Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Pre-K and kindergarten students on Thursday, Sept. 10.**

This fall we will start the year in distance learning. Saint Paul Public Schools has been developing plans for most of the summer in anticipation of your child returning to HPPA. Typically, this Welcome Back Letter to families discusses our schedule, transportation routes, school supply lists, and immunization forms. However, this year we will focus on getting you important information as soon as possible about what school will look like as we will start in distance learning. You can find updated information here at spps.org/distancelearning.

I will be sending more details about our plans in the coming weeks and posting updates on our school website at <https://www.spps.org/hazelpark>. **I will also host a family virtual information session on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** Families can drop-in to hear updates about the upcoming school year and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link below:



Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/tou-rssg-mbf?authuser=0>

or [Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 908-502-7287 PIN: 663 882 884#

The first day of school can be overwhelming for students, and there is no doubt this year will bring some new and additional challenges. Here are a few things to know so you and your child can prepare. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school at 651-293-8970 for assistance.

3M School Supplies

We will be distributing school supplies from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm for students in **grades Pre-K – 5 on Tuesday, September 1st, students in grades 6-8 on Wednesday, September 2nd, and again on Thursday, September 3rd for any student who did not receive a supply bag.** We ask that you wear a mask and remain in your car at all times during pick up.

Student and Family Distance Learning Checklist

Please view and use this technology checklist as a guide to make sure you are ready for the first day of school. This checklist is available at spps.org/fallchecklist.

Open House

HPPA will host a virtual open house to welcome students and families to a new year. We are still finalizing plans for our open house. Please look for more details later this month.

School Hours

We are following our school's regular start and end times from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, regardless of whether students are distance learning or in hybrid or in-person learning scenarios. Instructional availability for learning occurs during this time.

Middle School Students Class Schedule

We are working with our middle school teachers to finalize plans for the daily schedule. Student class schedules will be mailed out to our families and electronic copies will also be emailed to students and parents. Please look for more information regarding your student middle school schedule in the near future.

Distance Learning 2.0

- All PreK-12 students will be issued an iPad
- Distance Learning 2.0 will be a balance between any time (asynchronous) and same-time (synchronous) learning
- Students will receive daily same-time (synchronous) instruction from their teachers
- There will be daily student-to-student interaction
- Students will have access to enhanced WiFi options

I am looking forward to welcoming you and your child to a new school year **Tuesday, September 8, for grades 1-8, and Thursday, September 10, for Pre-K and kindergarten.** I'm so proud to be a part of this wonderful school community.

Sincerely,

Duane Dutrieuille, Principal
Hazel Park Preparatory Academy