

Heritage Middle General Mail Call

March 23-28, 2020



Look For The Helpers

Dear Heritage Family,

In an effort to make communication and access to information as easy as possible during this difficult time, I am changing my weekly newsletter format. This will allow me to share the weekly update through social media, to attach PDF files and links that you may need, and to provide an easy to read method of communicating important news. I hope this is helpful and welcome any feedback or suggestions on continued improvement of communication.

Students, we miss you SO much! As I was walking down the hall at HMS yesterday, it was eerily quiet. I was the only one in the building, and I closed my eyes for a moment to imagine the usual noise and bustle of the space around me filled with students cheerfully gathering together during a hall change. I know we all long for the day when our building is filled with your laughter again. A day when you can hug your friends, share stories about life over a lunch table in the dining hall, and return to a classroom to learn with your teachers and classmates once again. And that day will come. I know this period of waiting is so hard, but I want to encourage you to hang in there and know that your HMS family of teachers, administrators, and staff are here for you if you need us. Don't hesitate to reach out and email us if there is anything you need. I am so very proud of the job you are doing and want to encourage you to continue working hard and interacting with one another online.

I am incredibly proud of the way our Heritage faculty and staff, parents, and students have worked together to accomplish things that may have seemed impossible a few short weeks ago. I have seen so much good in the past few weeks as we have collaboratively tried to figure things out with almost no notice that life was about to change for a period of time. Our teachers have learned new technology and completely adjusted their curriculum to meet student needs while trying not to overwhelm families, our parents have stood firmly in the gap to learn how to navigate online learning platforms and to keep students engaged in learning at home, and our students have done a fantastic job of adapting to this situation as they continue to interact and learn with their peers even when they are physically separated.

In these difficult days, I have seen the helpers rise to meet every need and for that I am so grateful. In the coming days, it will be important to continue to look for the helpers and maybe more importantly to look for opportunities to BE the helpers. Reach out to a friend who is struggling with their schoolwork and offer to talk them through it, call an elderly neighbor and check to see if they are ok, offer to play a game with your younger siblings when they are bored, or unload the dishwasher for your mom or dad without being asked... there are always opportunities to be a helper and you never know what a small act of kindness could mean to someone around you.

Stay safe, be a helper, and Go Generals!

Melissa Butler
HMS Principal



When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." To this day, especially in times of "disaster," I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world.

— Fred Rogers —

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Faculty/Staff Email

Please click the following icon above to link to the staff directory. All staff members have access to email and will respond to your messages promptly.



Google Login Info

Click the Google icon above. Students can access their Google Drive, Google Classroom, and GMail by logging in to their Google account and clicking on the waffle in the top right corner.



Clever Login Info

Click the Clever icon above to link to the CCPS page and then scroll to the bottom to click on Clever. Students can access IXL, iReady, Reading Plus, USA Test Prep and Gallopade through this login.

Resources and Important Documents

Heritage Middle School Digital Learning Plan

Please click on this link to look over our digital learning plan. This plan explains how student learning will continue to take place at HMS during an extended closure.

Click Here for Parent Help for Google Classroom

Need help with Google Classroom? Mrs. Chappellear shares some great tips to help you navigate this platform in this informational video!

10 Digital Learning Guidelines for CCPS Parents

The ten guidelines provided above are intended to help parents think about what they can do to help their children find success in a distance learning environment.



8th Grade Online Summer Health/PE Credit Information

If you are an 8th grader interested in taking the online summer health/pe course, please complete the packet below and email it to mbutler@catoosa.k12.ga.us

Students will have access to both a computer and internet for summer classes if a student does not have access to the internet or a computer for courses. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Registration:

- Early registration deadline: May 6, 2020. Students who register early will have an opportunity to complete orientation during May and start early on their courses!
- Start registration date: June 15, 2020
- Students may register for up to 3 full credits during summer school.
- Student registration forms are available at Catoosa County middle and high schools, please visit them to the guidance office at your school or to the Catoosa County Academy.

Orientation:

- Orientation for summer school will be as follows:
 - o 8th and 9th students: May 5, 2020, 8:00 am – at Heritage MIDDLE School
 - o 10th and 11th students: May 11, 2020, 8:00 am – at Catoosa MIDDLE School
 - o 12th and 13th students: May 17, 2020, 8:00 am – at Rugged MIDDLE School
- Morning Orientation: May 20, 2020, 8:00 am – at the Catoosa County Academy, located in Building C at the Catoosa County Board of Education complex, 107 Central Street, Ringgold, GA. Phone: 706-853-0073
- Late Morning Orientation: June 1, 2020, 10 am – at the Catoosa County Academy. After this date, students should call 706-955-0073 to set up an orientation time.

Summer Health and PE Informati...

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Instructions for Subscribing to the HMS News Wake Up Call

1. Click on the [HMS News YouTube Channel](#)
2. Click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.
3. Click on the **BELL** next to the SUBSCRIBE button to allow notifications.



How Teens Can Protect Their Mental Health During Covid-19

Remember... our counselors are available for you and your child if they need assistance. Students may email counselors or fill out a form in the HMS Counseling Google Classroom.

Reach Out
For Help.
You're Not
Alone.

Ms. Rachel Reid (Student Last Names A-L)-
rreid.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us

Mrs. Shaneka Hunt (Student Last Names K-Z) - shunt.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us



How teenagers can protect their ...

www.unicef.org

6 strategies for teens facing a new (temporary) normal



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Spring Break is next week so no school work will be assigned for the week of March 30- April 3!

