



“Living and learning with purpose”

Principal's Corner

By Christina Orsi

Welcome back to school, Huskies! We have been busy this summer getting ready for another exciting school year. You will see some changes inside and outside of the classroom. We have new asphalt in the parking lot and play yards and are continuing to add new games to make recess fun and keep kids active. You may have noticed our marquee is missing from the front of the school. Our new electronic marquee will be arriving soon to help keep you informed of important dates. I think the show stopper however are the addition of our role model character banners. They really make the quad look beautiful and they help bring our BARK character traits to life! We will be rolling out new history curriculum, as well as new Second Step, social-emotional curriculum.

Our theme is “Living and learning with purpose.” This focus will help students explore their passions and understand how our choices and actions can steer us towards our goals.

Throughout this school year, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to contact me directly at corsi@sjcoe.net. It is a privilege to serve the Hawkins community and I look forward to all the opportunities this new year brings. Welcome back!

Tom Hawkins Elementary School

Home of the Huskies

Christina Orsi, Principal
Fiona Bessette, Vice Principal
Rahila Amani, Principal's Secretary
Nena Serrato, Clerk
Kelly Cabral, Clerk

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Aug 9 - [First Day of School](#)

Red Carpet Welcome 8:00am

First Bell 8:10am

Tardy Bell 8:15am

Minimum Day 1:30pm dismissal

Aug 9 - [Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast](#)

(TK-K Parents)

8:15am in the Library

Aug 10 - [Hawkins Spirit Day](#)

Regular Day

TK-3rd - 2:00pm dismissal

4th-8th - 3:00pm dismissal

Aug 13 - Minimum Day 1:30pm dismissal

Aug 15 - [TK-4th Grade Back to School Night](#)

5:30pm-7:00pm

Aug 16 - [5th-8th Grade Back to School Night](#)

5:30pm-7:00pm

Aug 16 - [8th Grade Graduation Meeting](#)

7:00pm-7:30pm in MPR

Aug 20 - Minimum Day 1:30pm dismissal

Aug 20 - Vision Screenings (TK,K,2nd, 5th, 8th)

Aug 21 - School Board Meeting

6:30pm at the District Office

Aug 23 - [Band Information Meeting](#)

5:00-7:00pm in the MPR

Aug 24 - Flip Flops Friday Spirit Day

Aug 27 - Minimum Day 1:30pm dismissal

Sep 7 - HPFC Boosterthon Fund Run

Sep 14 - School Pictures Taken

First Day of School - Thursday, August 9

The first day of school should feel like a celebration! Join us for our Red Carpet Welcome from 8:00-8:10am in the quad area. As students walk along the red carpet, they are greeted by the friendly faces of cheering staff members. The tardy bell rings at 8:15am and the campus closes. It is sometimes emotional for parents to say goodbye to their little ones on the first day of school, but getting them to go into their classrooms on their own is an important developmental milestone.

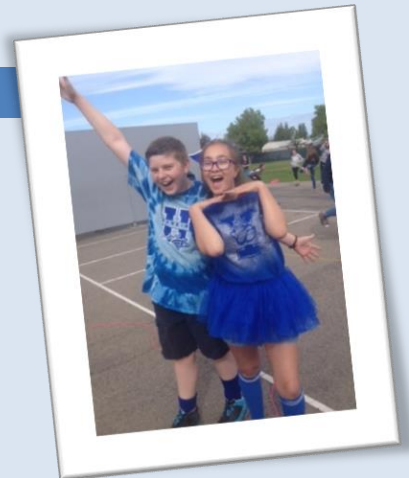


Boo Hoo/Yahoo! Breakfast - Thursday, August 9

As parents and grandparents, we know how sad it can be to send off little ones for the first time to Transitional or regular Kindergarten. The Hawkins Parent Faculty Club will be hosting a Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast for TK and Kindergarten parents to help console them and celebrate during this period of adjustment. Join us at 8:15am in the Library. Tissues and treats provided.

Hawkins Spirit Day - Friday, August 10

On Fridays, we encourage students to show their Hawkins school spirit by wearing our school colors. The HPFC has a wide assortment of spirit wear to choose from, or students can be creative and come up with blue, white, and silver outfits on their own! Spirit count is taken in each classroom on Fridays and classes compete to be the MOST spirited in the school. Special Spirit Days also occur periodically as well. ASB tries to select themes that are inexpensive and accessible for as many students as possible.



What is a Mini-Monday?

In the Jefferson School District, all students are dismissed at 1:30pm. After students are released staff meets in small groups called Professional Learning Communities(PLCs) to analyze student data and collaborate on the best course of instruction for all students. This time is highly valued and critical for us to achieve our mission of ensuring ALL students learn at high levels. With 10 grade levels dismissing at the same time, it is critical that everybody follow our traffic procedures to ensure dismissal is safe and efficient. Please review the Drop Off and Pick Up routine below.

Back to School Night - Wednesday, August 15 and Thursday, August 16

Back to School Night is an opportunity to come and meet the faculty of Tom Hawkins Elementary School. Teachers will discuss their course syllabi and important information to help your student be successful.

TK-4th Grade parents should attend on August 15th from 5:30-7:00pm. This evening begins in the MPR at 5:30 with a short welcome and orientation. Classrooms open at 6:00pm. Teachers will deliver two 25-minute presentations. If you have multiple children, you can attend either session and receive all the information.

5th-8th Grade parents should attend August 16th from 5:30-7:00pm. This evening begins in the MPR at 5:30 with a short welcome and orientation. Presentation schedules will be handed out the evening of the event.

Back the School Night is the first step in becoming an involved parent, which we know is a critical piece of the puzzle in making our students successful. We know everybody is busy, but attendance at this event is highly encouraged.

8th Grade Graduation Meeting - Thursday, August 16

Can you believe the Class of 2019 is entering their final year at Hawkins? Please attend this important parent meeting on August 16 at 7:00pm in the MPR to get very important information about graduation criteria and events. Graduation committee sign-ups will be at this event. Like to be involved? There are also opportunities to take a leadership role or simply lend a hand.



Coaching Days

A critical role school administrators play is that of an instructional leader. In order to fulfill this role effectively, administrators need time in classrooms interacting with teachers and students. Some times with the day to day management of a school site, this process can get pushed behind other "hot" items. This year, Mrs. Bessette and Ms. Orsi are making this a top priority and parent support is going to be important. Administrators will be engaged in coaching days once a week and will have protected time scheduled. This will allow them to be in classrooms where the learning is happening.

Mrs. Bessette's Coaching Day – Wednesday

Ms. Orsi's Coaching Day – Thursday

Emails and calls to an administrator during coaching days will be answered the following day. If immediate assistance is needed, one administrator will be available. We know the quality of your child's instruction is your highest priority. It is ours as well. Please support us in this endeavor to help improve instruction for ALL students! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Bessette (fbessette@sjcoe.net) or Ms. Orsi (corsi@sjcoe.net).

Band Information Meeting - Thursday, August 23

Interested in joining the World Famous Tom Hawkins Elementary School Band? Our band program is open to 5th-8th Grade students. Come out and meet the band teacher Mr. Robert Brown. Mr. Brown is a UOP trained music teacher with a wealth of experience with band programs and music instruction. Instruments will be available for students to try out. The evening begins at 5:00pm on Thursday, August 23.

DRESS CODE

Please review the Dress Code in our Handbook on the Jefferson District Website. Please see the graphic below for examples.

Per the district policy, the consequences for dress code violations are:

First offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes.

Second offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The student shall be assigned detention as determined appropriate by the principal or the designee.

Third offense: The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff. The student will be required to wear loaner clothes or call home for a change of clothes. The principal or the designee shall assign the student ten hours of community service to be performed within thirty calendar days.

Fourth and subsequent offenses: The student shall be suspended for a period of 1-5 days as determined by the principal or the designee.



The bralette, the cold shoulder style shirt, and the cut-off style shirt are recent fashion trends that have become very popular. Parents may be wondering if they are dress code compliant. Basically, with a bralette, the shirt worn on top of the bralette must meet the dress code requirements. For cold shoulder shirts, the shoulder straps must follow the 4-finger rule. For cut-off shirts, no mid-drift should be exposed. They can be worn with an undershirt to cover the mid-drift area.



Tom Hawkins Drop-Off/Pick-Up Routes



PICK UP PROCEDURES:

TK & KINDERGARTEN – ALL TK AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE PICKED UP FROM THE GATES NEXT TO THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING

1ST-3RD GRADERS – BE SURE TO DESIGNATE YOUR CHILD'S PICK UP AREA WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR SCHEDULE OR ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL OTHER STUDENTS – PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD AND LET THEM KNOW WHERE YOU WILL BE PICKING THEM UP

OPTIONS FOR PICK UP:

KINDERGARTEN GATE – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO GET THEIR CHILD. ADULT ON DUTY MUST HAVE VISUAL CONTACT WITH PARENT IN ORDER TO RELEASE THE CHILD

CAR LOOPS – PARENTS STAY IN THE CAR AND CHILDREN WAIT IN LINE FOR THEIR PARENT TO PULL UP. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN THE CARLINE AND GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE.**

GYM DOORS – PARENTS PARK/WALK UP TO RETRIEVE THEIR CHILD

WALKERS – STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO WALK HOME