Horizon Middle School
Fall 2026-2027
Opening Events

We are excited to welcome you all to the 2026-2027 school year here at Horizon Middle School! Below you will find a list of opening events and helpful information for the upcoming school year.

Chromebook Repairs

August 10th & 11th from 10am - 2pm

The library will be open from 10am to 2pm. Students may pick up their Chromebooks during this time. If not, Chromebook will be disbursed on the first day of school in homebase. Students may also bring in their Chromebooks if they are in need of repair.

Building is Open to Families (student + adult)

August 10th through August 13th from 9am - 3pm

Our building will be open to families August 10th - 13th. During this time, students can walk their schedules and practice lockers. This is an opportunity for students to build confidence in navigating the building. Families need to check into the office before walking through the building. No students will be allowed into the building without an adult chaperone. Staff meet and greet will be reserved for the Open House on August 17th.

All 6th grade students and their families are invited to join us for the 6th Grade Welcome. During this event, we will go over some of the “need to knows” of middle school. Students and families will meet some of the 6th grade teachers and HMS staff, collect their schedule, practice their lockers, and walk their schedule with only other 6th graders in the building.

**The 6th Grade Welcome IS the Open House for 6th graders. If you are able to attend the 6th Grade Welcome, you DO NOT need to attend the Open House on the 17th. **

All 6th graders should be accompanied by an adult. For this event, you can enter the building through Door 1 (South Side/Main Entrance/Gym & Music Wing), Door 7 (East Side/Gym & Wrestling Wing), or Door 15 (North Side). Families will start in the cafetorium. Be sure to pick up your schedule in the cafetorium.

Open House

August 17th from 12:00 pm to 12:40 pm (last name A-O)

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1:20 pm to 2:00 pm (last name P-Z)

The school will be open for students and parents to pick up their schedules, walk their student's schedule, meet their team of teachers and put their school supplies in their locker. There will also be informational booths present in the cafetorium such as Horizon Clothing, nursing, and the Parent Advisory Committee.

To help with traffic control, we are asking that students only attend during the indicated times below. Students with last names starting with:
A-O: 12:00 pm to 12:40 pm
P-Z: 1:20 pm to 2:00 pm

If students attended the 6th Grade Welcome, they would not need to come back for the Open House.

For these events, you can enter the building through Door 1 (South Side/Main Entrance/Gym & Music Wing), Door 7 (East Side/Gym & Wrestling Wing), or Door 15 (North Side) any of the following doors for Open House. Please enter the cafetorium from the south side (closest to main entrance) to collect your schedules before walking your schedule.

Please make a reasonable effort to make schedule changes during August 10th and 11th from 10am - 2pm.

The office hours will be 8am-4pm on this day.

First Day of School

- School will begin on **Thursday, August 20th.**
- School times are **8:40am - 3:30pm**.
- On the first day of school when students arrive, they should go to the following:
    - 6th graders – East Gym
    - 7th graders – Middle Gym
    - 8th graders – West Gym

School Day

- School times are **8:40am - 3:30pm**.
- Breakfast is served at **8:00am.**
- Lunch is served at:

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    - **Grade 6 - 11:18am - 11:45am**
    - **Grade 7 - 12:03pm - 12:30pm**
    - **Grade 8 - 12:48pm - 1:15pm**
- Students may arrive at school after **7:00 am;** supervision is provided at this time. Students will either go to their designated areas or eat breakfast in the cafetorium. If students are eating breakfast, they will go to their designated areas once they are done. Designated areas are as follows:
    - **Grade 6 - East Gym**
    - **Grade 7 - Middle Gym**
    - **Grade 8 - West Gym**
- Students may not linger after school. Please arrange ahead of time to ensure a quick, safe exit. Students must leave school grounds by **3:45 pm**, unless supervised by a staff member (example: clubs/athletics/school work). Please note that there is no supervision after 3:45 pm. The office is open from 7:30am-4:15pm.

Student Services/School Nurse Information

To avoid waiting in line during open house, feel free to bring medications, health plans, allergy forms, or immunization records to the Front Office or Student Services now during the month of August between 8:00am-4:00pm.

MyPayments Plus

Activity passes, class supply fees, planners (handed out in homebase), PE t-shirts (handed out in gym class), can all be paid conveniently and anytime in MyPayments Plus with a credit card, debit card, or ACH. You can also pay with cash or a check in the Office.

Student Schedules

New this year Student schedules will be moving from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus. More information to come.

Picture Days

Pictures will be held on **Friday, September 4th** with retake pictures on **Tuesday, October 20th**. Students will be called down from class to take pictures.

School Activities

- Check out this link for sports, fine arts, and clubs information: HMS - Activities

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- Dates/times can also be found on the activities calendar. Please attend the meeting for your child's sport.
- If your child has not had a physical (not required for incoming 6th graders) please schedule that now. Your child will not be allowed to practice without a physical. MyPaymentsPlus is now open for sports fees as well.
- For more information about sports and athletic registration, please contact Mark Hager, Horizon Activities Director.

Useful Links

Student Handbook
School Supply List
Team Websites

If you have further questions, please contact the office at 701-323-4550.