

## Ways HMS Communicates

Houston Middle School is committed to frequent and open communication with families and community members about student performance, school expectations, current events, and activities. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach out are:

- \* Annual Back to School Night
- \* Facebook
- \* HMS website
- \* monthly newsletters/week bulletins
- \* Connect-Ed messages
- \* e-mail from teachers
- \* iParent
- \* Phone calls from teachers and administration



## Student Planners

Each student at Houston Middle School will be given a student planner at the beginning of the school year. Student planners are used to teach critical organizational skills that will ultimately help HMS students be successful throughout his/her education.

- \* Student planners are used everyday during school and students should have them each day
- \* Ask to see your child's planner each night - It's a great way to stay connected with HMS
- \* Student planners are used as a component of a student's final grade

**ORGANIZATION = SUCCESS**

## 2016 - 2017 Houston Middle School Schedules

HMS Daily Schedule	
Breakfast	7:45 AM - 7:40 AM
Classes Begin	7:45 AM
Lunches	A 10:42 AM - 11:16 AM B 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM C 11:54 AM - 12:24 PM
School Dismisses	2:15 PM
Buses Leave	2:25 PM

*HMS students are expected to arrive to classes on time and be prepared to learn.*

HMS Bell Schedule	
Hawk Talk	7:45 AM - 8:00 AM
2nd Period	8:04 AM - 8:54 AM
3rd Period	8:58 AM - 9:48 AM
4th Period	9:52 AM - 10:42 AM
5th Period	10:42 AM - 12:24 PM
intervention/ enrichment/lunches	
6th Period	12:28 PM - 1:18 PM
7th Period	1:22 PM - 2:15 PM
Dismissal	2:15 PM

## Houston Middle School 2016 - 2017 Family - School Compact for Achievement



## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

If you would like to volunteer or participate at Houston Middle School, please call  
(907)-892-9500

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Orin Wear, Assistant Principal

Tanya Boehm, Title I Parent Coordinator

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## Safety

*Is what I'm doing safe?*

## Responsibility

*Is what I'm doing responsible?*

## Respect

*Is what I'm doing respectful?*



## What is a Family - School Compact?

A **Family - School Compact for Achievement** is an agreement that parents/guardians, students, and teachers develop together. The compact explains how parents/guardians and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach or exceed grade-level requirements.

Effective Compacts:

- \* Link to school goals and focus on student learning
- \* Describe how teachers will help students develop and learn using high quality instructional techniques
- \* Share learning strategies that parents/guardians can use at home
- \* Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- \* Describe how parents can volunteer and participate in the school

Please call Houston Middle School at 907-892-9500 to contact your child's teacher or email. Email addresses are on the school website at [www.matsuk12.us/hms](http://www.matsuk12.us/hms)

## Teachers

To help students be successful, teachers will:

- \* Provide a safe learning environment
- \* Design engaging activities/lessons
- \* Build positive relationships by capturing kids' hearts
- \* Prepare students for Alaska State assessments
- \* Communicate with parents & guardians

## Students

To be successful, students will:

- \* Be on time and prepared for class daily
- \* Complete assignments and homework on time
- \* Actively participate in class
- \* Honor social contracts
- \* Follow directions

## Parents

To help students be successful, teachers will:

- \* Engage in your child's education
- \* Ensure your child completes his/her class work and homework
- \* Monitor your child's progress
- \* Contact your child's teachers when there are concerns
- \* Follow directions

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." -Henry Ford

## HMS Highlights

- \* Daily Hawk Talk
- \* Student Planners
- \* Daily Binder
- \* Go Math
- \* School w/in a School (SWS)
- \* Math U See
- \* Leveled Literacy Instruction
- \* Denali Science School
- \* Boys Town Social Skills
- \* Capturing Kids Hearts
- \* STEM
- \* Response to Intervention

MY  BELONGS TO THE HAWKS!

## Communicating about Student Learning

Houston Middle School is committed to providing up to date information about student learning. Some of the ways parents/guardians can expect to access their child's progress are:

- \* Student Planners
- \* Current Grades in i-Cue
- \* Quarterly Report Cards
- \* Progress Reports (mid-quarter)
- \* Parent - Teacher Conferences in October 2015 and February 2016