

HIDDEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome

Our Belief Statements...

- Hidden Lake Heroes are resilient and have the capacity to learn, grow, and be successful.
- Hidden Lake Heroes' behaviors are reflections of their needs and experiences.
- Our Hidden Lake Heroes are provided equitable opportunities to grow and learn.
- Playfulness is important for healthy growth, development, and building relationships.
- Hidden Lake Heroes build trust through meaningful relationships and experiences.
- The confidence of Hidden Lake Heroes leads to a growth mindset.
- Discipline is not raising your voice, but raising the integrity in others.
- Hidden Lake High School is home to empathy, respect and patience.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.

Martin Luther King

Getting Back to In-Person...

Dear Hidden Lake Families,

We hope the start of 2021 has gone well for you and your families. We are excited for the return to in-person learning.

These have been trying times for everyone but, with the new vaccine now being distributed, we believe it will be a matter of time before school returns to normal. Through all of this, remember to find joy in the daily struggle, our success is dependent on our ability to persevere. This seems to be an endless stretch of fear, disappointment, pain and heartache, yet, in our lifetime, this is a brief moment that will soon pass.

It is imperative that all of us continue to follow our safety protocols and do everything possible to limit the spread of COVID-19:

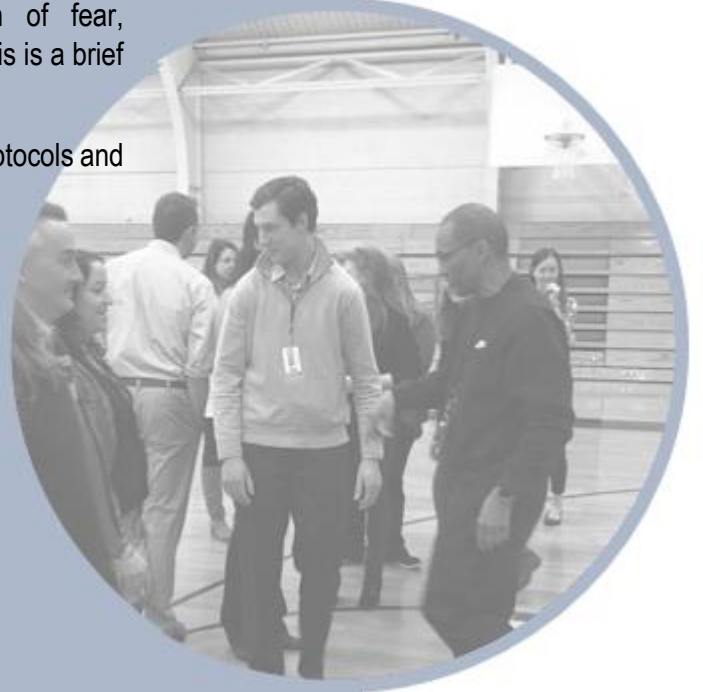
- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

Dr. John Douglas, Executive Director of Tri-County Health, has worked with the WPS staff in a virtual meeting to discuss our return to school plans. Dr. Douglas told staff that our strategy to bring students back into the classroom with safety measures in place is a solid one, and he commended the district for finding a good balance between concerns over the virus and the need for our students to be in the classroom. Dr. Douglas again stressed that there is very little transmission of COVID-19 in the school environment.

As you may have heard, educators have been given high priority status when it comes to vaccinations, and in the next couple of weeks, they will start receiving their shots.

Please watch this [video](#) with your children and reassure them that schools are safe places to learn. Everyone has stepped up to the challenge and we should all feel good about how we responded to the pandemic.

As we did in 2020, we will keep you updated on new developments as quickly as possible. We are ready and willing to answer any specific questions you may have.



Structures of Hope...

The Calendar

Many times when students start school in the fall they begin the school year with renewed excitement and looking for success. Things go well for the first several weeks and then a life event happens. That life event may be illness, family related issues, or work needs. They end up missing multiple days of school. When they return they try to get catch up, but it is difficult. It is a struggle for both the student and teacher to find time to make up for lost instruction.

The student begins to lose hope and starts skipping classes. By Thanksgiving some students just stop attending, they have lost hope. In a traditional high school, students lose a half of year of credit attainment.

At Hidden Lake, our calendar is designed to provide entry points and resets for the students every six weeks. We operate on what we call a "Hexter Calendar". This is why we find Hexters more successful for students:

- Students receive a fresh start every six weeks.
- Students may earn 1.5 credits or more towards graduation.
- Students may graduate throughout the year when they complete their individual requirements.
- Students have opportunities to try again to achieve success in academics, attendance, and/or discipline.
- Teachers have opportunities to reset and refine their instruction over the course of the school year.
- The schedule is refined over the course of the school year to meet the course needs for students.

Online Registration
is open for SY21-22;
parent/guardian
should enroll as soon
as possible. See
website for details.

