

# **Family Newsletter**

June 30, 2025

#### HELLO PATRIOTS FAMILIES!

Dear Hazel Park Junior High Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to share an exciting update about a positive change coming to Hazel Park Junior High School for the upcoming school year. Starting this fall, we will be implementing a teaming model as part of our commitment to creating a more supportive, personalized, and collaborative learning environment for all students.

#### What is a Teaming Model?

In a teaming model, students are grouped into smaller "teams" of learners who share the same group of core teachers (e.g., English, Math, Science, and Social Studies). These teachers work closely together to support the academic progress and personal development of the students on their team. This allows for consistent communication, integrated planning, and better coordination of support services.

Benefits for Students: Implementing a teaming model provides increased support to students, including:

- **Stronger Relationships**: Students will be part of a smaller learning community, allowing teachers to get to know them better and respond effectively to individual needs.
- Increased Support: Teams can easily monitor student progress, coordinate interventions, and celebrate successes.
- **Improved Communication**: Families will have a dedicated team of teachers working together, making it easy to address questions or concerns.
- **Collaborative Learning**: This model promotes an integrated approach to learning, helping students see connections between subjects.
- **Smoother Transitions**: The teaming model helps to ensure a smooth transition to a new school and provide a welcoming environment for students.

We believe this shift will foster a greater sense of community within our school and help students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our teachers and staff are already engaged in professional development and planning to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Please make a note of these important dates in August for schedule pick up: August 19, 2025 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. August 20, 2025 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. August 21, 2025 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

As always, thank you for your partnership in your child's education. We are excited about this change and the many benefits it will bring to our students.

### 2025/2026 HPJH CALENDAR

The calendar for the upcoming school year is linked below!

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

Here are some important dates to get on your calendar! We look forward to seeing everyone on one of the three Schedule Pick Up Days.

Aug 19	8:00-11:00	Schedule Pick Up
Aug 20	11:00-3:00	Schedule Pick UP
Aug 21	8:00-3:00	Schedule Pick Up
Aug 27	12:25-2:55	Half Day of School
Aug 28	7:55-2:55	Full Day of School
Aug 29-Sept 1		NO SCHOOL - Happy Labor Day Weekend
Sept 8	8:00-2:30	School Pictures
Sept 9	6:00-7:30	Meet the Teacher Night!
Sept 26	7:55-11:05	Half Day of School

Sincerely,

Julie Kaminski, Sheila O'Kane, Robert Kiger

## HELPFUL LINKS

Hazel Park Junior High School Calendar, 2025/2026

Hazel Park Junior High School website

Hazel Park Schools Student Handbook, 2025/2026 (coming soon)

Hazel Park Vikings Gear

Hazel Park Junior High School Gear