

# Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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Dear Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School families,

I am so excited to welcome our middle school students back to school tomorrow! As I am sure many of you have questions, I wanted to reach out to share some important information with you both about the day tomorrow as well as about the first week or two of school.

As you know, at the moment, masks are still mandated in the school buildings. While students do not need to wear them outside at recess, they need to wear them on the bus and in our building. Please ensure your child comes to school tomorrow with a mask so that they can begin the first day of school in a stress-free manner.

In addition, it is forecasted to be quite warm tomorrow during our Day of Service. I will have water for all of our students and will have plenty of shade available for the students and adults. That being said, please make sure your child:

- Brings a water bottle with them to school
- Wears clothing that they don't mind getting dirty/getting grass on
- Puts on sunscreen before coming to school-- no one wants a sunburn!
- Bring gardening gloves if they have them-- we will be working with our hands and helping to clean gardens

We will have a first-day of school DHBMS t-shirt for all students to change into tomorrow-- it will be great to see Baldwin Middle School out in the community, giving back as one, and wearing our first-day t-shirts. The design on the t-shirt was part of a contest by our current 8th graders and the winning design was created by 8th-grader Edward Cygnarowicz. Congratulations Edward!

Third, it is important that all students who plan to eat hot lunch tomorrow, sign up during homeroom. The lunch choice has been changed to Ham and Cheese sandwiches or Peanut Butter and Jelly. All lunches will be bagged with student names on them, so your child must sign up to receive a lunch. We will eat together at our community service locations before we head back to school.

Finally, if you have not yet signed the permission slip for the community service, please visit the following link to do so: <https://tinyurl.com/h5cc7vc2> ; you may also physically sign a slip and send it in with your student tomorrow.

This year Open House for DHBMS will take place on Tuesday August 31, 2021 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Currently the plan is for parents of 5th and 7th graders to attend from 4:30 to 5:30 and parents of 6th and 8th graders to attend from 5:30 to 6:30. I also plan to meet with all parents to go over important information as well as to answer questions. A more detailed schedule of that day will be sent home on this Friday's Blackboard communication.

Thank you as always for your support! I look forward to making this a great school year and I cannot wait to see your student tomorrow for our first day back!

Have a great evening,

Mr. Dukette

Principal

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