

August 2026

Hello Hornet Families!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

I hope this letter finds you well and recharged after a great summer. As we take on another new academic school year, there is much anticipation on what the year will bring. While no one can predict exactly what the year will look like, one thing does remain true here at Hamilton Middle School: kids come first. Here at HMS we will always have your kids' best interest in mind in everything we do. Middle school can be a challenging time for students, and we promise to support them along the way. I assure you that your child's well-being, safety, and educational progress are our top priorities.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself if you are new here to The Middle. My name is Lauren Lehane and I am the Hamilton Middle School Principal. This is my third year as the principal, fourth year in The Middle, and my 13th year in education. While these last four years I have been a Hornet, my other 9 years in education were spent teaching 4th grade in Blue Springs, MO at Lucy Franklin. I attended Missouri Western State University for my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, University of Missouri for my Masters' degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and Northwest Missouri State University for my Specialists' degree in K-12 Administration. My husband, Scott, and I love to attend concerts, Chiefs' games, Royals' games, and head to the lake whenever we get the chance. We enjoy getting to spend time together outside and with our pets.

I am so excited to extend a warm welcome to our students, staff, and families - both new and returning. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we begin this journey together, with a shared commitment to our Hornets' educational excellence and personal growth. I am so excited to start another school year with you all!

Below you will find important dates and helpful information to get our year started:

August 3rd - Returning Student Online Registration Opens

Students returning to the Hamilton R-2 School District will need to update information via TeacherEase prior to returning to school August 24th.

August 12th - Back to School Extravaganza

5:30-7:00 - Middle School Commons

August 13th - New Student Registration

8:00-3:00 - Middle School Commons

Please contact the Middle School office at 816-583-2173 on or after August 10th to set up a time to register. You will need to bring copies of your child's birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, and any other educational information you have.

August 19th - HMS Open House and Title I Meeting

7th/8th Grade 5:00-5:20pm

6th Grade 5:40-6:00pm

August 24th - First Day of School! Early Dismissal 1:00

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Forms can be picked up at the office. Please submit forms ASAP to avoid charges; forms need to be filled out each year. Your child must have money in their lunch account if they want extra milk or double entrees, or al la carte items.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Please do not drop off students earlier than 7:30am as there is no supervision prior to that time. Students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. Please contact the office prior to 2:30pm if there is a change in dismissal plans for your child.

Attendance

It is extremely important that your child be at school every day, and on time every day. Please contact the office via phone call or email if your child will be absent. Your child will need to be in classrooms by 8:00am to avoid being counted tardy.

Stay Connected

Visit our website at <http://www.hamilton.k12.mo.us/> to sign up for Text Caster to receive school related texts. TeacherEase will provide attendance and academic updates. Also, you can follow The Middle on Facebook by joining the Hamilton Middle School Facebook page.

Once again, welcome back to Hamilton Middle School! Let us embrace this new academic year with enthusiasm and a determination to achieve greatness. Together, we will overcome any obstacles, celebrate achievements, and create a thriving learning community where every student can flourish. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Sincerely,

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