

HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

2019 - 2020



Do you know about e-ALERTS?

Parents are encouraged to create an account on the Hamilton web-site and sign up to receive e-Alerts from your student's teachers and counselors. For instructions visit <https://www.cusd80.com/register>.

Husky Days

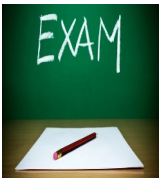
During Husky Days students pick up their completed schedule, have their student ID picture taken, purchase a yearbook, buy a student activity card, pay for parking permits and class fees (if applicable) during the times listed below.

Class	Date	Time
Seniors	Monday, July 15th	10:30 am - 3:00 pm
Juniors	Tuesday, July 16th	8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Sophomores	Wednesday, July 17th	8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Freshmen	Thursday, July 18th	8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Schedules will only be given to students or their parent/guardian.

SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNLESS THERE IS A HOLE IN YOUR SCHEDULE, YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN A CLASS OR IF YOU HAVE A MISSING CLASS.

Accuplacer Exam



Dual Enrollment - The Accuplacer Exam will be given the week of **August 5th** at Hamilton. All CGCC courses require some form of placement testing including electives and foreign language. Testing is provided on specific dates at Hamilton and year-round at CGCC-Coyote Center. For more information go to www.cgc.edu/testing. Testing is free of charge.

NEW for 2019-2020—Juniors and Seniors may use their unweighted high school GPA for English and Math class placement and or take the placement tests. For all other course requirements see your high school class list for details.

PSAT/NMSQT

PSAT/NMSQT will be held **Saturday, October 19th**. Registration. Will begin early August. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a great tool for students considering college. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. We recommend that students take the PSAT/NMSQT in order to receive feedback about strengths and weaknesses, enter the competition for National Merit Scholarships (11th graders) and to help prepare for the SAT.

First Day of School
Tuesday, July 23rd

School Hours
7:25 am to 2:14 pm

Zero Hour 6:25 am to
7:20 am

7th Period 2:19 pm to
3:09pm

BLOCK DAY CHANGES

Monday & Tuesday - Periods 0-7
Wed. - Block Day 1 Periods 0,1,3,5,7
Thurs. - Block Day 2 Periods 0,2,4,6,7
Friday - Periods 0-7

Open House

August 7, 2019

Our yearly open house will run from 6:30 pm until approximately 8:15 pm. Visit your child's classrooms and meet the teaching staff.

Seniors - Senior parents are invited to meet prior to the start of Open House at 5:30 pm in the **Hamilton Auditorium**. Counselors will discuss college admissions, scholarships and graduation requirements.

Juniors - Junior parents are invited to meet prior to the start of Open House at 5:30 pm in the **Hamilton Cafeteria**. Counselors will be discussing college admissions, entrance requirements, and testing.

Sophomores and Freshmen— Parents are invited to meet prior to the start of Open House at 5:30pm in the **Hamilton Main Gym**. Representatives from the three Arizona state universities and Hamilton counselors will present information on university admission requirements, scholarships and why academic rigor, SAT/ACT test scores and GPA all matter.



Summer Reading Program

Hamilton's Summer Reading Program is STRONGLY SUGGESTED (except for *AP World Studies (9th)*, *AP Language (11th)*, *AP Literature (12th)*, and *STEM writing (12th)* classes—for those classes, summer reading is required). For additional information on the Summer Reading Program the go to www.hamiltonhuskies.com and click on "Summer Assignment-English" under Site Shortcuts.

Hamilton Public Library

The library is currently hosting their Summer Reading Program. All who read are encouraged to participate in the library's summer reading challenge as well. Students log their reading minutes and receive free food, mini golf, and books. More information about the library's summer reading challenge can be found here: <https://www.chandlerlibrary.org/src.html>. Stop by the Hamilton Public Library during Husky Days to make a library card! Students will need their student ID and schedule, or a parent with an up-to-date Maricopa County drivers license.

Free and Reduced Priced Lunch

Free or Reduced Lunch is available to students in households where the income falls between the federal income limit guidelines.

Applications will be available at the front office or on our website at www.hamiltonhuskies.com in July. Click on Our School, click on Cafeteria, click on www.cusdnutrition.com and then click on Free and Reduced Online Applications on the left side of the page.

Senior and Junior students enrolled in either of these programs qualify for fee waivers for the ACT, SAT, and some college admission fees. See Mrs. Lytle in the Career Center, room D100.

Parking

Parking spaces are available for \$80.00 for the year.

Monday, July 15th: Senior Parking ONLY All pre-purchased carpool hangers will be available for pick-up. Remaining parking spaces will be available. Hangers will only be issued with a completed application, a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and your receipt of \$80.00 from the bookstore. Parking in the Library parking lot is prohibited.

Tuesday, July 16th: Junior Parking ONLY

Wednesday, July 17th: Sophomore Parking ONLY



Late Bus Service

Our late bus service leaves Hamilton between 3:30pm and 4:00pm Monday thru Friday. Unfortunately this service is limited and does not stop at every bus stop. Your child's arrival time will vary depending on the number of students needing to be dropped off.

Make Online Payments

Parents can pay student fees online. Log into Infinite Campus through the parent portal; at the bottom left corner is a link entitled "*In Touch HS Fee Payments*". When you click on this link, you will be directed to the *In Touch web page* where you can select your student (siblings will also be listed on this page regardless of the school they attend) and pay class fees, extracurricular activity fees, sports and club class fees, for any of your student's. A \$2.00 "convenience fee" will be charged for each transaction.

Husky Gear Store

Interested in Husky Gear? You can now purchase it online. Go to www.hamiltonhuskies.com and click the Husky Gear link on the right side of the page.

Uniform Fees

P.E. Uniforms—students are required to wear gray t-shirts and maroon shorts. If purchased at the bookstore the cost is \$15.00.

Sports Academy Uniforms— students in sports academy are required to wear uniforms. If purchased at the bookstore the cost is \$21.50 for shirts and \$21.50 for shorts.

Textbooks are provided for student use; however, if lost or damaged, the student and parent/guardian are responsible for replacement costs.

Family Yearly Athletic Passes

Family Yearly Athletic Passes can be purchased during Husky Days for \$125.00. This pass enables families of 4 (2 adults and 2 school age children) to attend athletic home regular season games at no additional charge. *Passes **cannot be used during AIA State games.***

Student ID/Activity Cards

Get your student ID picture taken during Husky Days! Students are required to carry their student ID's at all times, even when riding school buses.

Student Activity Cards can be purchased during Husky Days for \$35.00. With a Student Activity Card you get a class t-shirt, FREE admission to **all home athletic activities (except for state play-off games)** for the year, and reduced rates for special events such as Welcome Back and Sadie Hawkins dances, Fine Arts productions, etc. Students can also purchase a class t-shirt for \$10.00 without an Activity Card.

Cum Laude Recognition Program

We are excited and pleased to announce effective with the **Class of 2020**, that **all CUSD high schools** will be using the **Cum Laude** recognition program. This program will replace the concept of designating a valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation. Under the Cum Laude program more of our academic successful seniors will be recognized.

Cum Laude - meaning "with praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 3.75 - 4.24 weighted grade point average.

Magna Cum Laude - meaning "with great praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 4.25 - 4.49 weighted grade point average.

Summa Cum Laude - meaning "with the highest praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 4.5 - 5.0 weighted grade point average.



Attendance

Arizona state law requires students to attend 90% of class periods in order to earn credit. Students with 10 absences or more in a semester, either excused or unexcused, may be dropped from their classes with NO credit.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT (480) 883-5046

Student Last Name

A-Brom
Broo-Dash
Dau-Gen
Geo-Huss (Dept. Coordinator)
Huy-Lev
Lew-Moh
Moi-Pham
Phan-Seaw
Seb-Tup
Tur-Z
Counseling Secretary
Career Center
Social Worker
Social Worker
Intervention Specialist

Counselor

Mike Maluski
Heidi Tigner
Margarita Trujillo
Rachel Celaya
Amy Furrow
Jessica Anaya
Steve Spykstra
Mandy Tietjen
Shana Lacerenza
Steve Kanner
Dyan Randall
Carol Lytle
Rajani Rastogi
Julianne Haddad
Rich Doyle

Hamilton Dress Code

Students must recognize that brief and revealing clothing are not appropriate apparel in school. The following guidelines are examples and do not cover all situations. **Students shall NOT wear tank tops, halter-tops, garments with spaghetti straps, strapless garments, trench coats. Garments that are “see-through,” cut low, or expose one’s midriff are NOT acceptable. Sleeveless garments must extend to the end of the shoulders and fit closely under the arms. Clothing should have adequate coverage to allow a full range of movement without skin or undergarments showing. Undergarments must NOT be visible. Clothing must cover the entire buttocks and extend a reasonable length to ensure modesty.**

Senior Portraits and Senior Ads

Senior Portraits

In order to be pictured in the yearbook, **all 2020 seniors** must have their picture taken at **Prestige Photography by Lifetouch**. Students will receive a letter from Prestige with their pre-scheduled appointment. Students are not obligated to purchase pictures, but they will not be in the yearbook if they are not photographed by **Prestige**. **The deadline to have senior portraits taken is August 9th.** The studio is located at 4925 W. Bell Rd., Glendale AZ. 85308. To schedule an appointment call 480-296-2880. **Dresscode Required**



Senior Ads

The yearbook staff invites parents, relatives, and friends to recognize Hamilton’s 2020 graduates by placing a congratulatory ad in the yearbook. Ads are available in a variety of sizes, with prices starting at \$85. Ads can include color pictures and a personal message. Senior ads are created through Jostens. Please visit www.jostens.com to submit your ad.



Yearbooks can be purchased for \$75.00 during Husky Days only. After Husky Days the price increases. Ordering in advance guarantees that students will receive a yearbook at the lowest price.



Yearbook Pictures

Prestige will be at Hamilton Mon. and Tues., **July 29th and 30th** to take individual yearbook photos of students in **grades 9th through 11th only**. Detailed information will be given to students one week prior. Student ID pictures will not be used in the yearbook.

Seniors – Do you want a head start for your senior year?

Here are a few things you can do this summer to get ahead of the game!

- Go to Parchment.com and set up your account
We will be utilizing Parchment to send transcripts out. After the 5th transcript request, there will be a nominal fee per request.
- Go to our Hamiltonhuskies.com website and make up a Schoolwires account if you do not have one! Also, sign up for e-Alerts!
- Visit our in state university websites after July 1st and see if their college applications are open! Apply!! It’s never too early!
- Visit the Career Center website and look over the scholarships that were advertised to last year’s seniors! Many will come back again! Take notes!

Transportation

480-812-7275

In early July, each home should receive bus route information from CUSD Transportation. **Please bring this information with you to Husky Days so the bus # can be put on your ID.**



CLOSED CAMPUS

All students, regardless of age or grade-level, are to remain on campus from the time of arrival in the morning until after their last class of the day. If a student is off-campus and has NOT been signed out by a parent, this is a violation and may result in suspension. **(6th hr. Athletic Locker is a class)**

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION—LINK CREW

Friday, July 19, 2019

7:25am - 11:30am



The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and Juniors will be serving as leaders and mentors to the Freshmen. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Wear comfortable clothes and travel light. **Bring your Student I.D. Card and money to purchase your first Husky Lunch!** Your Link Crew Leaders will be there to guide you through the whole process and share your first lunch with you as a high school student. **Be sure to bring bottled water.**

Mark your calendars for these important Freshmen EXCLUSIVE dates:

- **Thursday 7/18/19**—Freshmen Husky Days 8:30am-2:30pm. Meet the Link Crew, tour the library and sign up for a library card and for **eAlerts**.
- **Friday 7/19/19**—Freshmen Orientation 7:25am-11:30am. Ride the bus to school and bring money to put on your school I.D. for lunch.
- **Tuesday 7/23/19**—First Day of School 7:25am. Meet up with your Link Leader and have a great first day of school.
- **Friday 8/9/19**— Splashdown!! 6:00pm-8:00pm. Come to the only Freshmen Exclusive Dance at the HHS Pool. Make a splash with your Link Leaders and celebrate a successful first two weeks of school.

See you there!
Ms. Tracy Robertson
Link Crew Sponsor

Health Office



Arizona State Law requires that all **NEW** students attending public school provide verifiable documentation of immunizations. If your child is entering Hamilton High School, they will need to show proof of immunity to certain childhood diseases before he/she can start school. The minimum number of immunizations shall include the following:

- At least 4 Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccines; if the last DTP was more than 5 years ago, T-DAP booster is required
- A minimum of 4 Polio vaccines
- 2 Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccines
- 3 Hepatitis B vaccines
- 1 Meningococcal vaccine
- Students must show proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine. Schools will accept parental recall if their child has had chicken pox and the child has moved from another Arizona area. Children from other states will need to either provide vaccination dates from a legitimate doctor's office/clinic or submit a positive blood titer. Children who have not had chicken pox will need to be vaccinated. Students who receive the Varicella vaccine beginning at 13+ years of age need 2 doses, spaced at least 4 weeks apart.

Immunizations are provided free of charge at Chandler Care Center, Chandler Regional Hospital and Maricopa County Health Dept. Letters of inadequate immunizations will be mailed throughout the school year. Parents are expected to respond in a timely manner. By state law, your child will not be allowed to attend school until either a record of the immunization(s) or an acceptable exemption statement is submitted. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse after July 16th at 480-883-5002.

Emergency Cards

Emergency cards are no longer being sent home by students for parents to fill out. Parents will now be able to fill out emergency cards online. To access go to the Parent Portal and **click on Emergency and Health Update.**



Progress Reports and Report Cards:

Reminder....progress reports and report cards **are no longer mailed**. Parents can view students grades online through the parent portal in Infinite Campus. First quarter **progress reports will be posted August 23rd** and **first quarter report cards will be posted September 27th**.

Dual Credit Information:

Dual enrollment is an opportunity for eligible high school students to earn college credits during their regular high school classes. The credits students earn through dual enrollment are treated the same as regular college credits, i.e. they can be transferred to other Maricopa Community Colleges, Arizona's state universities, and even some out-of-state colleges.

Parents and students can go to www.cgc.edu/dual for more information. Registration deadline for classes is September 6th and payment deadline is September 16th.

AP changes for 2019-2020—College Board is moving testing registration to fall instead of spring. Stay tuned for more details.

"Make a Difference" - Join our Site Council

Site Council is a partnership of students, parents, teachers and administrators working together to improve our school and the quality of life here at Hamilton. If you are interested in making a difference and being part of our team, please send an email to swanson.gina@cusd80.com.

**Attendance
Office
480-883-5003**

**Health Office
480-883-5002**

**Athletic
Office
480-883-5028**

Athletic Eligibility Packets are available online. To download:

Visit: www.hamiltonhuskies.com

Click on Athletics

Click on Athletic Forms

Must be registered through REGISTER MY ATHLETE

Fall Sports**Girls**

Badminton
Volleyball

Boys

Football

Girls & Boys

Cross Country, Swim/Dive, Golf,
Spiritline, Freshmen Tennis

Fall Sports tryouts/start date: Mon., Aug. 12th
Football starts July 29th

Important Dates

- Husky Days, July 15th-18th
- Freshman Orientation, July 19th
- First day of school, July 23rd
- Fall sports Meeting, August 6th
- Open House, August 7th





HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to another exciting year at Hamilton High School! My name is Mike De La Torre and I am honored to be serving as the principal of Hamilton High School. HHS is a special place with outstanding students, supportive parents, and excellent teachers. Hamilton High School has long been the standard for comprehensive high schools in Arizona and I feel honored to be a part of that tradition.

The administrative team at Hamilton will be the same as last year. I am proud to announce our administrative team with their respective student alpha split. Mrs. Dee Sillanpaa (A-DASH), Mrs. Amanda Cook (DAU-HUSS), Mr. Richard Baniszewski (HUY-MOH), Mr. Michael Franklin (MOI-SEAW), Ms. Malori Anderson (SEB-Z), and Mr. Brett Palmer (Athletics). The administrative team is anxious to once more lead a highly performing school like Hamilton. We will continue to focus on supporting all students as they engage in academic and arts opportunities. Beyond the rigorous yet inspiring courses, students can expect to have a fulfilling high school experience with many clubs and activities to ignite their passions. Athletically, we expect to see our student-athletes continue the Hamilton tradition of competing to the fullest with honor and class. In the end, we want to win in academics, the arts, athletics, and activities.

Our mission is to prepare students to be successful in their academic, personal, and professional lives. Student performance, during and after high school, proves that Hamilton High School is the place to be for a quality comprehensive high school education. In addition to our ambitious students, parent and community support allows HHS to be the best the state has to offer and compete with schools at the national level.

Husky Proud,

Mike De La Torre

Principal
Hamilton High School