

June 30, 2022

Hello Parents/Guardians,

This is Jody, the finance secretary at HMS, and I just wanted you to be made aware of a few items before it was time to pay fees and receive schedules for the 2022-2023 school year.

Fees – Activity Fees are 8th grade \$12.50 and 9th grade \$25.00. Course fees are determined by your student's schedule. Classes with course fees are; Science (integrated and earth science, wildlife biology, biology), Fine Arts (all band, orchestra, chorus, art, theatre, and film) and CTE (sewing, cooking, fashion, shop, etc). Shop projects are not included in the shop course fee. Cost of projects are determined by what the student chooses to make.

Schedules – **Schedules will not be available on PowerSchool until after school begins.** To receive the student's schedule, fees will need to be paid, a Fee Waiver qualified for, or a payment schedule set up.

Paying Fees - To pay fees parents can either go online to the PowerSchool Parent Portal or come into the front office. On the portal, classes with fees can be seen, but not the schedule. Once a student's fees have been paid at the school, the schedule will be handed to you. If paid on-line, the schedule will be emailed to the email address on PowerSchool by the end of day. The portal will be available starting Tuesday, August 2nd .

Fee Waivers – To apply for a Fee Waiver, **one** of the following pieces of documentation needs to be brought to the school: 2021 taxes, last three pay stubs of adults in the home, a Letter of Decision from Snap, verification student receives SSI, qualifies for McKinney-Vento, or is in foster care or State custody. Fee Waivers do not cover lunch, yearbook, shop projects, food handler permits, etc.

Front office hours – The front office will be open starting August 2nd from 7:30am to 2:30pm until school starts. We will also be open two evenings – Wednesday, August 3rd from 3-6pm and Tuesday, August 9 till 6:30pm. August 9th is Back to School Night from 5-6:30pm.

Lunch – Lunch and breakfast is no longer free to all students. Cost for lunch is \$2.60 and breakfast \$1.75. Attached is information from the District Lunch Department and a link to apply for free/reduced meals.

Yearbooks – If you plan on buying a yearbook, please do so when you pay fees, or at least put a \$5 deposit down. The total number of books to order is given to the publisher in March. We ran out of yearbooks last year because so many waited until after March to decide. The cost is \$25 and will go up \$1 each month and \$2 in May, unless paid for or a deposit has been made.

Account Deposit – You are now able to deposit money onto your students finance account to be used at a later date. This has been helpful to parents that can't leave work or come to the school to pay for different items. Students **are not allowed** to take cash out of this account. It is only used for school items that might come up (shop projects, food handlers, library fines, PE locks, participation fees, etc)

I hope this has given you a little insight as to what to expect from the finance department. Please feel free to email me with any concerns or questions at jody.ballard@washk12.org

Thank you