



Heritage Middle School

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Hello Future Hawk learners and Families,

We are excited to welcome you to Heritage Middle School next year! The transition to 6th grade is important, and we have planned several events that will help prepare learners and families for the transition to middle school. We want to help you understand why we are so excited for your students to join us next year. As a school, we seek to demonstrate growth every year. We are thrilled to partner with you during these essential years of development. Middle Schools exist because this is a unique time in a child's life. We hope to provide your child with a great educational experience as they explore new skills and develop socially, emotionally, and physically over the next three years.

2023-24 6th Grade Transition Event Schedule

January 5th, 18th and 19th – Music Tours

The Heritage music teachers will present to your child in their elementary classrooms and provide a packet of music class descriptions and instrument options to the students. The goal of this is to inform your child of the decision about which music class would be the best fit for them to enjoy. Hopefully, they will enjoy creating music for a lifetime! **Every incoming 6th grade student's parent or guardian needs to register their student for a 6th grade Band, Orchestra, or Choir music class.**

January 30th and Feb 1st – Instrument “Try it Out Nights”

We currently have two scheduled instrument “Try it Out Nights” at Heritage Middle School for incoming 6th grade students to try out different instrument choices before registering. This will take place in the Heritage Middle School Music Wing from **4:30-6:30 p.m.**

February 3rd-February 17th - Music Registration available online in Parent Portal

Complete Music and Instrument selection on Parent Portal. Parent Portal can be accessed under the families “tab” at <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/>. Music registration is completed under the “class registration” tab. We recommend attending an instrument “try out night”, and reading the music information packet, to make an informed decision. Registration closes on February 17th.



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April/May 2024 – Counselor Guidance Lessons

Your learner's 5th grade teacher will collaborate with the counseling department at HMS to schedule a time for an "Intro to Middle School" presentation. This presentation introduces them to middle school – schedules and moving between classes, what it means to be on a "team," extra-curricular opportunities, etc.

April/May 2024 – Heritage Experience Day

5TH Grade learners will travel to HMS for part of our school day to experience life as a middle schooler. They will participate in a class period, eat lunch in our commons, and have a scavenger hunt to learn the building.

May 9th – Parent Information Night

Please join us at either 5:30 or 6:15pm for a Parent Information Evening in the Heritage Theatre. Administration, counselors, and support staff will assist parents in supporting their child through the transition to middle school. This event will focus on middle school culture, developmental stages, and practical understanding of building expectations and routines.

May 21st – Instrument Rental Night

4:00pm – 7:00pm

All learners registered for band or orchestra must attend Instrument Rental Night in May. This event will be held at Heritage Middle School on Tuesday, May 21st. The local music stores will be at Heritage Middle School from 4:30pm to 6:30pm on rental night. The store representatives will be available to answer any questions you may have about renting an instrument and help you sign up for a rental instrument.

*Cost should not be a factor in whether or not you play an instrument. Please contact the middle school teachers if you have any financial concerns or questions.

Spring/Summer 2024 – Registration for the 2024-25 available online in Parent Portal

Complete Registration for 2024-25 School Year. Parent Portal can be accessed through the "families" tab at <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/>. Parents and students will verify demographic and contact information. Schedules will be available to view on PowerSchool in August.



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August 6th – 6th Grade “Hawk Camp”

Hawk Camp serves as an opportunity for incoming 6th graders to practice navigating the school and the systems that exist within it. 6th Grade students will learn procedures, engage in team building, and meet their 2024-25 educators. More information will be sent out about this as the time nears.

August 19th –Back-to-School Night

All HMS learners and a parent/guardian are invited for a Back-to-School Open House. This would be a good time to walk through your learner’s schedule together and meet staff at Heritage Middle School.

August 21st –FIRST DAY OF 6TH GRADE!

We’re looking forward to having your learner at HMS next year!

For assistance, contact Heritage Middle School’s main office at (701) 356-5910 or Heritage@west-fargo.k12.nd.us