Dear New Students and Families:

**Welcome to Hastings Middle School!!**

Hastings is a great **community** to be a part of!! We are happy you are here and we hope to help you get settled in.

If you have found this letter on our website, please call the counseling office to set up an appointment to enroll your student at least one week prior to your preferred start date as it will take time to request records and build your student’s schedule. The phone number to the counseling office is (651)480-7084. You can find the required registration documents on our district website: <http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us/How_To_Enroll.html>

As you begin your experience at HMS, here are some things to consider:

\_\_\_ We give every new family the **FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION** and encourage families to complete it to see if they qualify. If so, students can receive breakfast for free. Other scholarships and cost saving opportunities are available to the student as well. The application can be found here. <http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us/foodServices.html>

\_\_\_ **LUNCH** costs $2.85 Lunch money can be turned in to the main office or deposited to the students account by using MealPayPlus and info can be found here. <http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us/MealPayPlus.html>

\_\_\_ **BUS TRANSPORTATION** is provided by the Hastings Bus Company. Please, contact them at (651)437-1888 with your address to find out when and where the bus will pick-up and drop-off your student.

\_\_\_ All students at HMS are given an **ASSIGNMENT BOOK**. They act as an organizational tool and pass book. The first section of our Assignment Book contains important information, such as school policies and general student conduct expectations. Please read and review this section with your student.

\_\_\_ **PHY ED UNIFORMS** are sold in the main office. Blue shorts are sold for $5.00 and shirts are sold for $5.00. Students can wear their own shorts/shirts as long as they are blue.

\_\_\_ **HEALTH INFORMATION and IMMUNIZATIONS** need to be up-to-date prior to your student starting. Please visit the Health Office website <http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us/Health_Services2.html> and contact Jennifer Bolden at (651)480-7072 with specific questions or information.

\_\_\_ If your student is going to be absent or late, call our **ATTENDANCE** line at (651)480-7061.

 \*\*School starts at 7:55AM and ends at 2:35PM\*\*

\_\_\_ Parents and students can use **CAMPUS PORTAL** to check grades, attendance, and assignments. If you need help with setting up a Parent Portal account, see Lori Marsh in the Counseling Office, or email her at lmarsh@hastings.k12.mn.us Students will be given a username and password to access their student account.

\_\_\_ Please, provide any **INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN (IEP), ESL, or 504 PLANS.**

\_\_\_ We offer a wide variety of **ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**. <http://ms.hastings.k12.mn.us/About_HMS_Athletics.html> <http://ms.hastings.k12.mn.us/OASIS.html>

Please, let us know if there is anything else we can help with!!

HMS Counseling Office Phone: (651)480-7084 and Fax: (651)480-7085