

Welcome to Haviland Middle School

Information for Parents



23 Haviland Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538
(845) 229-4030

Principal, Matt Latvis
Assistant Principal, Debbie Kirkhus, Ed.D.
Assistant Principal, Paul Fazziola

Important Contact Information for Haviland Middle School

- **Main Office**
Phone (845)229-4030 or (845) 229-4031
- **Health Office**
Phone (845)229-4030 ext. 2102
- **Guidance Office**
Phone (845) 229-4030 ext. 2108
- **Athletic Director's Office**
Phone (845) 229-4020 ext. 1290
- **Principal Matthew Latvis**
email address: matthew.latvis@hydeparkschools.org
- **Asst. Principal 6th & 7th Grade Dr. Debbie Kirkhus**
email address: debbie.kirkhus@hydeparkschools.org
- **Asst. Principal 8th Grade Paul Fazziola**
email address: paul.fazziola@hydeparkschools.org
- **School Counselor Linda Boughton**
email address: linda.boughton@hydeparkschools.org
- **School Counselor Claire Miller**
email address: claire.miller@hydeparkschools.org
- **School Counselor Jamie Myers**
email address: jamie.myers@hydeparkschools.org

Website

Please check our website frequently for everyday announcements and events that are happening in our district and at our school

- **District Website**
<http://www.hydeparkschools.org/>
- **Haviland Website**
<http://www.hydeparkschools.org/HMS/Haviland/>

About Haviland Middle School

At Haviland Middle School, we believe in providing our students with a safe, supportive, nurturing, and challenging learning environment. We focus on the academic AND social and emotional development of our students.

Our three grades are divided into academic teams that promote effective and developmentally appropriate learning experiences for adolescents. The team structure allows for a group of teachers to work with a common set of students and collaborate to provide coordination among classes.

School Schedule

The school day begins at 8:00 when students get off the buses or are dropped off by their parents. Students must be in their first class before 8:10 and teachers begin lessons at 8:15. The school day ends at approximately 2:47. We run on a six-day cycle which allows students to rotate through special classes without interruption from scheduled holidays and unscheduled days off.

School Visits

Visitors are always welcome at our school. However, please use the main lobby entrance and report directly to the main office to sign in when entering the building. This will reduce classroom interruptions and also comply with State Law.

Code of Conduct/School Rules

All students will receive a school handbook in September that details our expectations, procedures, and rules at Haviland Middle School. Allow included in the handbook is the district-approved Code of Conduct. Please read through your child's handbook with your child and clarify any questions he/she may have.

Guidance Counselors

Our guidance counselors work with students to help monitor their academic progress, promote respectful relationships, and aid teachers and parents in helping students achieve their potential. Our guidance counselors are assigned to students for their entire time at HMS. This means that your child's guidance counselor, in addition to your child's teachers, is an excellent contact person for most questions, issues, and requests. Our school counselors are ready and able to assist you and point you in the right direction.

Student Services

Student Services is located between the two cafeterias that serves the many various needs of our students and school. It is a communication center where students can receive current information on daily happenings in addition to receiving bus passes, locker information, and use a telephone to contact family members during the school day. The room is also a great place for any student who prefers

to eat his/her lunch in a quiet, less noisy atmosphere than the cafeteria. The room is also utilized as a place in the school where students may go if they are experiencing a problem which is hindering them during the school day. Student services assists students with concerns they may be experiencing and refers them to our school counselors, nurses, or principals.

Frequently Asked Questions by Parents

What type of work will a middle school student receive?

Our teachers strive to make each homework assignment meaningful and we believe that homework gives students the opportunity to practice skills and review concepts that are taught in school. Students are encouraged to read every day and this is something we hope parents encourage their children to do at home.

How can parents become involved in their child's academics?

At Haviland Middle School we understand that parents are our students' first teachers and we value the partnership that exists between our school and your home. Parents can assist us greatly by helping their children with the following items:

- Help your child set up an organized place to complete homework.
- Help your child develop a schedule for finishing homework, projects or tasks.
- Remind your child to use their school issued planner to keep track of assignments.
- Check the school website at <http://www.hydeparkschools.org/HMS/Haviland/>
- Contact the school with any suggestions or feedback

How can I check my child's progress?

Your child's teachers are the best source of information regarding your child's progress. Please contact them any time you have questions or concerns regarding your child's academic progress. We strongly recommend the use of email as it is the most effective form of communication. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the main office and have a message placed in the staff member's mailbox.

What after-school activities and clubs are offered for my child?

We offer a variety of extra curricular activities and clubs at Haviland. Your child will have the opportunity to participate in after-school sports, intramurals, clubs. A letter will be sent home in September outlining activities that are offered for students.

Where can my child go during the school day if they have a problem?

Students may reach out to any staff member at any time for help or support. Most often, students reach out to teachers, counselors, or monitors. Principals are always available to assist with more serious issues and concerns. If students need to contact parents, they can go to Student Services and ask to use the phone.