

# Our Schools at Westwood Heights

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*“Home of the  
Hamady  
Hawks”*



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# We and Us Are a MUST!



# Westwood Heights Schools

## Message from the Superintendent

August 2022

Greetings Westwood Heights Community,

I am excited to be starting this year as the Superintendent of Westwood Heights. I am ready to collaborate and learn with the students, parents, and families that make up this wonderful community. It is an honor to be part of a faculty and staff committed to providing the best possible education for every student in a safe, nurturing environment.

I believe the partnership between our families and our school district is an important part of our success. Students benefit as parents and guardians are involved in their learning. It is our goal to have consistent communication between home and school and regular opportunities for families to learn about what is happening here in Westwood Heights.

I am passionate about helping every child become a life-long learner, and I believe that this is the season of discovery. We are working diligently to provide different avenues for our students to explore. I want to stress that safety is the number one concern in our district. In light of what is going on in the world, it will be of the utmost importance to report any situation that might put our students in danger. I'm asking the community to help us with this process. If you see or hear something that might be a threat to our schools, please alert your building principal or my office.

When it comes to COVID, we want to follow the guidelines set by the Genesee County Health Department. Wearing a mask will be optional for students and staff, and we want you to do what's best for you and your child. I want to thank you for your help this past school year in following the shifting guidelines recommended by the board of health. The administration and health staff appreciated your efforts to help stop the spread in each building.

There will be a change this fall when we open up. We will be moving the 1st grade programs to Hamady Elementary. In addition to that, the district will continue with our CTE Program teaching construction and trades. We will also be adding multimedia classes in the district this year. These programs provide an alternative route to success for our students. As always, our alternative programs will be open for any student in Genesee County. Academy West will continue to graduate students who need a different path to graduation, and our adult education program is considered the top program in the county and one of the premier programs in the state.

The process of educating and caring for our children is a team effort. I encourage you to contact the school at any time if you have a concern, need clarification, or simply want to check in with your child's educators. We are also asking that you guide and support your students' learning by ensuring that they:

1. Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's school experience.
2. Complete all homework assignments given by teachers.
3. Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.
4. Know that you expect them to succeed in school and become a successful citizen who is prepared for college and career. This starts with knowing how to behave in an educational setting.
5. Demonstrate respect towards peers, teachers, staff and self.
6. Work hard to self-advocate, plan and achieve.

The administrative team is always available to meet and discuss school issues or the individual progress of any student with parents, guardians, and the students themselves. Additionally, the excellent counselors, social workers, student support assistants, and other support staff are available to assist in supporting our students.

To make the school year the best for you and your student, please support the district in any way you can. Consider becoming part of the Hawk family by joining our parent groups, athletic booster club, or volunteering to help with school events. I look forward to making the district experience a positive and memorable one for you and your student. We will be seeing you at our many activities that make school a great experience. On behalf of the staff here in Westwood Heights, thank you for supporting us and your student and making this a great year!

Respectfully,

Mr. Les Key, Superintendent

WESTWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOLS Board of Education  
2022/2023 Meeting Schedule

**COW – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, 5:30 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type and Time</b>
JULY 13	REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
AUG 3	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
AUG 17	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
SEP 7	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
SEP 21	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
OCT 5	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
OCT 19	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
NOV 2	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
NOV 16	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
DEC 7	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
JAN 4	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
JAN 18	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
FEB 1	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
FEB 15	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
MAR 1	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
MAR 15	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
APR 5 *Parent/Teacher Conferences	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
APR 19	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
MAY 3	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
MAY 17	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
JUN 7	COW MEETING, 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
JUN 21	ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING, 5:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.

The Westwood Heights Schools Board of Education will hold its regular meetings in the library at Hamady Middle/High School.

3223 West Carpenter Road,  
Flint, MI 48504.

Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

(except where indicated\*)

Other committee meetings will be scheduled and posted as needed on the district website.

Agendas and Minutes for all Board Meetings are available at the Administration Office and posted on the website at [www.hamadyhawks.net](http://www.hamadyhawks.net)

3400 N. Jennings Road, Flint, MI.

If you have special needs and require accommodations to attend these meetings, please notify the Administration office at 810-591-0870.

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of the Westwood Heights School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity.

# SEPTEMBER | 2022

## McMonagle Elementary Breakfast Menu



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### News

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**ALL MEALS INCLUDE 1% WHITE AND 1% CHOCOLATE MILK**

**FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY**

**MCMONAGLE ELEMENTARY PARTICIPATES IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM. MEALS ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO STUDENTS**

### ADULT PRICES

**BREAKFAST \$3.00  
MILK \$.50**

### QUESTIONS CONTACT:

**CINDY SHAHEEN  
810-591-8677  
PAM HATHAWAY  
(KITCHEN MANAGER)  
810-591-4332**



Hello Family,

My name is Cherese Bransford and I am the new District Parent Facilitator for Westwood Heights. I have been part of the Hawk family since 2014 in the capacity of Student Support Staff. I spent 4 years at McMonagle Elementary and 4 years with Hamady Middle High School working with students and redirecting unwanted behavior, comforting, providing resources and services to our students and parents/caregivers. Joyfully, I served in the capacity of Building Parent Facilitator with Flint Southwestern Academy for 7 years.

I enjoyed working with the students, parents and staff at these schools and now will be looking forward to focusing on my relationship with you, my parents/caregivers of Westwood Heights. I am excited to hear from you, and we will work together to improve and increase our parental involvement throughout our buildings. I hope to meet you at our orientation this week. In the meantime, should you have any questions, cares and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 810-591-8672 or email me at [cbransford@hamadyhawks.net](mailto:cbransford@hamadyhawks.net).

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## Important Notice

### Right to Know Teacher Qualification Standards

In accordance with criteria provided by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, the State of Michigan developed a plan for identifying highly qualified teachers. This plan was approved by the State Board of Education on April 24, 2003. The plan provides guidance for school districts. NCLB requires the district to notify parents annually of the following issues relating to teacher quality; the number of teachers with emergency or provisional credentials where certification requirements have been

waived, data to be disaggregated by high vs. low poverty schools and progress toward meeting state objectives for having all teachers highly qualified. One hundred percent of the teachers of the

Westwood Heights School District are certified by the Department of Education to teach in Michigan. 100% of our teachers meet NCLB Highly Qualified criteria.




## Thank you United Way for your generous contribution

McMonagle received \$18,000 grant for our after-school



Greetings Hawk Family,

I hope that your summer has been safe and full of fun times! It is a privilege to be alive during this pandemic, writing this message to you, and for that I am truly grateful. It is year six of my principalship, and I am continuing to learn and grow. My top three core values as an administrator are communication, integrity, and empathy, and it is these that help to drive my decision making. I look forward to one day meeting all of our Hawk parents and guardians because we are all in this together! Thank you for hanging in there and choosing to win each and every day. All that we can do is our very best.

Also, thank you for trusting us to educate your students at Hamady Middle High School! We have highly qualified teachers instructing our students every day of the week in the classroom. Our support staff is all hands-on deck and we want to see each student become successful. We encourage you to stay connected to your student's progress by checking their grades/attendance through ParentVue and also following up with their teacher if you have any questions or concerns. My doors are always open, and I am one phone call away so please do not hesitate to reach out. Although things are not "normal" due to the pandemic, we are working through them and trying to provide a balance for our students between work and play. So please, check out our extracurricular activities and sports schedule and come support the teams. Go Hawks!

Continue to listen to your students and show up for them whenever they need you. Your role is the most important one in their lives! Stay safe and keep on being the awesome parents/guardians that you are! I truly appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Dionna Ross, Ed.S.

Principal, Hamady Middle High School

## Hamady Middle School New Dean of Students

Meet Mr. Jordan Robinson! As a graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint, I have spent the majority of my adult life in the Flint area. I began working for the district in 2016 as a teacher and had been in that role for 6 years before being named the Middle School Dean of Students. I am passionate about many things, but first and foremost is helping our kids be as successful as possible. Success, to me, can take on many forms, whether it be a student who is a bit shy stepping out of their comfort zone to make new friends, or a student asking for the help they need (we know how difficult that can be for kids.) Whatever success looks like for a particular student, it is my goal to assist them in any way possible. I believe that students achieve more through positive relationships and I will work to be one of those positive relationships for any and all students who come through our building. Though I will miss being in the classroom, I am so excited to be stepping into this role and getting to work with our students in a different capacity.



## Hamady High School New Dean of Students

Hello Hamady Hawks

My name is Jermaine Smith and I am the High School Dean of Students. I was the boys' varsity head basketball coach from 2016 - 2018 and I am excited about my return to Hamady. I look forward to the upcoming school year with the opportunity to meet students and staff.



# Hamady High School



vs. Flint Jaguars

FEATURING - HBCU BAND -  
CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY

## Hamady Homecoming - October 7th





June 27-30, 2022, Middle School Science teachers, Mr. Hayat and Mrs. Wylie, attended a Placed Based Education Conference at For-mar Nature Preserve sponsored by the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and Genesee County Parks. Teachers from across Genesee and Lapeer Counties learned how student voice and participation helps create impactful opportunities for students as they become environmental stewards of our community and ecosystems.

Teachers were trained in how Place Based Education (PBE) works in any classroom to invite student voice and make impacts in communities while creating hands on experiences to create knowledge and change.

Teachers were trained in the “Project Learning Tree curriculum which advances environmental literacy, stewardship and career pathways using trees and forests as a window on the world. PLT is an initiative of the Sustainable Forestry Institute”.

Educators were introduced to community partners and visited several outdoor areas accessible to classes including Max Brandon Park, Flint River Watershed Coalition, Bluebell Boat launch Genesee



Conservation District. Teachers also were able to visit a PBE project at Flint Southwestern Academy vernal pool and duck habitat.

The last day of the institute teachers worked with their school partner at For-Mar to write grants to utilize PBE stewardship in our classrooms in the coming school year.



Do you remember during your high school days eagerly awaiting your 16th birthday so that you could sign up for driver’s education? Well, it’s back! Hamady High School has brought back in-school drivers’ training courses. We’ve partnered with On the Move Driving School to make driver’s education a normal part of the school curriculum.

“This class helps students be safe and legal. This class allows them to get jobs and transport themselves to school.”

Hamady is currently on its fourth cohort. We are excited to announce that we had a 100% pass rate on our 1st inaugural class. We are eager to help produce safe and educated drivers. For more information on how to sign your student up, please contact the office at 810-591-0895.

Congratulations to Ms. Jennifer Wysocki for being recognized by PFCU Credit Union for her dedication and hard work as a teacher in the community. We are happy to announce that Ms. Wysocki has been chosen as a winner of the Cash for Classrooms Program.



PFCU’s Cash for Classrooms

Program has impacted 21 teachers with a \$150 donation for a total of \$3,150. From January through May, teachers had the opportunity to enter or be nominated to win the \$150 to be used on any expenses or needs that they had for their classroom. This was PFCU’s second year offering this program and have received over 700 entries from across the state.

We want to thank you for all that you do!

## Message From Academy West Alternative Principal

August 21, 2022

Dear Student,

We hope you are enjoying a safe and restful summer. With fall just around the corner, our friendly staff at Academy West would like to remind you that we are available to assist you in getting back on track and accomplishing your goal of walking across the stage to receive your diploma.

Academy West offers the following programs:

- 4-day school week
- Enrichment Fridays
- On-Line learning
- Personal chromebook/device
- Flexible Scheduling
- Tutoring
- Free Meals
- Bus Passes
- Social/Emotional Supports
- Credit Recovery
- Food Pantry

Our mission is simple; We are here to help you achieve your goal of earning your high school diploma. We offer a variety of programs to meet the needs of each individual student and our staff will go above and beyond to ensure that every student has an opportunity to learn in a way that puts them on the path to success.

School begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

If you have questions, you may contact our office at 810-591-0123.

Office hours beginning Monday, August 22 will be M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you here at Academy West on September 6th.

Sincerely,  
Paul Casey  
Principal

Academy West Alternative High School

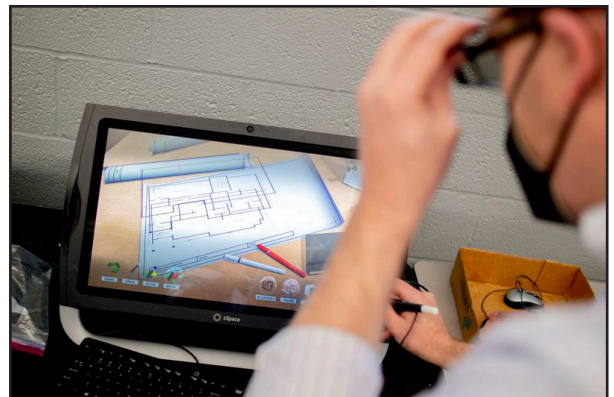
## Academy West End of the Year Cedar Point Trip!





The Westwood Heights Career and Technology Education (C.T.E) Construction program offers an excellent opportunity for high school students who are interested in skilled trades and/or non-traditional education pathways. Students at Hamady High School and Academy West Alternative High School can benefit from earning high school and college credit simultaneously while also getting their foot in the door with some of the local industrial partners that we have teamed up with to offer gainful employment opportunities for young people in our community.

For more information, please call 810-591-0123 or visit [www.Academywest.hamadyhawks.net](http://www.Academywest.hamadyhawks.net)



## BACK TO SCHOOL IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE FOR MCMONAGLE AND HAMADY EL STUDENTS

### IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES:

- August 31st ..... Open House 4:00-6:00
- September 5th ..... No School Labor Day
- September 6th ..... Half Day- Dismissal at 12:00 Hamady El and Dismissal at 12:00 McMonagle
- September 12th Football Practice Starts
- September 29th First Football Game

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPLE:

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND I AM EXCITED TO WRITE YOU THIS MESSAGE TO YOU.

MY INSTRUCTIONAL VISION IS THAT WE WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH ENGAGING, RIGOROUS, STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTION SO THAT THEY CAN DEMONSTRATE CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND GROWTH. OUR PILLARS ARE FORMATIVE ASSESMENT, COGNITVE ENGAGEMENT, AND STUDENT VOICE. WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR FOCUS GOAL AND THE SCHOOL'S LITERACY/MATH GOALS.

WE HAVE A NEW MATH AND ENGLISH CURRICULUM, STAFF MEMBERS, FOOTBALL PROGRAM AND WE ARE STARTING AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT HAMADY EL THE 3RD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. ALSO, MCMONAGLE'S AFTER-PROGRAM WILL START THE 3RD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

AT HAMADY EL AND MCMONAGLE WE WELCOME PARENTS TO JOIN OUR PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BOTH LOCATIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERSTED PLEASE CONTACT [cbransford@hamadyhawks.net](mailto:cbransford@hamadyhawks.net) or [dgrace@hamadyhawks.net](mailto:dgrace@hamadyhawks.net)

AGAIN, WELCOME BACK AND THE STAFF AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVICING YOU.

WARM REGARDS,

DARRYL GRACE

HAMADY EL/MCMONAGLE PRINCIPLE



## NBC25 and FOX66 News Stations Visit McMonagle Elementary School

McMonagle students were overjoyed to have such an outpouring of volunteers come in from NBC25 and FOX66 News to help celebrate National Reading Month. We had meteorologist Leslie Toldo, Courtney Bennett, Rebecca Watson and Gary Pringle who so graciously donated an hour out of their busy day to come and read to classes. Having our guest readers in from the stations really made an impression on the students. Through their visit, we may have inspired some future students to become involved in working for a television station.

Each volunteer shared what job they have in the making, delivering, and reporting of the news daily. Some of the volunteers shared when they developed their love of reading, their favorite books, how reading is important to their job and if they work hard, they can achieve anything. It was such a positive experience for both guest readers and students and all will be looking forward to future visits.



## Local Flint Author BreYanna Chism Visits McMonagle

Children's book author BreYanna Chism visited our first grade classrooms in the library on Friday, February 25, 2022. Her book focuses on encouraging young boys/children to not hold back their emotions. The book's title, "Beautiful Baby Boy, it's Okay to Cry," was purchased for two classrooms by the district. Each student received an autographed copy from the author. BreYanna Chism read her book to the students and discussed the message it conveys to young children. Students then read the book together aloud with the author. The students were very attentive and enjoyed discussing her book with them. Afterward, many students were inspired to want to write their own stories. We look forward to our students being encouraged to be their own authors of their own stories.

Hi all! My name is Chelsea Ebnit and I am the MTSS Social Worker for McMonagle Elementary and Hamady Elementary. I am a fully licensed clinical social worker and have been providing MTSS services to the Flint community for over four years. I am the PBIS Coach and the 504 coordinator for the elementary. I am so excited to bring my experience to Westwood Heights and cannot wait to meet you all. I currently reside in Saginaw with my fiancé, two cats, and a dog. I am a facilitator for a local non-profit called Self Love Beauty and love reading and volunteering in my down time.





My name is Rhonda Myers. I am the Special Education Teacher Consultant for the district. I came to the district in January of last school year, working primarily at Hamady Elementary and Academy West. This year, my duties will have me primarily working at Academy West and McMonagle Elementary. I offer extra services (mostly in the general education setting) to students with IEPs.

I am originally from Michigan, but I moved to Arizona to attend college and ended up staying there for 30 years. Two years ago, I decided it was time to come home to Michigan. I'm excited to begin the school year with WWH!

Last year, my dad also decided to move back to Michigan, and he now lives with me and my fiancé. I also have two wonderful children: my daughter is 27 and lives in Chicago, and my son is 24 and lives in Arizona.

## New Staff

I am Yolanda Mojica, school psychologist. My responsibility is to help and coordinate the district-wide implementation of MTSS (Multi-tiered Support System). I am a retired school psychologist and work in the district 2 days a week.



### What is Child Find?

Child Find is a program of active outreach by the Michigan Department of Education, Genesee Intermediate School District, and local school districts. Child Find specifically requires the district to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, birth through age twentyfive. Child Find includes children who are homeless, wards of the state, migrant children, and those that attend private schools.

### How Does Child Find Work?

The primary purpose is to identify children who have a disability that affects his or her progress in the general education curriculum (for preschool-age children that affects involvement in age-level activities). This information is used to determine if the student is eligible for appropriate special education programs and services to address the unique needs of the student that result from the disability. Genesee Intermediate School District, along with the 21 local school districts and the 13 public school academies, have a legal responsibility to provide a free and appropriate public education for all students with disabilities who reside within our districts.

### Who can begin the Child Find process?

Any parent, physician, agency, or individual may refer a child to Child Find by written request to or by contacting the Special Education Director, and requesting an evaluation.

### Section 504 Plans

Section 504 ensures eligible students with disabilities have equal access to education through the accommodations and supports of a Section 504 plan. Parents can request an evaluation in writing. If a student is found eligible and in need of accommodations, the 504 plan will list accommodations and supports the school will provide in order for the student to have access to an education. Examples are additional time for tests, note taking assistance, or other supports based on the needs of the student.



## Westwood Heights School District



## Special Education



*Congratulations  
Class of 2022*



## ACADEMY WEST ADULT EDUCATION





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**PH. 810-591-4634**  
**[www.HamadyHawks.net](http://www.HamadyHawks.net)**

## Welcome to Academy West Adult Education

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at Academy West Adult Education. All of us in the adult education program are looking forward to another successful year for our adult students.

What exactly is the adult ed program? Academy West Adult Education is a lot of things. Our program offers multiple services to adult students all FREE of charge. We offer high school diploma completion, high school equivalency (GED) prep and testing, career preparation, adult basic education skill building, and more. This school year marks our eighth year of helping adults in the Flint and Genesee County area reach for their dreams and build a new future and career pathway.

Our goal in adult education is to help students reach their full potential. Did you know that adults with a high school diploma or GED earn over \$7500 per year more than

those without. In addition to offering high school diploma completion and GED testing, the adult ed program partners with local organizations to help students transition into postsecondary education and/or the workforce. We partner closely with Michigan Works to help students gain the skills sought by employers and find funding for training programs for in-demand careers. We also partner with the Genesee Career Institute to offer career and technical education (CTE) training programs in careers such as welding, CNA, auto mechanics, digital design, and more.

Deciding to come back to school as an adult isn't always the easiest choice. Just know everyone at Academy West Adult Education is here to make that choice a success. We believe that learning enriches our lives at any age. Our goal is to meet the needs of our adult students and promote the concept of life-

long learning.

For more information please call us at (810) 591-4634 or email us at [Adultedinfo@hamadyhawks.net](mailto:Adultedinfo@hamadyhawks.net).

### Academy West Adult Ed A New Location

The adult education program has moved to its new location for the 2022-23 school year. As the district has continued to grow, the adult education program has been moved back to the Academy West Alternative High School building at 3400 N. Jennings Road. Adult education will be located in the south end of the building closest to the old football field. All of us at Academy West Adult Education look forward to seeing both returning and new students at our new space.

## Westwood Heights Schools



<b>August</b>	
31	<i>Open House - 4pm-6pm</i>
<b>September</b>	
6	<i>First Day of School for Students - Half Day</i>
12	<i>Picture Day</i>
<b>October</b>	
5	<i>Count Day/ Virtual 1/2 Day for Students - Teacher Professional Development Day</i>
7	<i>Homecoming Game/Parade</i>
8	<i>High School Homecoming Dance 7-10pm</i>
12	<i>No School - Professional Development</i>
28	<i>Middle School Halloween Dance 5-8pm (They can wear Costumes)</i>
<b>November</b>	
4	<i>End of First Marking Period, Grades K-12</i>
10	<i>Parent Teacher Conferences - Full day for students - Evening Conferences (2 hours)</i>
11	<i>Parent Teacher Conferences - 1/2 Day Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>
23	<i>Virtual 1/2 Day</i>
24-25	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
<b>December</b>	
9	<i>Middle School Holiday Lock-In (Dimes for Diapers Fundraiser)</i>
19-30	<i>Winter Break</i>
<b>January</b>	
2	<i>No School - Teacher PD</i>
16	<i>No School - MLK Day</i>
19-20	<i>End of 1st Semester - Half days for K-12 - Semester Exams for 7-12</i>
<b>February</b>	
8	<i>No School - Teacher Professional Development</i>
8	<i>Count Day</i>
10	<i>Middle School Valentine's Day Dance 5pm-8pm</i>
20	<i>No School - Presidents' Day</i>
<b>March</b>	
11	<i>High School Sadie Hawkins Dance 7pm-10pm</i>
24	<i>Virtual 1/2 Day End of 3rd Marking Period, Grades K-12</i>
27-31	<i>Spring Break</i>
<b>April</b>	
5	<i>Parent Teacher Conferences - Full day for students - Evening Conferences (2 hours)</i>
6	<i>Parent Teacher Conferences - 1/2 Day Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>
7	<i>No School - Good Friday</i>
<b>May</b>	
13	<i>Senior Prom 7pm - 10pm</i>
23	<i>High School Honors Assembly - 10am</i>
26	<i>Virtual 1/2 Day</i>
29	<i>No School - Memorial Day</i>
31	<i>Senior Honors Assembly - 10am</i>
<b>June</b>	
1	<i>Middle School Honors Assembly- 10am</i>
4	<i>Senior Graduation - 2pm</i>
6	<i>8th Grade Graduation / Reception - 10am</i>
8-9	<i>End of 2nd Semester -- Half days for K-12 - Semester Exams for 7-12</i>

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### New Staff

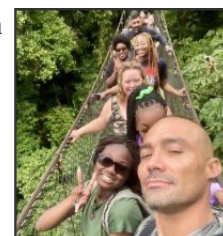
Hello Hawk Nation,  
 My name is Sharon Taylor,  
 the new Hamady Middle School Social Worker. I am a graduate of Michigan State University, where received my master's degree in Social Work. I've spent over 20 years working with the youth in the Flint community. I am excited to be a part of Hawk Nation and looking forward to a great school year.



### Hamady Students Trip to Costa Rica

Our students had a wonderful time on their trip to Costa Rica.

Our students were able to interact with Costa Rican students, hike on a hanging bridge in the dense forest, kayak in the biggest lake in Costa Rica, hike around the volcano, Zipline, Horseback riding, visit Manuel Antonio national park, and even see crocodiles!



We are thrilled that they had a fantastic experience. We like to thank Jennifer Wysocki for all your help.

## HAMADY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



### 2022 FALL SPORTS



#### JV/VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 18	Tournament	Mt. Morris	TBA
Sept. 1	Bye		
Sept. 6	Genesee Christian	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 8	Bentley	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 13	Bendle	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 15	Beecher	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 20	Morrice	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 22	Webberville	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 27	Atherton	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 29	Genesee	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 4	IAF	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 6	Flint Elite (NS)	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 11	Flint	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 13	Genesee Christian	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 18	Bentley	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 20	Bendle	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 25	Beecher	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 27			

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL



Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 25	Lansing Eastern	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 2	Powers	Home	7:00 PM
Sept. 9	Bentley	Home	7:00 PM
Sept. 16	New Standard	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 23	Beecher	Away	7:00 PM
Sept. 30	Bendle	Home	7:00 PM
<b>** Oct. 7</b>	<b>Southwestern</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Oct. 14	Charlotte	Home	7:00 PM
Oct. 21	Bridgeport	Home	7:00 PM

\*\* Homecoming

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 13	IAF	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 15	Morrice	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 20	New Standard	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 22	Genesee	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 27	Beecher	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 29	Bendle	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 4	Bentley	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 6	Genesee Christian	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 11	Atherton	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 13	IAF	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 18	Morrice	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 20	New Standard	Home	5:00 PM



\*\*Games & times subject to change

#### JV FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 25	TBA		
Aug. 31	Powers	Away	6:00 PM
Sept. 8	Detroit Voyager	Home	6:00 PM
Sept. 15	Saginaw Swan Valley	Home	6:00 PM
Sept. 22	Whitemore Lake	Home	6:00 PM
Sept. 29	TBA		6:00 PM
Oct. 6	TBA	Home	6:00 PM
Oct. 13	Charlotte	Away	6:00 PM
Oct. 20	Bridgeport	Away	6:00 PM

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 14	Beecher	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 21	Atherton	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 28	Bendle	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 5	New Standard	Away	5:00 PM
Oct. 12	Bentley	Home	5:00 PM
Oct. 19	Beecher	Home	5:00 PM