



BACK TO SCHOOL Newsletter



UNITED WE SOAR-PROUDLY WE ROAR
4 HOUSES-1 FAMILY

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

My name is Melanie Phipps; this is my third year serving as the proud Principal of Quioccasin Middle School. It is an honor to partner with you and your child through their middle school journey. This year marks the **50th anniversary** of when QMS opened its doors in 1971, and we are **stronger** than ever! Throughout its history, Quioccasin has maintained its reputation for excellence with a keen focus on continuous improvement and celebrating our diversity. I am humbled to serve this wonderful school and be a part of a thriving community that actively pursues excellence in all we do.

Our mission at Quioccasin is to create a safe and inclusive learning environment where the focus is **every Griffin, every day**. We strive to ensure that every Griffin, every day is finding a way to feel **connected**; every Griffin, every day is being **challenged** by new learnings and experiences; and every Griffin, every day knows they have a **champion** they can turn to. Beginning this year, QMS will be unveiling a new **House System** to improve the sense of belonging for all. The system will include four different houses that represent the culturally and linguistically diverse population of our school. The House System aims to give students and staff an identity and sense of pride in a supportive, collaborative, and secure environment.

Our top priorities will remain safety in the building, student achievement, health and wellness of our students and staff, and continued improvement of instruction that supports the development of deeper learning environments and experiences. I will exude what I hope to create, lead with love, and enhance our sense of belonging for all stakeholders. We want our students, staff, parents, and our community running through our doors excited about our students thriving academically, socially, and emotionally. We take pride on building a culture of inclusion to maximize the strengths and potentials of our diverse learners.

Finally, please continue to follow our [website](#) and social media platforms (PTSO [Facebook](#), [Twitter page](#), [Instagram](#)) for additional highlights throughout the year. Our [PTSO website](#) is also loaded with useful information on how to get involved. We are a successful school due to the commitment and support from our PTSO!

We are thrilled to have you as part of the Griffin family! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or suggestions on how to make our learning community even better! Go Griffins!

In partnership,
Melanie Phipps
Principal

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ONLINE SERVICES

[Click here for all online resources available
for HCPS families!](#)

PAY FEES ONLINE

Available August 16

[Click here to pay fees online!](#)

Complete two screens:

1. Optional items will be your first screen to complete then...
2. Click on ***MY OBLIGATIONS*** to complete the fee payments.

[Online Payments FAQ](#)

AVAILABLE ON POWERSCHOOL:

Bus Routes

Tuesday, August 31

Student Schedules

Friday, September 3

Grades & Attendance Info

Wednesday, September 15

PowerSchool offers an App for Apple and Android phones. The **District ID for Henrico County Public Schools is **MXZM**.*

ONLINE FORMS

Available August 12

Parents must create a Parent Portal account in PowerSchool to access Rycor Online Forms.

Complete all school forms online in the sidebar in the PowerSchool Parent Portal

[Click here to complete forms online!](#)

[RYCOR Online Forms FAQ's](#)

SET UP YOUR POWERSCHOOL ACCOUNT TODAY!



PowerSchool allows parent to access schedules and gradebooks throughout the school year.

- [Click here](#) for directions to create a brand new PowerSchool account.
- **Have another student to add to your PowerSchool account?** [Click here](#) for directions to link students to an existing PowerSchool account.

Questions?

Contact Paul Jordan at pjordan@henrico.k12.va.us

SET UP YOUR SCHOOLOGY ACCOUNT TODAY!



Schoology is the HCPS learning management system. Families may set up accounts in Schoology in order to see classroom agendas, assignments, and calendars that are assigned to their student.

- **Parents can log in:** <https://app.schoology.com/login>
- **Never been in Schoology?** Follow [these directions](#) to create an account.

Questions?

Contact Erin Daniel at eldaniel@henrico.k12.va.us

Q-CAMP

Q-CAMP IS FOR ALL RISING 6TH GRADERS!

Tuesday, August 31- 8:30-11:30 AM

Register here: <https://forms.gle/3A8ueHfhYAwB92BP6>

Meet New Friends
Get Your Class Schedule
Meet Your Teachers
Pay Fees (if you did not do so online)
Tour our School
Shop our PTSO Spirit Wear
Learn the Griffin Way
*Get Laptop (*see note below*)

Parent sessions will be held simultaneously with student sessions. Parents are encouraged to attend Q-Camp, but this is not a requirement.

**Note: Students will receive their computers on Sept. 8 if computers are not available on 8/31.*

Q-ATHLETICS

Students must have a physical dated after **May 1, 2021** to try out for any QMS athletic team.

Fall sports tryouts begin Thursday, September 9.



For additional information, visit our website:
[**QMS Athletics**](#)

7TH & 8TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Orientation is for 7th & 8th Graders!

Tuesday, August 31 - 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Get Class Schedule/Walk Schedule
See Friends
Meet Teachers
Shop our PTSO Spirit Wear
Pay Fees (if you did not do so online)
*Get Laptop (*see note below*)

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SCHOOL COUNSELING

Meet Our School Counseling Team!

Tammy Mizelle: Director; Last Names A-B
(ALL GRADES)

Lauren White: 6th Grade; Last Names C-Z

Tamela Tyler: 7th Grade; Last Names C-Z

Erin Sams: 8th Grade; Last Names C-Z

Click [HERE](#) for more information about services offered and for information on our school counseling department.

UPCOMING DATES

6th Grade Q-Camp: Tuesday, 8/31
7th/8th Grade Orientation: Tuesday, 8/31
First Day of School: Wednesday, 9/8
Fall Sports Try-Outs Begin: Thursday, 9/9
Back to School Night: Tuesday, 9/21
Student Holiday (Yom Kippur)– Thursday, 9/16
Student Holiday Election Day- Tuesday, 11/2
Student Holiday (Diwali)– Thursday, 11/4
Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thursday, 11/4
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Thanksgiving Holiday: Wed. 11/24-Fri. 11/26
Winter Break: 12/20-12/31
School Reopens: Monday, 1/3

[Click here for the 2021 -2022
Day 1/ Day 2 Calendar](#)

Our QMS Team Is Here to Help!

Principal: Melanie Phipps

Principal Secretary: Katrina Hart

6th Grade Admin: Paul Jordan, Associate Principal

7th Grade Admin: Teresa Cole, Assistant Principal

8th Grade Admin: Tanika Lawson, Assistant Principal

Athletic Director: Adam Semo

Registrar: Ann Maramba

Counseling Director: Tammy Mizelle (Last names A-B)

6th Grade Counselor: Lauren White (Last names C-Z)

7th Grade Counselor: Tamela Tyler (Last names C-Z)

8th Grade Counselor: Erin Sams (Last names C-Z)

Attendance: TBD

Financial secretary: Amy Spangler

Nurse: Melissa Nicholson

Testing Coordinator: Sarah Fidler

Which Back to School forms do I need to sign?

Required forms are highlighted

- **Student Information Record (serves as Authorization to Pick Up form also)**
- **Code of Student Conduct Signature Page(Code of Conduct access via link)**
- **Safety Contract**
- **Laptop Charger Letter (required for laptop distribution)**
- **COVID Forms (2)**
- Student Identification and Art Release Form (only for students enrolled in art)
- Community Service Form
- Denial of Permission to Photograph
- HCPS Nutrition Services Parent Information Signature Form
- OSP Information about paying fees to include a hyperlink to the site

Information ONLY Sheets

- PDF - Residency Policy
- PDF - Henrico County Residents - Vehicle Registration Information -
- PDF - Virginia Compulsory Attendance Law Information Sheet -
- PDF - Truancy Procedures -
- PDF - Notification of Screenings
- PDF - Annual Notice to Students/Parents-Guidance and School Counseling Services
- PDF - FAMIS
- PDF - Free and Reduced Lunch Handouts
- PDF - Digital Learning for Elementary & Secondary School Families - Teaching, Learning and Innovation
- PDF - Notification of Bloodborne Exposure Guidelines

BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFO

2021-2022 School Supply List

Click [HERE](#) for a list of supplies!

A Note from Our School Nurse:

Per state law, all 7th graders must have the following vaccinations prior to the start of the school year.

TDAP Booster for 7th graders
Meningitis Vaccine for 7th graders
HPV (optional) for 7th graders

A link to Henrico County Public Schools Policies and all forms needed for medications can be found [here](#).

Before and After School Procedures:

Student Drop Off/Pick Up:

School hours are from 8:05 am—3:15 pm. **Students should not be dropped off before 8:00 am unless they have a scheduled appointment with their teacher.** Otherwise, students will have access to the building until 8:00 am. For dismissal, students should be picked up no later than 3:30 pm in the front parking lot.

Staying Late for a Staff-Sponsored Event:

Students must have a signed permission note from their parent/guardian. Notes should be given to the supervising staff member at the start of the school day.

2021 - 2022 BELL SCHEDULE

<i>Regular Bell Schedule</i>		
Warning Bell	8:30	
Advisory	8:35 - 9:05	30 min
Block 1/5	9:10 - 10:30	80 min
Block 2/6	10:35 - 11:55	80 min
Block 3/7	12:00 - 1:45 Lunch A: 12:05 - 12:30 / 12:08 - 12:33 Lunch B: 12:38 - 1:03 / 12:41 - 1:06 Lunch C: 1:11 - 1:36 / 1:14 - 1:39	80 min 25 min lunch
Block 4/8	1:50 - 3:10	80 min
Announcements & Dismissal	3:10 - 3:15	5 min