



August 2021

Dear Henry Ford Academy Incoming Freshman, New Student, and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

After a year + of virtual and hybrid instruction, we are excited to welcome students back to **In Person** learning on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Our theme is “Back to HFA Basics” which emphasizes academics, technology, communication, critical thinking, and personal development. In just a few short weeks, school will be back in session. Students will make new friends, have fun learning, and get closer to the goal of completing high school and going on to college.

Our priority is to make HFA as safe as possible. To that end, we will follow the most recent COVID-19 mitigation strategies as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Wayne County Health Department. See the attached document for the mitigation strategies we will follow this fall.

ALL staff and students will be required to wear face masks while indoors until further notice. **The Academy strongly recommends that all students be vaccinated for COVID-19.** Families should contact their student’s physician and discuss the pros and cons of receiving the vaccine. We want all of our students to be safe. Our position is to have as many students as possible vaccinated by the start of school.

We have a limited number of slots available for students to enroll in our all Virtual School. If you are interested in being all virtual for this school year, send an email to Ms. Turner at btturner@hfa-dearborn.org by August 20, 2021.

Enclosed is information about registration and orientation. Onsite registration for incoming freshmen and students new to the Academy is on **Thursday, August 19, 2021.** **A parent/guardian must accompany freshmen and students new to the Academy at registration.** There will be important forms to complete or to save time, complete them via our website prior to registration. The student will take a picture for an I.D. card. You may purchase HFA shirts that fit the guidelines during registration or visit the Embordarie’s website at www.teshoppe.com. Please expect to be here for an hour. **ONLY INCOMING FRESHMEN AND STUDENTS NEW TO THE ACADEMY HAVE TO REPORT IN PERSON FOR REGISTRATION!**

FRESHMEN & NEW STUDENTS
REGISTRATION SCHEDULE – THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

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| Freshmen | Last Name A – L | 9:00 am. – 10:30 am. |
| Freshmen | Last Name M – Z | 10:30 am. – 11:30 am. |
| New Students | Last Name A – Z | 1:00 pm. – 2:00 pm. |

RETURNING STUDENTS
REGISTRATION SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY (8/18-8/20)

For RETURNING STUDENTS: Go to the Academy's website at www.hfa-dearborn.org from Wednesday, August 18th - Friday, August 20th. Click on "MiStar Parent" at the top of the page to register for the 2021-2022 school year. You will be asked to update your personal information, emergency card, and complete the "free/reduced lunch application, even if you think you don't qualify. We receive funding to provide free breakfast **for all students** based on the number of applications processed. If you don't know your password or need help navigating the site, contact the school at 313-982-6022 or 313-982-6202 between 9:00a-3:00p **Students who owe fees must pay them prior to registration.** Parents/guardians may pay the student's outstanding balance using a credit/debit card using the SBA (Student Body Account) on our website at any time prior to registration.

School will begin on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021** with core classes and orientation activities. These activities and times will vary by grade so please check the attached calendar. THESE DAYS COUNT AS DAYS OF INSTRUCTION. It is imperative that students attend classes **and** orientation. You will meet your new teachers, engage in activities unique to our environment, and learn about the Academy policies and procedures.

The regular school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. During orientation week, you may wear jeans and T-shirts. You will spend time getting to know who you are and how you fit into the Academy. You will also learn how to **FISH!** That is, learn the simple principles of the **FISH!** philosophy, and how to apply it to your life.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation. We look forward to being **In Person** and working with students as they develop academically and socially. We hope it will be your student's most successful year ever!

Work Hard ~ Be Nice!



Ms. Cora J. Christmas
Principal/Superintendent

Henry Ford Academy develops critical thinkers, life-long learners, and responsible global citizens prepared to adapt and evolve in college, career, technology, and diverse communities.