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I will act in such a way that

I will be proud of myself and

others will be proud of me, too.

I came to school to learn, and I

will learn.

I will have a good day.

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WE ARE …	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS / TRANSITIONS	BATHROOMS

Just Believe in Yourself

Accept Responsibility for your Actions

Generate Goals for Success

Utilize Time Wisely

Achieve Academic Excellence

Respect Yourself and Others

Stay Focused

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information

The Richmond County School System works daily to ensure the health and well-being of our students and staff by developing, implementing and delivering school health services throughout the year. Occasionally, extraordinary efforts are required to meet particular challenges, such as the recent concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19).

We are currently following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), the Georgia Department of Education, and other local, state, and federal agencies. This page has been established to provide resources and communications from the system to our community.

Daily Symptom Screening Checklist

For the health and safety of all our students and staff in the face to face learning environment, we ask that all students and staff members complete the following symptom checklist daily before reporting to school or work:

Fever of or greater than 100.4 degrees
New cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
New Loss of Taste or Smell
Sore throat
Muscle or Body Aches
Congestion or Runny Nose
Headache
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

If you or your child experiences any of these symptoms, is awaiting coronavirus test results or has been directed to self-isolate, please do not report to school. If you have questions or experience symptoms, please notify your stem

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

This Parent-Student Handbook has been prepared to provide essential information to the students that attend Hornsby Middle School and to their parents. Please take time to review the contents with **Your Child**.

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HORNSBY MIDDLE

BUS REGULATIONS

School bus transportation is a privilege that may be withdrawn for inappropriate behavior. A student is to ride the bus to which he/she has been assigned. Students must board and get off at their regular bus stop every day. Any emergency request to ride a different bus must be requested in writing by the parent/guardian and submitted to the office so that verification of the request may be made during the

ation

FIRE ALARMS

Any student pulling a fire alarm or activating a fire extinguisher without cause will receive an automatic ten (10) day

How should homework be graded?

At the elementary level and middle school levels, the following guidelines will be used in grading homework:

a. Routine homework will be assigned a letter grade or numerical grade. Teachers will develop a system for weighing routine homework such as assigning at the beginning of the nine weeks 100 points to each student for each subject. For each assignment not completed, 5 points are deducted. The grade at the end of the nine weeks may count as one test grade for each subject.

b. Students may be allowed to check or recheck his/her own homework as it is being discussed and make necessary corrections so that it may be used as a study reference when appropriate.

c. Book reports, special assignments, and other detailed or more involved projects will be graded by the teacher. The teacher will allow a few students to report to the class so that students can learn from each other. The grade will reflect the extent of the assignment.

Children will improve their study habits by observing the following:

1. Be sure you understand each assignment.

2. Form the habit of using a certain time and place of study.

3. Study conditions should include good lighting, ventilation, and quietness.

4. Have necessary materials at hand.

5. Try to develop the skill of working independently.

6. Spend enough, but not too much time on each subject.

7. Place completed homework in your book bag, and return it the next day or when it is due.

8. Be responsible. Copy all assignments into your agenda. Listen to your teacher so that you can communicate to your parent the topics, pages and skills covered in class. Know what topics, pages, chapters, etc. will be covered on tests.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The guidance counselor is available to students throughout the school day to help develop their educational, social, career, and personal strengths.

Guidance is a preventive measure that teaches students coping and decision-making skills. Guidance counselors can also intervene in areas where the students are experiencing difficulties. Teachers will give clear, concise and concrete instructions for any assignment. Written instructions will be put on the board at the elementary level. Teachers in the lower elementary grades may prepare a homework sheet.

Classroom Guidance

Counselors work in the classrooms to promote and foster positive learning experiences with classroom discussions on study and test taking skills, self-concept development, int

IN-SCHOOL SUPPORT (I.S.S.)

Students in grades 6 thru 8 can be assigned to I.S.S. by an administrator (only) if they become disruptive or disrespectful at school. Students assigned to I.S.S. will be issued a S.O.N.A.R. Referral slip outlining the day, time, and reason for being assigned to I.S.S. Parents will be notified by the teacher, I.S.S. Instructor or an administrator.

LOST AND FOUND

Students are urged to check with the front office for lost items. Our students are very good about turning in lost items. It is a good idea to clearly mark items with your child's name so they can be returned without delay. All unclaimed items are taken to the Salvation Army at the end of each semester or prior to each holiday.

request for a conference at a time suitable for both parent and teacher.

Please avoid "dropping by" the classroom before or after school without an appointment. Teachers need this time to spend with students, for planning of instruction and related meetings. Our teachers want to meet with you when there are concerns, but the best way to have a productive meeting is to schedule a time when the teacher's attention is not divided. When you need to talk with a teacher, please call the office and leave a message. The teacher will return your call as soon as possible. However, this may be at the end of the day or even the following day, depending upon other commitments he/she may have.

Tips for Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Be positive as you discuss your child with the teacher
- Feel free to express any concerns you may have.
- Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTO supplements all facets of the school program and contributes financially to the betterment of the school programs. It

RULES AND

4. No local unit of administration shall require any pupil or parent to purchase any textbook, library book, or media material, except in cases where the pupil damages, loses, or defaces such item through willful intent or neglect.

TRANSFER/WITHDRAWALS

Teachers need

2. Walkers are asked to arrive at campus no earlier than 9:00 a.m. and move to the side of the building where students unload from the bus. Please adhere to social distancing and protective facial covering policies. At dismissal, walkers are asked to exit the school building through the front lobby and exit the campus quickly and quietly.

3. Bus Riders are asked to remain inside their classroom until they are released to move to their bus. Students will walk down the halls on the right side to the designated bus loading zone. Students are asked to exit the building quickly and board their bus and obey all rules for riding the bus including adhering to all social distancing and protective facial covering policies.

4. Parents are asked to adhere to school speed limits around the school for the safety of our students.

SEVERE WEATHER/ EMERGENCY DRILLS PRACTICE

Thinking and planning ahead can significantly reduce dangers concerning severe weather incidences. Students at W.S. Hornsby Middle are exposed to monthly drills that prepares them to react quickly and appropriately in the event of an emergency. Students are to take these drills seriously in the event that an actual emergency arises.

GIFTED PROGRAM

Richmond County provides for all qualifying system students in grades K—12 who exhibit superior performance, advanced learning needs and demonstrate higher level motivation creativity. The identification processes uses multiple criteria as mandated by the Georgia Board of Education. For further information