

# Welcome Back to School, Hamilton - Parsons Bulldogs! 2025-2026

Important Information to Kick-Off a Great Year



## Kindergarten Open House (Parents Only):

August 26, 5:30pm-7:00pm

## Y5's, 1st-5th Meet the Teacher Night (Children welcome) : August 27, 5:30pm-7:00pm

All Hamilton-Parsons Y5's and 1st-5th **students and their parents** are encouraged to join us for Meet the Teacher Night. This is a night for everyone to meet the teachers, learn about the class, and see the school. You are also welcome to bring your child's school supplies, which makes for a much lighter backpack on the first day of school!

After visiting the classroom, students can also enjoy playing with one another on our new playground.

**Kindergarten Parent Open House** - Please arrive at 5:30 for a presentation. *This is new this year.* Parents Only Please.

**Y5's, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th** - You do not need to stay for the entire time, even just coming by for a few minutes to greet the teacher and learn about the class will **help set the stage for a positive partnership this year!**

## SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at 9:03am and dismisses at 3:58pm.

Students are NOT to arrive at school any earlier than 8:50am.



**Student Information Update:** If you have not done so already this summer, go online to review and update information for your students. Even if you have no changes, you are required to login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to update and confirm the information by the start of school. You should have received a mailing with your login information from the District Office back in July. The parent portal can be accessed on the main page at [www.RomeoK12.org](http://www.RomeoK12.org).

**Let's Ride the Bus!:** Bus route information will be on the [www.romeok12.org](http://www.romeok12.org) website. Click on the School Bus icon on the district home page and follow the prompts. **Students are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to ride the bus to and from school daily, which will help with congestion in our parking lot.**



## First Day of School:

Tuesday, Sept 2

Our first day of school is a half day schedule (9:03am-12:12pm) for **grades 1-5.**

For **young fives** and **kindergarten** students, parents will bring their child for a scheduled visit on the first day. Please refer to the staggered start sheet included in this mailing for Y5's and Kindergarten families **ONLY.**

## Must Have Information

Please keep handy this information for use throughout the year.

### DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE - 9:03am-3:58pm

1st Arrival Bell: 8:58 am

2nd Arrival (Tardy) Bell: 9:03 am

Dismissal Bell: 3:58pm

Half-Day Dismissal Bell: 12:12pm

### Parent Teacher Team Meetings

Sept. 11th Parent Meeting 4:05- Media Center

Oct. 24th Parent Meeting 4:05- Media Center

Nov. 21st Parent Meeting 4:05- Media Center

Dec. 12th Parent Meeting 4:05- Media Center

Jan. 23rd Parent Meeting 9:30- Cafeteria

Feb. 20th Parent Meeting 9:30- Cafeteria

Mar. 20th Parent Meeting 9:30- Cafeteria

Apr. 17th Parent Meeting 9:30- Cafeteria

May 15th Parent Meeting 9:30- Cafeteria

### STAY CONNECTED

Your child's teacher will communicate through Google Classroom and email. Always keep an updated email address on file to receive School Messenger Communications from the school and district. If you have not done so already, be sure to also [opt-in to School Messenger Text Messages](#) to get important school and district updates.

### ABSENTEE CALLS / NOTES

If your child is ill, please remember to call the school attendance line at **586-281-2050 before 9:30am**. Please give us the spelling of the child's last name, teacher's name, and reason for absence. The answering machine is on 24 hours a day. If your child needs an early dismissal, please send in a note to the teacher, who will forward the information on to the office. **It is very important to include the child's last name on all notes and envelopes with money.** Due to the busy end-of-school day in the office, **please call us no later than 3:30pm** with any changes to your child's dismissal schedule.

### MEDICATIONS

Hamilton-Parsons maintains and follows State of Michigan school policy regarding the dispensation of medication: Any medication, whether sold over the counter or dispensed by the pharmacist, must be brought to the office by the parent/guardian. Students may **NOT** bring medication(s) to school.

There **MUST BE** a "Medication/Treatment Consent" form completed and signed by the attending physician and the parent/guardian. This form must be filled out whether the medication is sold over the counter or dispensed by the Pharmacists. Forms are available in the School's office. If your child has asthma, severe allergies, epilepsy or diabetes, a asthma, allergy, seizure disorder or diabetic medical action plan form **MUST BE** filled out and returned to the school office. All medication must be in the original container, clearly labeled with the student's name, the dosage, the doctor's name and phone number. Forms are also available at [romeok12.org](http://romeok12.org).

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### VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

All visitors/volunteers must enter the building through the main door into the secure lobby area. Ring the doorbell inside the lobby and front office staff will communicate with you through the intercom system. **Please be prepared to have your driver's license run through Raptor, our visitor management system**, in order to access the building beyond the lobby and office.

If you plan to volunteer for school or classroom activities, **you must fill out a volunteer form to have a background check prior to volunteering or chaperoning a field trip**. Please contact the main office or your child's teacher to get a volunteer form.

### FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Romeo Community Schools is set to participate in the Michigan School Meals program for the 2025-26 school year. This will allow every student to receive **one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day** – just like last year. Qualifying families will still need to complete the income forms to help determine income eligibility for additional educational programs and to ensure our district continues to receive essential state funding. Please visit <https://romeo.familyportal.cloud> and click "apply for benefits." Students will indicate to their teacher each morning upon arrival if they are ordering a school breakfast and/or school lunch. Breakfast and lunch menus will be available on [www.romeok12.org](http://www.romeok12.org) under "[Lunch Menus](#)" at the top of our school home page.

**Important:** While this program is anticipated to continue through the 2025-26 school year, the state funding is currently only approved until **September 30, 2025**. The future beyond that date is still uncertain, pending final decisions from state legislators. More definitive news will be sent via School Messenger once state funding is confirmed.

### WATER BOTTLES

Students are encouraged to bring a full water bottle to school daily. Please label your student's water bottle with their first and last name to avoid mix-ups. We have water bottle filling stations that students can use to refill their water bottles as needed.

### BIRTHDAY TREATS

At Hamilton-Parsons, we believe that birthdays are an important part of a child's life and we want to recognize them at school. For students who would like to bring items to share with their class on their birthday, they are encouraged to bring a small Non-Food surprise to school (for example - pencil, eraser, stickers) to give to each classmate. If you choose a food item, please consult with the teacher ahead of time.

### TOYS & CELL PHONES

Toys and cell phones are to stay in the backpack. These items are a distraction and cause a variety of problems when brought to school. Students are never permitted to message/make calls on smart watches during the school day.

### 2 PROGRAMS!

Capturing Kids Hearts- **Hamilton-Parson's "why" behind this program is to establish a strong foundation built on relationships**. Please visit: [www.capturingkidshearts.org](http://www.capturingkidshearts.org)

Positivity Project -**Hamilton-Parson's "why" behind this program is to build students, staff, families, and communities knowledge of the 24 Character Strengths**. This will provide self confidence and appreciation of others' differences. Please visit- <https://posproject.org/character-strengths/>

*As always, it's a beautiful day to be a Bulldog!*