

What's New? Week of July 30, 2007

Important Dates

August 6 - Hoover Institute for New Teachers

August 9 - First Day of School

August 13 - HSCIN Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Panera Bread, Patton Creek

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for August](#)

Back-to-School Meetings Posted on District Calendar - *posted 07/29/07*

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for August.](#) It lists dates and times of upcoming Open Houses and Parent Nights at Hoover's schools. Make sure to write the date down on your calendar and make every effort to attend that first meeting of the year.

Starting the School Year Off Right - *posted 07/29/07*

Click here to view the [HSCIN Transitions page](#) for more information on starting the school year off right.

Here are a few more tips to get you started:

Make sure to attend any Open Houses and Parent-Teacher Conferences. These are excellent places to get to know other families at your school. Schools will send notices home of meetings being held at the school, but feel free to ask the school directly if you can't find information on their website or in your child's backpack.

Send an e-mail requesting a meeting with your children's teachers. It might be only 15 minutes, but teachers really like to know that you care what's going on in their classrooms. Be aware that the first few weeks of school are extremely busy for teachers, but if you really need to speak with the teacher to make her aware of a situation regarding your child, go ahead and send that request as soon as possible.

Ask what teachers and administrators expect from you. And let teachers know what you expect from them. Setting these initial expectations is extremely important to "getting off on the right foot". If you are unavailable during the school day, let teachers know that. It's always better to start with a clear set of expectations---for both teachers and families.

Take time to compliment your child's teachers if things start off smoothly. Don't let parent-teacher conferences be the only time teachers and administrators hear from you. If your child has something good to say about what's going on in class, take a moment to send an e-mail or write a note thanking your teacher. Teachers appreciate the positive feedback.

Getting to know the teachers and administrators at your child's school can prove more daunting if your child is older when they move into the District, but not impossible. Check the Extracurricular Activities available at your child's school and attend Booster meetings if a Booster Club has been organized. If your child is not involved in Extracurricular Activities offered at the school, make the opportunity to get to know your child's teachers.

Technology Initiative - *posted 07/27/07*

Hoover City Schools' Board of Education approved a major Technology Initiative in March 2007 at a cost of \$4.7 million. This initiative is exciting for our Hoover schools community and we'd like to share what we've learned about the initiative. While the initiative currently only impacts sixth through twelfth graders, plans are underway to expand the initiative to include our elementary students as well.

Please take a moment to read the details about the Initiative. [Click here to read the full report.](#)

Be sure to ask your children about the great equipment they'll be using to learn better and faster what they'll need to be successful students. Our school community is extremely fortunate to have both the funding and the support to make this possible for our community's children.

Dr. Ken Jarnigan Named Interim Principal at Hoover High School - *posted 07/26/07*

The Board of Education voted to non-renew Richard Bishop's contract at Wednesday's board meeting. The Board named Dr. Ken Jarnigan as interim Principal. Dr. Jarnigan was named Chief Academic Officer in June.

Survey - Hoover High Investigation - *posted 07/20/07*

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on the investigation into allegations of grade-changing and preferential treatment for athletes at Hoover High School.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

If you would like to view the entire survey before taking it, [please click here to view the survey.](#) This survey opportunity will be available through August 3.

For more information regarding the investigation, visit our [Investigation Update page.](#)

Remember: Participation in surveys is anonymous.

News Articles and Newsletters

Hoover News

[Hoover Controversy Alarms Some Parents - July 29, Birmingham News](#)

[Principal Was Warned Off Propst, Lawyers Say - July 28, Birmingham News](#)

[Letter from Richard Bishop's Lawyers - July 28, Birmingham News](#)

[Jarnagin Says He'll Be Buffer - July 28, Birmingham News](#)

[School Secrets - Editorial - July 27, Birmingham News](#)

[Propst Was Major Fundraiser for Team's Network - July 27, Birmingham News](#)

[Board Dismisses Principal - July 26, Birmingham News](#)

[Openness Means Little in Hoover - July 26, John Archibald, Birmingham News](#)

[New Principal Has a Passion for Supporting Students - July 25, Birmingham News](#)

[No Need to Rush Hoover Athletics Investigation - July 25, Editorial, Birmingham News](#)

[Principal Threatens Lawsuit If Terminated - July 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Frazier Supports Letting Hoover High Principal Go - July 24, Birmingham News Editor Blog](#)

[Action on Hoover High Principal Delayed - July 24, Birmingham News Editor Blog](#)

[Hoover Principal's Attorneys Demand to Speak to Board - July 24, Birmingham News Editor Blog](#)

[Removal of Hoover Principal Proposed - July 24, Birmingham News](#)

[Bucs Boosters Don't Want Probe to Drag On - July 24, Birmingham News](#)