



Husky Newsletter



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Our mission is to provide a strong foundation of academic excellence in partnership with family and community in which each individual is challenged to achieve his/her highest potential academically, socially, and personally.

A Message from Executive Director/Principal, Keri Melmed

Dear HPA Families,

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to provide additional information and updates.

At High Point Academy we follow Tri-County Health school COVID guidelines and procedures.

Specifically, HPA COVID Precautions –

Requires all staff and students to wear a mask when indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Limits the number of students that are eating together when masks are removed for eating.

Employs a day porter to clean the building throughout the day, as well as the typical nightly cleaning to ensure shared spaces and classrooms are clean and sanitized.

Adheres to frequent hand sanitizing throughout the day.

Ensures air flow and classroom ventilation that circulates fresh air every 10-15 minutes.

Requests families conduct health screening of their child each day; and those children that are exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID are kept home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

COVID Positive Protocols –

When a staff or student tests positive for COVID a notification letter from the school will be sent to families in the same class as the person with COVID-19.

The student and/or staff member that tests positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate and follow isolation protocols.

Students are required to quarantine if a household member tests positive for COVID or if they are exposed to COVID outside of school.

Isolation and quarantine guidelines will be communicated by HPA school clinic assistant Mrs. Emily Chouinard.

Families must contact the school clinic assistant Mrs. Emily Chouinard at echouinard@highpointacademy.net regarding all covid positive cases and questions.

Classroom settings are not considered high risk environments and classmates are not required to quarantine when another student tests positive for COVID.

If a classroom has five or more positive COVID cases within a 14-day period, the class is required to quarantine. If your child's classroom meets this threshold, HPA will notify you immediately and your child's class will pivot to online/remote learning for the duration of the quarantine. Computers and all necessary materials will be provided if remote learning is required. (Families can use personal computers if you prefer, links are web based).

Siblings can continue to come to school, unless otherwise notified by the school clinic assistant.

COVID Dashboard –

Tri-County Health, CDPHE and CDC guidelines can be found on our website.

HPA tracks all COVID related cases that impact our community and shares that data with you on our dashboard. The dashboard can be found on our website. The dashboard for the 2021.2022 school year is up and will be updated each Friday.

Please reach out to echouinard@highpointacademy.net or info@highpointacademy.net with any COVID related questions. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Together we can keep our community as safe as possible.

HPA Staff





Fall Important Dates



August 30: Monday Early Dismissal @ 1:00pm

August 31: Middle School Girls Volleyball Tryouts 4:00-5:30pm

August 31: Middle School Co-Ed Cross Country Tryout 4:00-5:00pm

September 1: Middle School Girls Volleyball Tryouts 4:00-5:30pm

September 1: Middle School Co-Ed Flag Football Tryouts 4-5pm

September 2: Middle School Co-Ed Flag Football Tryouts 4-5pm

September 6: NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

September 10: Last Day to Order Discounted Colorado Rockies Tickets for Game on September 26th

September 13: Monday Early Dismissal @ 1:00pm

September 20: Monday Early Dismissal @1:00pm

September 24: NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Development

September 26: HPA Family Rockies Game 1:10pm First Pitch

September 27: School Picture Day—Students MUST be in uniform

September 27: Monday Early Dismissal @ 1:00pm

October 13: Parent Teacher Conferences

October 14: Parent Teacher Conferences



Husky Happenings



Middle School Uniform Update

We are excited to announce an additional color to our 6th, 7th, and 8th shirt uniform options. Students have been advocating and expressing an interest in the dress code policy and we want to honor their voice.

Last year students asked to add black as a shirt possibility and we told students that we would consider this proposal and implement any changes the following year. As a school that believes our students' voices matter, and that they have a space to share their opinions and ideas, we are excited to honor this request and officially add it to our dress code.

As a reminder, polo shirts can be worn in any of the approved colors while t-shirts are only permitted if they are HPA apparel. With this update, **pants, skirts, etc. must still be khaki, navy** unless we are participating in a casual day.

Please connect with Ms. Rendon (MS Dean) at jrendon@highpointacademy.net or Ms. Newsome (MS Assistant Principal) at jnewsome@highpointacademy.net with any questions.

Middle School Fall Sports Tryouts are Coming!

HPA Sport Tryouts

Fall Season

Sport: Girls Volleyball / 6th – 8th Grade

Date / Time: Tuesday 31st August and Wednesday 1st September / 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Location: HPA Gym

Coaches: Coach DelRoss and Coach Forsyth



Sport: Co-ed Flag Football / 6th – 8th Grade

Date / Time: Wednesday 1st September and Thursday 2nd September / 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: HPA Football Field

Coaches: Coach Li and Coach Roland



Sport: Co-ed Cross Country / 6th – 8th Grade

Date / Time: Tuesday 31st August / 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Mrs. Thomas's room

Coaches: Coach Thomas



Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Update

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program is a federal program created to provide additional funds for families to buy food when schools were closed or on a remote or hybrid learning model due to COVID-19. Click here for more information cdh.colorado.gov/p-ebt

High Point Academy has submitted our report to the state of Colorado (for families who complete the **"MySchoolApps"** lunch application. Zip Code 80019 District: Denver Public Schools.

There is no need to contact our school/office. If the state determines that you qualify they will reach out to you directly.



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Carpool

We are working hard with the Aurora and Denver Police to hire an off-duty police officer to assist with traffic control on the intersection of 64th and Dunkirk.

Since this summer, we have secured the following coverage:

- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning carpool with Officer Starz (7:15-8:15am) **We are still looking for Monday & Tuesday.**
- Tuesday-Fridays afternoon carpool with Officer Lee (3:20-4:00pm) **We are still looking for Monday coverage**

For years we have petitioned to the city for a traffic light, school signage, anything to help us with traffic control. We were finally informed by the city of Aurora and Denver that we are one of the 4 intersections getting a traffic light (but it could take between 1-2 more years!)

We do have staff members in orange vests assisting with crosswalks but not traffic. Per police regulations, only law enforcement can stop/control traffic.

We ask that families continue to follow carpool etiquette, find family, friends, classmates who would like to carpool, allow older students to walk or bike to school.

Please respect the handicap parking spaces. Only clearly marked handicapped vehicles may use these spaces.

HPA Family Colorado Rockies Game

High Point Academy is bringing back the HPA Family Colorado Rockies Game. On Sunday, September 26 at 1:10pm please join families and staff for a fun afternoon at the ballpark. Tickets are \$5 a piece and can be ordered using the [following form](#). Please return [this form](#) with money (CASH ONLY) to the front office by Friday, September 10th at 4:00pm to reserve your tickets.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run starts the week of September 13th. Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. We will meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from 3:45-5:00 pm. Open to all HPA 3rd through 5th grade girls. Registration is open at www.girlsontherunrockies.org



Meet Our School Counselors



How do we support students?

- Engage with **ALL** students with their academic, career, and personal goals.
- Individually meet with students in crisis or those who need support.
- Lead small groups on varying topics such as coping with anxiety or succeeding in school.
- Deliver lessons on varying topics.
- Consult & collaborate with parents and school staff.
- Refer you to community resources.

Common Topics

- Anxiety
- Grief
- Conflict Resolution
- Friendships Skills
- Self-Esteem
- Emotional Regulation

Contact Information

Sydney Costa—K-4 School Counselor
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Vanessa Trayler—5-8 School Counselor
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Frequently Asked Questions

What exactly does a school counselor do?

Our job is to support and advocate for ALL students to achieve their full potential in school. This can focus on many factors for achieving students to do well- helping students with peer relationships, managing their emotional regulation, and their ability to focus in the classroom. We develop necessary skills through individual or group counseling and guidance lessons.

How are you different from a therapist?

School counselors often see students within a classroom setting or various check ins throughout the school year. Our main focus is school-related issues. Sometimes issues are better addressed in a therapeutic setting with direct focus on long term counseling. We work closely with our in school therapists and can help with the recommendations.

How do children come to you?

There are a variety of ways that students can see a school counselor. Usually, students are recommended by teachers, parents, or themselves. Oftentimes students will approach us to eat lunch or schedule an appointment. We also have forms located outside of our offices for students to request to see us.





COVID Corner



[Back to School in Year Two of the COVID Pandemic](#)

(link to Children's Hospital Colorado Article)



Husky Community



Building Community...

Together



We Have Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse!

When you make a purchase at American Furniture Warehouse, mention High Point Academy and a portion of the sale is donated to our school.



The Partnership That Keeps on Giving!



King Soopers Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to our school based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to High Point Academy, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. Create a digital account- A digital account is needed to participate in King Soopers Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose
2. Link your card to "High Point Academy PTO" and click save <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>
3. King Soopers will send HPA PTO a check at the end of the school year with any funds earned.

Amazon Smile

Shop at [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select High Point Academy. Amazon will donate to our school!



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Download the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. 10 cents for each Box Top. Sign up today by selecting The Academy at High Point.



BOX TOPS LABELS



Milk Caps for Moola

MILK CAPS for MOOOLA is a program sponsored by Longmont Dairy that helps students earn money for their school and students. Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth 5¢ each and are redeemable for cash by participating schools only. Drink Longmont Dairy Milk, save the bottle caps, bring them to the front office.

