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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to seventh grade at Harpool! We are excited about this school year and the opportunity to work with you and your student. As teachers, we value Harpool parents and believe a positive relationship with you provides the greatest educational opportunities for your child. The following pages will provide you with information about seventh grade as well as expectations we have put in place to help your student be successful. Please take the time to carefully read the attached information and discuss it with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the team teachers. Thank you for all you do to support your child's education!

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Daily Expectations

- Respect yourself and others
- Take care of school materials
- Be prepared and in your seat when the bell rings
- Use the appropriate voice level when in the school building
- Bring a book to read and your agenda to ALL core classes

### Harpool Ticket System

Students will keep their ticket sheet in its page protector or binder. It should be with them at all times.

The ticket sheet is a means of tracking student behavior and encouraging them to self-monitor their behavior. At the start of each quarter, students are given nine tickets. Teachers will sign away a ticket as a means of discipline for common infractions such as being tardy, inappropriate hallway behavior, coming to class without supplies, or causing a disruption. The ticket sheet also contains six restroom passes per quarter that the student can use at his or her discretion with teacher permission. Since students are encouraged to handle personal business during passing period, once the student has used all of their allotted restroom passes, they may choose to give up a ticket to handle personal business during classroom time. If your child has a health need, we want to be considerate of this. Please contact the school nurse and she will let the team know. At the end of the quarter, students who have retained a certain number of tickets will be rewarded.

### Advisory

Students will meet with their advisory class each day during 8<sup>th</sup> period (except for the few days there is a pep rally or other scheduled event). We will use this time during the first weeks of school to collect supplies and review school policies and expectations. Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom during this time without a pre-arranged pass, and should bring appropriate materials to stay busy every day. If students have no missing work / homework, they will be expected to read silently.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>counselor lesson followed by DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>independent work or DEAR</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>independent work or DEAR</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>independent work or DEAR</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Makeup work/Team Detentions/ Fun Friday</b>

### Grades / Home Access Center

You have access to your student's grades at any time through Home Access Center. The HAC link can be found on the HMS website or our team homepage. Please check the Harpool webpage for more information on the new grading policy. An automatic email will be sent from TAC to the parent email on file when a grade is entered that is below a 70 on an assessment.

### Tutoring

Tutoring is available before or after school and some days during advisory. It is the student's responsibility to schedule tutoring with each teacher as needed in advance. Parents will need to provide punctual transportation for tutorials.

### Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker for his / her own use. Students should not trade or share lockers with other students. Lockers need to be kept clean and neat. Lockers that are not cleaned out are far more likely to jam. All bags must be left in student's lockers as they are not allowed in classrooms.

### 7th Grade Cell Phone Policy

Per school policy, phones should be off and in lockers from 8:15-3:35. If a student has their phone out during the school day, regardless of the reason, they can be taken and turned into the front office. Parents will be required to come retrieve collected phones for a \$15 fee.

If a teacher requires a phone for class, students are allowed to take it out during the passing period before class and put it back in their locker immediately following that class.

### Dress Code

Please refer to the HMS code of conduct for complete dress code information. The following infractions are some of the most common, and will result in the student being sent to the office: length of shorts, shoes without backs, leggings, and holes in jeans.

### Fall Field Trip

On November 1, 2018, all 7th grade students will be attending ENCORE! at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth. ENCORE! is performed by Chamber Theatre of Boston, a touring troupe that performs dramatic versions of literary classics all over the country. This

semester, in English and Reading, students are being introduced to a variety of texts that will build their cultural and literary vocabulary. The cost of the field trip is \$25 (cash or check made to Harpool 7-1 or Harpool 7-2) and includes transportation, tickets to the show, and lunch. Permission has already been given through infosnap, so there is no paper permission slip. More information will be emailed to all parents on August 24th.

**Field trip money is due to your student's English teacher by September 21<sup>st</sup>.**