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Hello Parents/Guardians, Students, and Faculty/Staff of Herndon Magnet School, this is Tom Thomas, Principal of Herndon Magnet School.

There are many changes that go with the great challenges that we face this school year, but with your support, patience, and understanding, we will be successful. As members of the Herndon community, we must all be kind and positive. The health, safety, and the well being of each member of the Herndon Family will be the top priorities. No doubt, there will be mistakes made tomorrow and throughout the year, but make no mistake, we love our students and we are excited about welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow, August 24.

If you can start your 1st through 5th grade child or children and your AHybrid middle school student doing their normal afternoon transportation tomorrow, and your BHybrid middle school student Tuesday, August 25, this will help them, and it will help the faculty/staff make dismissal routines run more effective and efficient. Every student needs to know how they are getting home tomorrow. Kindergarten parents, we are asking that you start your kindergartener with their normal transportation routine on Friday, August 28, their first full day of school. Please be patient with the traffic and with us the first few weeks of school. We want to make sure every student is on the right bus and that the car line drop off and pick up areas run smoothly. Please watch the video on Herndon's webpage on how to drop off and pick up students. Also, the FAQ Document will answer many of your questions and concerns. If your student or students will be car riders, please have a sign posted with their full names and the grade they are in this year.

Please know that teaching and learning with Canvas will not be perfect. We will all be learning and discovering things about Canvas as we journey together. We will all need to practice patience, and give and show each other mercy and grace. For virtual and Hybrid students, please log in to Canvas everyday to see if you have any activities or assignments, and when your teacher or teachers will have live lessons. There is Canvas help available on the Herndon website.

Just a few reminders, please bring a water bottle or clear like plastic thermos filled with water from home and labeled with your student's first and last name. Please begin paying fees at payforit.net. At this time, we will not be able to take cash or checks for fees. Students attending in person tomorrow need something to write on and something to write with. Please return any paperwork that is passed out this week before the due date. Lastly, no parents or guardians will be able to get out of their vehicles when dropping students off. I have probably forgot something I wanted to tell you, but if you will go to [herndonmagnetschool.com](http://herndonmagnetschool.com) and click on the FAQ Document for things that I may have missed.

We are excited about the 2020-2021 school year! The HMS Faculty & Staff welcome the opportunity to serve and support each student as we strive to make the Herndon Motto, "Where Excellence is our Minimum Standard" a reality for every member of the Herndon community and family. Thank you for your continued support and patience. This is a new season for everyone, but it will not last forever.

A transcript of this call can be found at [www.herndonmagnetschool.com](http://www.herndonmagnetschool.com). Thank you and have a wonderful evening! ID #: 276538