Clemens Crossing Elementary
Back-to-School Night 2021-2022
VISION: Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

MISSION: HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

More information: www.hcpss.org/scta
School and System News and Information

Email
School news, HCPSS News, emergency notices

Text
Urgent/emergency notices only

HCPSS website
www.hcpss.org
Systemwide news and information resource

School website
cces.hcpss.org
School news, calendar, sports and clubs, staff directory; more
Social Media

Clemens Crossing **Twitter**: @hcpss_cces
Clemens Crossing **Facebook**: facebook.com/clemenscrossingelementary
PTA Class of Facebook groups
HCPSS Twitter: **www.Twitter.com/HCPSS**
HCPSS Instagram: **instagram.com/hocoschools**
HCPSS Flickr: **flickr.com/photos/hcpss**
Superintendent Twitter: **https://twitter.com/mjmsuper**
Weekly System Emails

- School system news and announcements
- Upcoming events
- Opportunities to share input on HCPSS policies and decisions
• Cougar Comments newsletter
  ■ We do not send a lot of email out
  ■ Every Friday at 7:00 a.m.
  ■ Upcoming events

• Periodic email during the week as needed
HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

• iPhone
• iPad
• Android
Mental Health – School-Based Supports

School Counselor: Mrs. Ann Rogers
School Psychologist: Ms. Samantha Nichols
Pupil Personnel Worker: Mrs. Melissa Gradey

More information:
www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness
Mental Health Resources

Network of Care
Howard County Resources
Community-based Wrap-around Services
Foreign-Born Support Services/Bilingual Support Services
Howard County Health Department

Guide to Community Services in Howard County:
https://www.acshoco.org/resources/guide-to-community-services/

More information:
www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness
Synergy Student Information System
Canvas Learning Management System
Family File

www.hcpss.org/connect
Update Student Information

- Parent contact information
- Medical data and contacts
- After-school transportation
- Data privacy preferences
- Athletic participation forms

www.hcpss.org/connect
HCPSS Connect: How to Get Help

Login Assistance:
Contact the school office

Guides and Resources:
hcpss.org/connect

Password Reset Guide:
hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-access.pdf
Canvas: What to Expect

Course Homepage:
- Overview
- Student privacy information
- Resources

Calendar dates/events

Assignments & Gradebook

Announcements

Student skill building (grade appropriate)

Have Canvas Questions? Click the Orientation box on the Canvas homepage to access Parent Guides

New! Updated Interface
Assessments at the Elementary Level

- MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program)
- MAP (or Measures of Academic Progress)
- CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)
- MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment)
Interactive School Menus on Nutrislice

- Food descriptions
- Nutrition and allergens
- Carb counts
- Pre-payment links
- FARMS application link
- Breakfast and lunch menus

http://hcpss.nutrislice.com
Free iPhone or iOS app
HCPSS Mobile App
Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits
Step 1: Visit www.hcpss.org/farms/
Step 2: Click “Apply Online” to begin the online application process.

How to Apply

Please submit only one application per household. Families that need computer or language assistance to apply online, please contact your child’s school.

View the federal income eligibility guidelines.

Online

APPLY ONLINE
[ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AVAILABLE]

- After the online application has been submitted and reviewed, eligibility notifications will be sent via email/mail.

Getting Started

What you will need to provide during the application process:

- The name and current income of every member of your household
- The school and grade of every student in your household
- Your electronic signature
- (Optional) A valid email address or phone number for district communication about the status of the application.

If you are ready to get started, click the button below to begin the online application process.

BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS
Students may use their personal technology:

- When permitted by a teacher or administrator
- Before and after school

Devices must remain off and in backpack at all other times

Personal devices are *not* required for school

**HCPSS Policy 8080: “Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools, and Social Media”** [https://policy.hcpss.org/8000/8080/](https://policy.hcpss.org/8000/8080/)
What Your Child Will Learn Guides

On Canvas via HCPSS Connect
www.hcpss.org/connect

Curriculum content overview for each
• Grade (PreK – 5)
• Subject area
LGBTQIA+ Youth

New web page:
https://www.hcpss.org/supports/lgbtqia-youth/

Optional pronoun settings:

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion information:
https://www.hcpss.org/diversity/
2021-2022 Fall Instruction

Information and updates:
www.hcpss.org/2021-2022/

Answers to frequently-asked questions:
help.hcpss.org
Community News and Programs

Find activities and resources for students and families offered by many community non-profits and agencies

- Search by keyword, ages or topic

community-programs.hcpss.org