

The Cougar Chronicles

Summer 2021



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A Hillsborough County Public School

Principal's Corner

Dear Williams Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am thrilled to welcome our new students and excited to reconnect with our returning students. We eagerly look forward to the full reopening of our campus and continuing our commitment to academic achievement for the students/families of Williams IB! My entire team remains focused on fostering excellence and dedicated to the mission of "preparing our students for life". The Williams team is 'built' with perseverance, grit, empathy, and the ability to communicate effectively in diverse learning partnerships. These characteristics will undoubtedly help our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally—a result we all truly desire for all Williams students.

As an IB (International Baccalaureate) school, our team will continue to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning. The Williams Team embraces the critically important requirement of meeting the diverse needs of all students through using varying instructional strategies. We recognize and understand that last school year was challenging and as we move forward, we must remain focused on providing the absolute best support to ALL students at every level.

A key trait of the Williams Middle Magnet school community is the genuine care and compassion shared between staff, students, and parents. Williams is a place where staff and families come together to ensure that the students entrusted into our care grow to be productive, confident, compassionate, members of a global society. I look forward to an amazing year! We will only get better and I can promise you that I will spend endless hours/energy to give our students the best experience possible.

Every parent/guardian is invited and encouraged to become active in your son/daughter's education at Williams. Our PTSA and School Advisory Council provide great opportunities for parents/guardians to support the Williams family. We have a very active and supportive PTSA at Williams and you will have the opportunity to join PTSA during the Open House (**August 6th, see schedule flyer**). **Students will be able to view their schedule on Canvas on Aug. 5th or in homeroom during Open House.** In closing, we wish you well as the summer wraps up and look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

Sincerely,

Shellie Blackwood-Green, Principal

Parents of seventh graders:

Please make sure you have turned in your child's updated shot record. State law will not allow us to keep any student in school without the proper immunization. If you are not sure, you may contact the school.

HOST Program

Please join our before and after school program! You may register at <https://hostportal.sdhc.k12.fl.us>

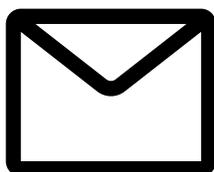
Registration = \$30 (onetime fee)
Weekly - (AM/PM) \$52; (AM) \$20; (PM) \$32
Mondays only - \$20
Monday - 2:25 - 5:00pm
Tuesday - Friday - 3:25 - 6:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact:
najja.taylor-denson@hcps.net
Before School Hours: 6:45-8am
After School: until 6pm

*** Snacks and homework assistance provided! ***

Parent Communication

Please make sure that you provide us with a current phone number and email on your emergency card. (If you don't have a land line for a home phone, list your cell phone under home phone). This is very important so you can keep up with what is happening at the school every week.



Important Dates:

August:

- 6—Open House (uniform shirt sales)
- 10—First Day of School
- 13—6th Grade Assembly
- 13—Popsicle Day- 6th Gr.
- 16—Locker Distribution (grades 7/8)
- 16—9/3 School Fundraiser
- 25—Picture Day (students may wear own clothes)
- 26—Getting to Know IB Night

September:

- 2—PTSA Board Meeting
- 6—Labor Day—No School
- 9—Interim Reports available
- 10—Back to School Dance (3:30-5:30pm)
- 13—Junior Achievement (Grade 8, \$15 cost)
- 16—Conference Night (4-6:30pm)
- 17—Tie-Dye 6th Gr.
- 18—Coastal Clean-Up
- 21—High School Exploration Day

Administration and Guidance:

Principal:

Shellie Blackwood-Green

Assistant Principals:

David Okegbola—All 6th grade and 7th grade A-L
Kinsey Crawford—All 8th grade and 7th grade M-Z

School Counselors:

Aimee Fonda—6th grade and 7th grade A-K
Selina Brown—8th grade and 7th grade L-Z

School Resource Officer:

Officer Mike Simmons

Canvas:

If you don't have a Canvas parent account. You can sign up for one at <https://sdhc.instructure.com>. Canvas is a fantastic way to keep up with your child(s) teachers and grades, as well as know what is going on in class!

Welcome Back

First Day of School

Tuesday, August 10



School Hours

Every Monday: 8:30 am - 2:25 pm
Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:25 pm

What to bring on the first day of school?

- Positive Attitude
- Loose Leaf paper in a folder
- Pen or Pencil to write with
- Breakfast and lunch are free for all students



School Fees

Agenda Books: \$8.00
Hall Lockers: \$2.00



Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy promotes a positive learning environment and contributes to school spirit and safety. The wearing of uniforms at our school is a direct result of our School Improvement Plan whereby stakeholders requested and received district approval for the school to become a mandatory uniform school.

The Student Uniform shall consist of the following:

- Only navy collared polo shirts shall be worn. White undershirts may be worn underneath, but they must be tucked in. Only the top two buttons of the polo may remain unbuttoned.
- Only khaki beige pants, mid-thigh shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, and jumpers may be worn.
- No jeans are allowed on any day. All pants and shorts must be worn fastened at the waistline.
- Pants should not drape on the ground, should not have frayed bottoms, should not have holes or be cut-offs. Pants with colored stripes or designs are not allowed.
- Short shorts or mini-skirts are not acceptable by established School Board Dress Code. The correct length for any type of shorts or skirt is mid-thigh, which is half-way between the top of the leg and the top of the knee when seated.
- Shoes shall be worn. Flip-flops, shower shoes, slides, skate shoes or similar type shoes, including slippers, are not acceptable. If leggings are worn to keep warm, they must be white or black and socks of any color are permitted.

In cold weather, jackets or sweaters with a full zipper or buttons/snaps from top to bottom are acceptable over the school uniform shirt. Wearing an oversized outer garment, pullover garment or long-sleeved shirt over the school uniform is **not acceptable. NO PULLOVER SWEATSHIRTS OR HOODED SWEATSHIRTS** (exception – Williams Middle Magnet School hooded sweatshirt).

- Hoods, hats, and bandanas are NOT permitted.
- Only official IB or Williams' logos will be allowed. Prints, plaids, stripes or other graphic designs are not permitted on any uniform clothing.
- Only on Fridays and field trips will students be permitted to wear team t-shirts or any official Williams shirt.
- On the last Monday of each month will students be permitted and encouraged to wear college and university shirts.

Reunification Plan:

In the event of a school emergency in which we need to evacuate our campus, students will be moved to:

Primary Location – If we remain close to campus:

James Elementary
4302 East Ellicot St.

Secondary Location– If we must leave the area:

Franklin Boys Prep
3915 E. 21st Ave.

A phone message will be sent to all home and cell phone numbers listed for the parent/guardian phone numbers on the Emergency Card in the event of a school emergency. Please remember to update that card if any contact information changes.

Summer Packets:

How are those summer packets going? If you have misplaced yours, they are located on our school website!



Welcome Back

Important School Information / Events

Open House - Friday, August 6

This day is focused on students that are new and returning to Williams Middle. Students and parents will hear a brief presentation by grade level in the Multi-Purpose Room before being dismissed to their homeroom. Students will receive their schedules and are invited to follow their schedule around campus to familiarize themselves with their classrooms

Times:

6th Graders – 8:00 am -10:00 am

7th Graders - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

8th Graders - 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

1:30 pm – High School Credit information meeting

(for students registered in Algebra, Geometry, IPS, Spanish 1 and French 1 courses)

Getting to Know IB Night - Thursday, August 26

We are strongly encouraging all grade levels to attend this evening. It is critical that all students, as well as their parents understand the fundamentals of IB. Parents will get an overview of how we support the 8 IB courses within our 7 period day. Where 7th and 8th graders feel like they already know this, this is a great “refresher” course for them as well!

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Conference Night - (1st Quarter) - Thursday, September 16

This is our first conference night for year. This is an opportunity for parents of students who have a C or lower at midterm to schedule a conference with classroom teachers.

Information about appointment times will be available closer to Conference Night.

Teachers are available for conferences outside of this designated time for any parents who wish to meet with them.

These conferences should be scheduled separately with the classroom teacher.

Conference Times: 4:00 - 6:30pm

Athletics

If your student is interested in trying out for an interscholastic sport for next school year (Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Soccer, Flag Football) you will need to complete their forms on Planet HS www.planeths.com

Please do this early, as your child can not try out without this submitted and marked complete by the school.

Sports Schedule

Fall

Basketball

Volleyball

Track and Field

Spring

Soccer

Flag Football

Help Wanted:

We are seeking landscaping support for our campus. We are in desperate need of mulch and plants. Please contact me if you own or have a connection to a landscaping company.



Box Tops:

Please remember to save those Box Tops!
We use any money generated from Box Tops to replenish our Technology. It may not seem like a lot, but it really helps us out!

Williams Middle Magnet School

Open House Schedule

Friday, August 6, 2021

Please adhere to the following schedule. Our plan is to accommodate over 300 students meeting their teachers within a 2-hour block of time. We will remind parents and students to move via school bell. Please plan to attend the full duration of the schedule. The Open House schedule follows your child's daily schedule. If you only attend a portion of Open House, you will miss meeting each teacher your child will have throughout the day. **Students will be able to view their schedule on Canvas on Aug. 5th or in homeroom during Open House**

6 th Grade		7 th Grade
8:00 – 8:20	General Session – Multi Purpose Room	11:00 – 11:20
	Students/Families will report to HR immediately following the General Session	
	** Schedules will be distributed in HR **	
8:30 – 8:37	Homeroom	11:30 – 11:37
8:40 – 8:47	1 st Period	11:40 -11:47
8:50 – 8:57	2 nd Period	11:50 – 11:57
9:00 – 9:07	3 rd Period	12:00 – 12:07
9:10 – 9:17	4 th Period	12:10 – 12:17
9:20 – 9:27	5 th Period	12:20 – 12:27
9:30 – 9:37	6 th Period	12:30 – 12:37
9:40 – 9:47	7 th Period	12:40 – 12:47

8th graders: Will report to the Multi-Purpose Room from 2:00 – 2:20 for a General Session. Immediately following that presentation, 8th graders/families may report to their assigned HR to receive their schedules. Then, between 2:30 – 3:15, they may move at their own pace to meet their teachers and see their classrooms.

1:30 – Presentation for all High School Credit Courses in the Cafeteria.

*Intended for 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in Algebra, Geometry, IAPS, French I and Spanish I.

Thank you for joining us and we look forward to seeing all of our students on Tuesday, August 10th!

WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOLWIDE FUNDRAISER

August. 16th -September. 3rd

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**WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES TO DONATE AN AMOUNT
EQUAL TO THE YEAR YOUR CHILD WILL GRADUATE
FROM HIGH SCHOOL..EXAMPLE:**



6TH GRADERS= \$20.28



7TH GRADERS= \$20.27



8TH GRADERS= \$20.26

**Any amount will help!! We are looking for 100%
participation – even if it is a few dollars! All students will
receive an incentive if they donate at least \$5.00!!**

**Payments will be accepted at www.MyPaymentsPlus.com
or simply place in an envelope with student's name and
homeroom #.**

DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL HELP FUND:

- *STUDENT INCENTIVES
- *SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY
- *CLASSROOM SUPPORT
- * AND MUCH MORE...



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Welcome to the 2021-2022 School year!

Things to do:

-Become a member!

↳ **Free gift with a Family Membership 2/\$13**

- Single Membership- \$7

(Membership is a PTSA Fundraiser)

-Get your Williams Spirit Wear!

↳ **Shop our online store at**

<https://williamsmiddlemagnetib.memberhub.com/store>

- We gladly accept cash or checks. (Credit cards are accepted for online sales only.)

- Online orders are filled and delivered to your student

-Follow us on Facebook to stay updated!

↳ **@Williams Middle Magnet School PTSA**

-Save our email address!

↳ **Williamsmiddlemagnet.IB.ptsa@gmail.com**

Please contact us with any questions

Dear Hillsborough County Public School Families,

I am pleased to inform you that our 2021-2022 School Year HOST program will be available to K-8 students enrolled in Hillsborough County Public Schools, with a student number, beginning August 9th.

The 2021-2022 school year is fast approaching. HOST wanted to provide you with the necessary information for students, staff and the community to successfully register for the HOST program.

Below you will find information regarding fees and dates the 2021-2022 school year:

*Registration fee is nonrefundable

School Year Information

2021-2022 Student Fees	Elementary	Middle
Registration Fee per student* (nonrefundable)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Before School - Weekly Rate	\$15.00	\$20.00
After School - Weekly Rate	\$65.00	\$32.00
Before & After School - Weekly Rate	\$80.00	\$52.00
Drop In Rate - per session	\$20.00	\$20.00

With the current CDC and Florida Department of Health recommendations, limited seating may be available.

If you want your child(ren) to attend the summer and 2021-2022 school year, you will be **REQUIRED** to register for each term separately. If you only need to register for the school year, please select 2021-2022 school year term.

Please log on to: <https://hostportal.sdhc.k12.fl.us> to register for summer and/or 2021-2022 school year.