

Hope Academy 

**BACK to  
SCHOOL**

**2026-27**



# WELCOME BACK!

## AUGUST

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                             | TUESDAY        | WEDNESDAY                 | THURSDAY                                      | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 16     | 17                                                 | 18             | 19                        | 20<br>New Family Info Night                   | 21     | 22       |
| 23     | 24                                                 | 25             | 26                        | 27<br>Upper School Convocation & Registration | 28     | 29       |
| 30     | 31<br>Lower School Meet the Teacher & Registration | 1<br>SEPTEMBER | 2<br>First Day of School! | 3                                             | 4      | 5        |



### New Family Info Night

Thursday, August 20th 6:00pm-8:30pm

This special evening is open to all new families and designed to help them feel informed, connected, and confident as we begin a wonderful year together! You'll learn more important day-to-day information, meet key staff members, connect with other new families, and have the opportunity to ask questions. Please note, this is a parent-only event and childcare will not be provided.



### Required: Upper School Convocation & Registration

Thursday, August 27 at 7:00pm

Join us as we gather to worship, hear from leadership, and celebrate all God has in store for the coming school year! Following convocation, registration will be 7:30-9:30pm. Please bring all your completed back-to-school forms (see checklist on the back of this booklet) and any questions. Our aim is that you connect with staff, receive important information and start the school year feeling informed, prepared and excited! Please note, this is a parent-only event and childcare will not be provided.



### Required: Lower School Meet the Teacher & Registration

Monday August 31, 3:30pm-7:30pm (reserve your teacher and registration time slot)

Sign up to meet your child's teacher and complete Registration! Bring your completed back-to-school forms (see checklist on the back of this booklet), ask questions, and get ready for a great school year. Scholars are encouraged to attend with their parents. **Sign up through the QR code!**



## SCHOOL DAY DETAILS

The first day of school is  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**



### Start & End Time

Class starts at 9:55am  
Lower School ends at 4:15pm  
Upper School ends at 4:25pm



### Lower School Before & After School Care

Morning: 7:45-9:45am  
Afternoon: 4:15-5:30pm  
A relaxed time of social interaction and play for K-5th grade students Mon-Fri. Monthly price is calculated based off your tuition. One-time drop-off is \$10. Sign up through the QR code below!



### Upper School Academic Support Center

Middle School: 8:30-9:45am  
High School: 9:00-9:45am  
Students can receive extra support free of charge through tutoring before school Mon-Fri. Students are welcome to come as early as 7:45am.

## ABSENCES & EARLY DISMISSALS

**Absences:** all absences and dismissal info should be marked in the SchoolPass app. Absences should be marked by 10am. You can mark absences in advance if needed. **Early releases:** There are no early releases after 3:30pm daily. Students will only be called from class when their parent/guardian is at school for them. Please plan an extra 15 minutes into your schedule so we have time to locate your student and send them to the office.

**Dismissal plans:** please note any end-of-day dismissal plans in the SchoolPass app by 3:00pm.

## BREAKFAST & LUNCH

ALL STUDENTS can get one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school. Menus will be posted in the Hope Happenings monthly. **Have an allergy?** Fill out our special diet form and send to mananaowens@hopeschool.org. REMINDER: please fill out the Application for Educational Benefits so that both your family and the school can receive important benefits.

## HEALTH OFFICE & ILLNESS POLICY

All students must stay home if they have been vomiting or had diarrhea, had 100 degree temps, untreated lice, or other contagious health concerns in the last 24 hours. If your child will need to take any medications during the school day, contact the health office at healthoffice@hopeschool.org or 612-540-2044. Please check with your doctor to make sure your child's immunizations are up to date. See attached for list of the immunizations that each student needs. Please read our illness policy and fill out the form through the QR code below.

**Before & After School Care**  
Scan this QR code to sign up!



**Illness Policy Agreement**  
Scan this QR code to read our illness policy and answer a question.



# DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

## Morning Drop-Off

All morning drop off will be at the Peavey doors off of E. 22nd St. Access this door by heading north on Park Ave. and take a right on E. 22nd St.

To help our school day start smoothly, we encourage all families to drop off students no later than 9:45am. Classes begin at 9:55am, and students need a few minutes beforehand to unpack, get settled, and be ready to learn.

In the event that you are dropping your student off after 10:00am, you may drop your student off at the front entrance on E. 24th St. **Please note:** this entrance is for late drop-offs ONLY. It is a safety concern to have vehicles line up here during morning drop off. You will be asked to move to the Peavey doors if you drop-off here before 10:00am.

## Afternoon Pick-Up

**If you are picking up a lower school student only:**

Go to E 22nd St for Parent Pick-Up around 4pm. Pull as far forward as you can. If E 22nd St is full, pull up alongside the curb on Park Ave or the north loop and wait to enter the carline.

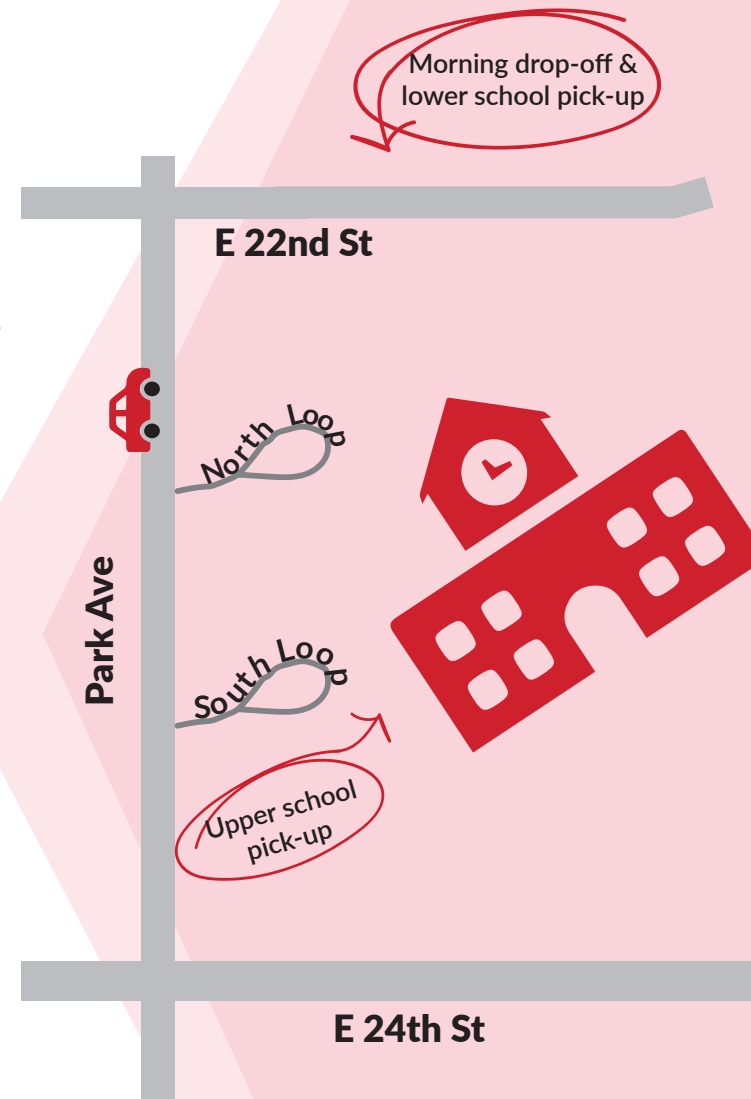
When you pull up, a staff member will check your cartag and add you to our digital carline. Your lower school student will be brought to your vehicle on E 22nd St. No students are released to cars on Park Ave.

**If you are picking up an upper school student only:**

If you are picking up an upper school student only, please enter the south loop around 4:25pm (also known as the upper school courtyard).

**If you are picking up a lower & an upper school student:**

If you are picking up an upper school student and a lower school student, park in the north loop. A staff member will check your cartag and add you to our digital carline. Then, your students will exit door 32 and go directly to your vehicle.



# TRANSPORTATION

## K-8 Busing

Busing is only available to K-8 families who live in Minneapolis. If you submitted the bus request through the MyRide App, you should receive your bus information via email before the first day of school. If you need a bus and did not request busing, please contact transportation at [transportation@hopeschool.org](mailto:transportation@hopeschool.org) as soon as possible.

### NEW THIS YEAR

## 9-12 Busing

This year, transportation for students in grades 9-12 will be different than in previous years. Please refer to the separate transportation information sheet included in this packet for important details and the available transportation options for high school students.

If you have questions, please contact [transportation@hopeschool.org](mailto:transportation@hopeschool.org) or call 612-540-2820. We are happy to help through this busing transition.

## Student Drivers

If your high school student plans to drive to school, please reach out to [amyjohnson@hopeschool.org](mailto:amyjohnson@hopeschool.org) so we can get your student a ramp card. There is no cost for a ramp card, but there is a replacement fee if it gets lost.

**Please note:** if you are requesting busing late, we will not be able to accommodate busing for your family until September 16th. Please plan accordingly.



# TECHNOLOGY

## Required Apps



### ParentSquare

**This year, we're introducing a new app for school communication!** Through this new app, you'll receive updates on school events, teacher communication, Family Ministry, Hope Happenings, and other important school information. More details will be coming soon. In the meantime, download the app to get started.



### SchoolPass

**To start using the SchoolPass app, download it from your device's app store and log in using the credentials provided in your welcome email from the school.** Once logged in, you can manage your student's attendance and dismissal changes, as well as access your QuickPin for check-in. This app is vital for any early dismissals, pick-up changes, and event check-in.



### FACTS

**Make Your Tuition Payments Through FACTS!** After completing your Tuition Scholarship Conference, you should have received an email from FACTS with instructions for updating your FACTS account. Setting up your account typically takes 20-30 minutes and includes selecting your tuition payment plan and adding your preferred payment method. Returning families' payment method will carry forward, but you still need to select a payment plan for the new year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to [tuition@hopeschool.org](mailto:tuition@hopeschool.org).



### PowerSchool (6th-12th Grade)

**Help students stay on top of their grades and assignments through PowerSchool!** This app gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, grades, and detailed assignment descriptions. When you download the app it will ask you for a district code. Type in the code **GGXD**.



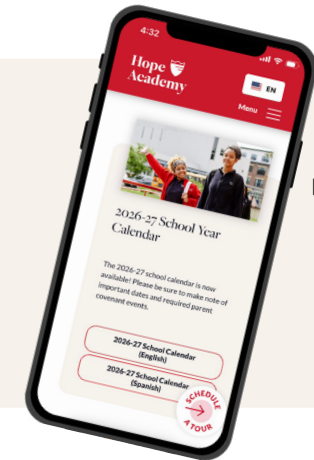
# NEWS & COMMUNICATION

We want to help your family stay connected throughout the school year! Please review the communication channels below so you don't miss weekly updates, important announcements, and upcoming events.



### Hope Happenings

Announcements are posted every Monday morning on our 'Hope Happenings' webpage and sent out to you via email and text.



Choose your preferred language here!



### Email & Text

**Be sure to check your email and text messages regularly!** It's one of the primary ways we share important information about your child's classroom, upcoming events, tuition, and other school-wide news and updates.



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Hope Academy

@hopeacademympis





## PARENT CHECKLIST



Please complete all the boxes below before the back to school events (Upper School Convocation & Lower School Meet the Teacher). All forms are included in this mailer. If you need an extra copy, all documents are also in the Hope Happenings at [hopeacademympls.org/hope-happenings](https://hopeacademympls.org/hope-happenings).



**Read through the Back-to-School Mailer**



**Schedule a Meet-the-Teacher & Registration time (K-5th grade)**

Schedule through the QR code on page 1 of this booklet



**Sign Tech Covenant (6th-12th grade)**

On a separate piece of paper in this packet



**Create FACTS account (check your email for details)**

Check your email for details and refer to page 3 of this booklet



**Complete Application for Educational Benefits**

On a separate piece of paper in this packet



**Complete Immunization Form**

On a separate piece of paper in this packet



**Read the Illness Policy and complete the form (on page 2)**

Scan the QR code on page 2 of this booklet



**Complete Phone Agreement**

On a separate piece of paper in this packet



**Download the SchoolPass App**

Check your email for details and refer to page 3 of this booklet



**Lactose Free Milk Request Form (if applicable)**

On a separate piece of paper in this packet



**Special Diet Form (if applicable)**

On a separate piece of paper in this packet