



Hapeville Charter Schools

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Hapeville Charter Parents and Faculty/Staff:

November 2015 is right around the corner! Who can believe that the 2015-2016 School Year is going by this fast? There are three more weeks until the Thanksgiving Holidays. . . . and then the end of the Fall 2015 Term will be over soon after.

This email broadcast is the first of weekly email broadcasts that will be heading your way IF you are a Hapeville Charter parent or Hapeville Charter faculty/staff. We've listened to your concerns, and the number one item that continues to come to the surface is communications. So, I'll be honest with you. I will know when we have achieved our goal whenwe start receiving complaints about receiving "too many email messages." Seriously.

However, until those "too many emailed messages" types of complaints start surfacing and hit my desk, we understand that overall communications from Hapeville Charter to our community needs a great deal of improvement. So, that being said, I do ask the following:

- (1) If you are a recipient of this email (which was downloaded from the Hapeville Charter eSchool Student Information System,) please share and forward the contents with/to all of your neighbors, friends and parents of other Hapeville Charter students (Hapeville Charter Middle School and/or Hapeville Charter Career Academy) that you know. If they did not receive the email, it is their responsibility to IMMEDIATELY contact their registrar:

Hapeville Charter Middle School: Tracy Walton at twalton@hapevillecharter.org

Hapeville Charter Career Academy: Stefanie Orgertrice at sorgertrice@hapevillecharter.org

Please know that the contact information for parents (email and phone) included in eSchools is the basis of the outreach to each of you (parents) in cases of emergency and safety related issues. If the email and/or phone information is incorrect, we CANNOT reach you effectively.

- (2) If you feel that you are not receiving responses from your email or phone messages from any Hapeville Charter faculty or staff in a timely manner, you need to contact your Principal as a first step in correcting the problem. Email information for your Principals are:

Hapeville Charter Middle School: Marcia Lowe at mlope@hapevillecharter.org

Hapeville Charter Career Academy: Jannard Rainey at jrainey@hapevillecharter.org

This first email broadcast from me includes updates from the Hapeville Charter Counseling Department which includes the following individuals who are responsible for each of your children:

Ms. Tiffany Smith: HCMS Sixth/Seventh Grade Counselor, tsmith@hapevillecharter.org

Ms. Sabrina Barnes: HCMS Eighth/HCCA Ninth Grade Counselor, sbarnes@hapevillecharter.org

Ms. Aranya Knox: HCCA Tenth/Eleventh/Twelfth Grade Counselor, aknox@hapevillecharter.org

If you do not know your student's counselor at Hapeville Charter by this time of the school year. . . . you should contact her immediately for an update. As the Executive Director of Hapeville Charter, I will assure you that your

child is in good hands with each of our counselors. Each of the three . . . Ms. Smith, Ms. Barnes and Ms. Knox. . are high quality and “highly caring.” Please be sure that you are in touch with your counselor at all times!!!!

The following is a bullet point update from each Hapeville Charter Counselor for today’s email broadcast:

HCMS Sixth/Seventh Grade Level – Ms. Smith

- We will be doing a community service outreach for the Thanksgiving season and are asking input for recommendations for those in need of assistance.
- The Counseling Office will be discussing serious topics such as suicide prevention awareness among early teens which will include written communications to parents within the coming weeks. Be on the lookout for such communicate being shared with your students.
- As required by State DOE rules and regulations, we will be working with your students on GCIS for College and Career Readiness. If you have any questions, please email me.

HCSM/HCCA Eighth/Ninth Grade Level – Ms. Barnes

- All parents, but especially those of you of currently enrolled Eighth Grade students are invited to “PARENT NIGHT: Rising 9th Graders!” on Thursday, November 19th at 5:30pm at the Hapeville Charter Eighth Grade Academy starting at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars now . . . be there!
- Ms. Barnes will have a wonderful program prepared for you to help you better understand the challenges and triumphs that are quickly approaching. Please plan to come.

NOTE: As a grandfather of two, I know how fast the years fly by from the Eighth Grade to Twelfth some of you parents reading this that already have students in the high school, or college, understand perfectly what I’m saying.

HCCA Tenth/Eleventh/Twelfth Grade Level – Ms. Knox

- 2015 HCCA Graduate and Gates Millennium Scholar, Karriem Grogan, took time out of his busy schedule from the University of Alabama to conduct a workshop for our seniors who are applying for this year’s Gates millennium scholarship. He emailed me last month telling me that this is the year for the scholarship. I asked him if he would come and do a workshop. In response to my request, he became a Gates Millennium Scholar Ambassador in order to give back. A picture of Mr. Grogan’s presentation to the HCCA students is attached. Awesome!
- Ms. Knox also recommends everyone to check out the following link for those of you who have thoughts of pursuing a college degree but you haven’t had the time due to work and family:
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2015/10/prweb13045310.htm>

NOTE: You may need to copy/paste the link to a browser.

Hapeville Charter needs your input, guidance and recommendations to make us better and stronger. If there is something that needs fixing, let us know . . . now. For a calendar of events, check out our HCMS and HCCA websites:

Hapeville Charter Middle School: hapevillems.org
Hapeville Charter Career Academy: hapevillecharter.org

The PTCO and other events are posted on the calendar on the HOME pages of both websites. Hapeville Charter Board Meeting dates and locations are included as well. If there are any events that you feel should be posted, which are not, please contact me, or the Principals. We will do our best to make it “right!”

One last reminder to HCCA parents . . . from Mr. Rainey, Principal of Hapeville Charter Career Academy:

*RE: Math Extravaganza
Jannard Rainey (Principal, HCCA)*

Parents and Guardians,

We will be hosting our 3rd straight Math Saturday Extravaganza tomorrow, Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon. Please bring your student to enjoy math lessons and fun.

Thanks,

Mr. Rainey

I hope that each of you has a safe and happy Halloween weekend! Be sure to set your clocks “back” this weekend. You will have an extra hour to sleep this weekend.

Sincerely,

Gary Martin, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Hapeville Charter

