

William Rainey Harper 2022-2023

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL HOURS

- 216-838-3400- direct phone number for Harper
- School starts at 7:35am and ends at 2:05pm
- Breakfast begins at 7:00am
- Scholars who are tardy must stop in the front office to receive a pass
- If you need to secure busing for your scholar, please contact the transportation department: 216-838-4287

## TECHNOLOGY

- Each scholar will be provided with a device at the beginning of the school year
  - PreK, KDG & 1st- iPads
  - 2nd-7th- Chromebooks
- If you are experiencing technical issues with your device, please contact the IT help desk at 216-838-0440
- If your scholar's device is broken and needs replaced, please contact our family support specialist Mrs. Hanlon (contact info. below)
- Please refer to CMSD technology guidelines packet on website

## OFFICE TEAM

Principal- Dr. Ajayi Monell

Secretary- Carla Curry

Model lead teachers- Rachael Grech-Scott

Jennifer Braun

School Psychologist- Meghan Ghetti

Nurse- Toni Brown

Say Yes family support specialist- Kenzie Hanlon

Parent Ambassador- Rachel Clawson

Zen Den coordinator/PCIA- Lakisha Tuggle

## UNIFORM POLICY

Polo/collared shirts- Navy blue or royal blue

- Students must wear their Harper logo polo on Mondays (available for purchase \$12)
- House team shirts and Harper t-shirts can be worn on Fridays
- New scholars will be provided with 1 free Harper logo polo
- Open toe shoes are NOT permitted

Pants/skirts/shorts- Black, gray, khaki or navy blue. All skirts, pants and shorts must be knee length

Lend a Paw application- If you would like financial assistance with uniforms, please complete our Lend a Paw application (attached below) and return to Mrs. Hanlon

Shirt order forms can be picked up in the front office (also attached below). Please do not send scholars to school with money for shirt orders. Orders must be picked up by an adult in the front office.

# CAR LINE PROCEDURES

## DROP OFF PROCEDURES.

- **FAMILIES WISHING TO SEE THEIR SCHOLARS TO THE DOOR SHOULD PARK ON IRA OR VANDALIA AND WALK TO THE DOORS.**

## MORNING CAR LINE PROCEDURE:

- **CARS ENTER PARKING LOT FROM VANDALIA AVE AND PROCEED TO DROP OFF POINT. HAVE STUDENT QUICKLY EXIT ON THE SIDEWALK SIDE AT ONE OF THE DROP OFF POINTS. STAFF CAN ASSIST YOUNGER STUDENTS IF NEEDED. AS SOON AS STUDENT HAS EXITED THE VEHICLE, CAR SHOULD PROMPTLY EXIT THE CAR LINE TO MAKE DROP OFF POINTS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT FAMILY.**
- **STUDENTS WILL LINE UP TO ENTER THE BUILDING. SECURITY WILL DO A QUICK BAG CHECK AND STUDENTS WILL WALK THROUGH THE METAL DETECTORS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE CAFÉ FOR BREAKFAST OR THE ARENA TO WAIT FOR THEIR TEACHER TO ESCORT THEM TO CLASS.**

## AFTERNOON CAR LINE PROCEDURE:

- **CARS MAY LINE UP FOR DISMISSAL STARTING AFTER 1:20 PM. ENTER FROM VANDALIA AVENUE AND PROCEED TO PICK UP POINT NEAR FRONT DOORS. KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WILL RELEASE STUDENTS TO THEIR FAMILIES STARTING AT 1:40. A STAFF MEMBER WILL START CALLING 1ST -7TH GRADE STUDENTS TO THE CAR LINE STARTING AT 1:50. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS CAR LINE TAG (WILL RECEIVE AT BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR) IS VISIBLE FOR FASTER DISMISSAL. EXIT THE CAR LINE PROMPTLY ONCE YOUR STUDENT IS PICKED UP.**

## CLASS DOJO

- Class Dojo is our school's main form of communication. This free app allows families to send messages to teachers and keep up with school programs and events
- At the beginning of the year, teachers will send you an invite to connect to class dojo. If you have any difficulty getting connected please let a staff member know. It is critical that you are connected to this app.

## SCHOOL BASED COUNSELING

HARPER WORKS DIRECTLY WITH OHIOGUIDESTONE AND FAMILIES FIRST TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BASED COUNSELING SERVICES TO OUR SCHOLARS. OUR THERAPIST MS. JENSEN IS WITH OHIOGUIDESTONE, AND OUR CASE MANAGER MS. DANIELS IS WITH FAMILIES FIRST. THESE PROVIDERS WORK WITH SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES TO ADDRESS EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS, AND UTILIZE A STRENGTHS BASED APPROACH TO INCREASE SUCCESS AT HOME AND SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST MRS. HANLON (CONTACT INFO. BELOW)

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Our school approaches discipline utilizing a restorative justice model. Restorative practices in schools are based on restorative justice principles instead of punishment. They aim first to build classroom communities that are supported by clear agreements, authentic communication, and specific tools to bring issues and conflicts forward in a helpful way. They provide specific pathways to repair harm by bringing together those who are affected by misbehavior in a dialogue to address concerns, achieve understanding, and come to agreement about setting things right. In addition to serving the cause of fairness and justice, restorative approaches make safer schools and contribute to social and emotional learning.

## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMING

- Period 9 clubs are offered to scholars in grades 1st-7th and run M-F from 2:05-2:55pm. Students participating in period 9 clubs must be picked up by a parent or guardian. More information on Period 9 clubs will be shared on our website and class dojo page.
- After-School All-Stars programing is offered to students in grades 1st-7th. The program runs M-TH from 2:05-4:00pm. Students participating must be picked up by a parent/guardian. A variety of enrichment activities are offered to scholars during this time! Registration is online only, the link will be shared with families on our class dojo page and school website. Please contact our family support specialist Mrs. Hanlon with questions.

## INTERNATIONAL

### BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

William Rainey Harper is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program and pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy - a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high-quality programs of international education that share a powerful vision. Please see flyer below for more details! Questions? Email

Rachael.Grech@clevelandmetroschools.org

## HOUSE TEAMS

**STUDENTS IN GRADES 1ST-7TH WILL PARTICIPATE IN HARPER HOUSE TEAMS. STUDENTS WILL MEET WITH THEIR HOUSE TEAM EVERY FRIDAY AND PARTICIPATE IN FUN CHALLENGES/COMPETITIONS. HOUSE TEAMS ALLOW SCHOLARS TO CONNECT ACROSS GRADE LEVELS AND FOSTER A SENSE OF COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL.**

## GET INVOLVED AT HARPER!

- Principal Chat & Chew- Join Dr. Monell on the first Friday of every month at 8am in person or on Zoom to hear about what's happening at the school and provide feedback!
- Contact our parent ambassador Mrs. Clawson to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the school Rachel.Clawson@clevelandmetroschools.org
- Join our PTO! Contact Mrs. Clawson or Mrs. Posey (flyer below)

## SAY YES CLEVELAND

Say Yes Cleveland is an organization that provides two big things for CMSD students: support services while in CMSD schools, and tuition scholarships after high school. Mrs. Hanlon is Harper's Family Support Specialist, and her role is to help connect students and families to services like free legal assistance, mental health services, food access, technology, afterschool, and much more! Say Yes Cleveland provides tuition scholarships, after federal and state grants, to every eligible CMSD graduate. To be eligible for a scholarship a student must continuously reside within CMSD boundaries and be continuously enrolled in a CMSD high school from 9th grade through graduation. If you have any questions regarding Say Yes support services or scholarships, please contact our family support specialist.

Kenzie Hanlon  
khanlon@sayyescleveland.org  
216-538-0883

## PARENT AMBASSADOR

Mrs. Clawson is a Harper parent who can help answer questions, share family friendly resources, plus ways to connect and get involved with the growing Harper parent/caregiver community. Please contact Mrs. Clawson with questions on how you can get involved! Rachel.Clawson@clevelandmetroschools.org (see below for letter of introduction).



At William Rainey Harper, our mission is to build strong scholars, with active and creative minds, while encouraging curiosity with no fear! We stress the development of the whole child who values diversity and is responsive to the needs of the world.

**Zealous \* Enthusiastic \* Articulate**



**Inquirers**



**Balanced**

## **William Rainey Harper** **An I.B. Candidate School**

### **Our inquiry-based learning program fosters:**

- The whole child as an inquirer.
- A focus on school, community, and global issues for our scholars.
- An independent and creative thinker from preK-7th grade.
- A thematic framework guided by the six transdisciplinary themes.
- Learning that is globally minded but meets the current required standards (Ohio Learning Standards).



**Risk-taker**

**As I.B learners,  
we strive to  
be...**

- **inquirer**
- **knowledgeable**

- **reflective**
- **balanced**
- **principled**
- **thinkers**

- **communicators**
- **risk-takers**
- **caring**
- **open-minded**



**Open-minded**



**Thinkers**

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IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programs of international education that share a powerful vision.\*\*

For further information about the IB and its programs, visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

*“I love that when my son asks a question, he isn’t just fed an answer. He’s invited to get really curious about an idea and challenged about all of the ways he might discover the answers on his own or along with others.”*

*-Rachel Clawson, parent volunteer*

**Find out more!**

**Check out our website at: [clevelandmetroschools.org/harper](http://clevelandmetroschools.org/harper)**

\*Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programs: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

\*\*Mission Statement from the IB The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

# What does **Say Yes Cleveland** mean for our school?



- **Family Support Specialists** to connect students and families with the services they need
- **Support Services** like afterschool and summer programs, free legal assistance, and mental health services, in all CMSD schools by 2023
- **College tuition scholarships** available to all CMSD students who live within the city of Cleveland or CMSD boundaries, and have been enrolled in a CMSD (or partner charter) high school, from 9th grade through graduation
- **Say Yes Scholarships** can be used at all public Ohio universities, community colleges, and Pell-eligible career certification programs, as well as over 100 private colleges and universities across the nation.

Visit [SayYesCleveland.org](https://www.sayyescleveland.org) to learn more



# Say Yes Cleveland:

## ¿Qué significa para nuestras escuelas?



**Especialistas en apoyo familiar** que conectarán a estudiantes y familias con los servicios que necesitan.

**Servicios de apoyo**, como por ejemplo programas extracurriculares y veranios, asistencia legal gratuita y servicios de salud mental, disponibles en todas las escuelas de CMSD para el año 2023.



**Becas de matrícula universitaria** disponibles a todo estudiante de CMSD que reside en la ciudad de Cleveland o dentro de los límites de CMSD que ha estado inscrito en una escuela secundaria de CMSD (o en una escuela chárter elegible asociada con el distrito), desde 9º hasta graduarse.



**Las becas de matrícula de Say Yes** pueden utilizarse para pagar la matrícula de todas las universidades públicas, universidades de 2 años y programas de certificación profesional elegibles para becas Pell en Ohio, en adición a más de 100 universidades privadas en toda la nación.

Visite [SayYesCleveland.org](https://www.SayYesCleveland.org) para aprender más





# William Rainey Harper Spirit Wear Order Form



## Please Remember:

- We only accept cash payments Any checks sent to the school will be returned.
- Please allow up to 5 school days for the order to be sent home with your child. If the order has not been sent home with your child after 5 school days, please send an e-mail to [mjennifer.martinsilva@clevelandmetroschools.org](mailto:mjennifer.martinsilva@clevelandmetroschools.org).

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact information: (E-mail or phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if this is for a **new** Harper Panther: yes/no *(New Harper Panthers will receive 1 free polo)*

Are you donating a Harper Polo? Yes/no

<u>Shirt Design</u>	<u>Size Needed/Quantity Needed</u> <i>Please circle the size(s) you will need , and put how many you need on the line.</i>	<u>Price</u>
Yellow Wild About Harper Shirt 	___ Youth Small                      ___ Adult Small ___ Youth Medium                      ___ Adult M ___ Youth Large                      ___ Adult L ___ Youth XL                      ___ Adult XL ___ Adult 2XL	<b>\$10</b>
Royal Blue Harper Polo 	___ Youth Small                      ___ Adult Small ___ Youth Medium                      ___ Adult M ___ Youth Large                      ___ Adult L ___ Youth XL                      ___ Adult XL ___ Adult 2XL	<b>\$12</b>
	Total Enclosed:	

Office use only: Date Filled: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



### Lending A Paw!

Please complete the following application if you would like assistance with uniforms for your scholar(s) this school year. Please return this application to our family support specialist Mrs. Hanlon.

Scholar's name(s):

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Parent/Guardian's name & contact info:

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Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are requesting new or gently used items. For new items, we ask that families contribute half the cost. Gently used/donated items are free.

\_\_\_ Gently used

\_\_\_ New

Please enter the amount of each clothing item being requested in addition to size

Polos (\$4 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Pants (\$5 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Shorts \_\_\_\_\_

Skirts \_\_\_\_\_

Donated/gently used Harper logo polo \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Pant size \_\_\_\_\_

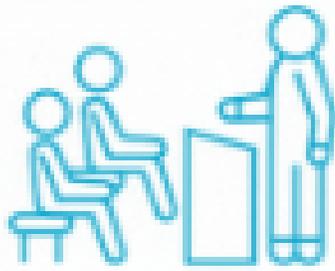
Short size \_\_\_\_\_

Skirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Some sizes may be out of stock. We can order correct sizes for you, but please note there may be a wait time before receiving items.

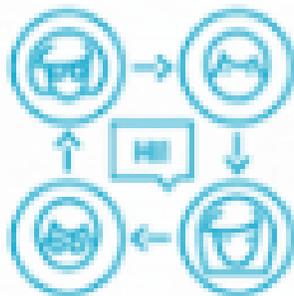
# JOIN OUR P.T.O.



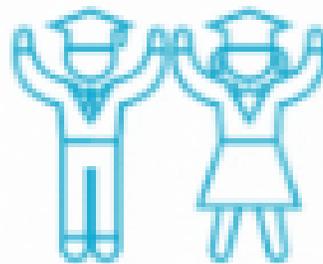
When you're part of a parent group, you get an inside view of what's happening at school.



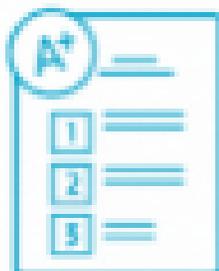
Parent involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success.



When you're part of a parent group, you'll make friends and have a chance to connect with other parents who share similar interests.



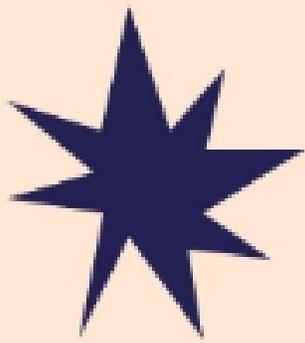
Kids with involved parents are more likely to pursue higher education.



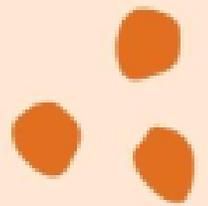
Kids with involved parents do better in school and score higher on tests.



Kids with involved parents are more likely to get their homework done and have an overall better attitude about school.



# Meet the Parent Ambassador:



## Rachel Clawson

### About Me:

I am a proud parent of a Harper Kindergarten student. I love spending time outdoors, reading and playing games. I am an Old Brooklyn resident and look forward to partnering with the school, our families and community partners to invest in the future of Harper.



Please answer  
a few questions  
to help me get  
to know you!



### How can I help?

- Answer school and event questions
- Help connect you to the right source at the school
- Share volunteer opportunities
- Share family and community resources
- Create opportunities for families to connect with each other
- Listen to the wants and needs of scholars and families