

January 2020

Dear Patron Families,

Our schoolwide theme this year comes from Hebrews 13:1 -

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.”

This theme underlines our value of community by relating it to family ties. Teaching and learning is so much more effective when students experience the security and stability of a caring environment and a partnership between home and school. At HMS our faith foundation also underscores our commitment to the spiritual formation of our students as they become grounded in Scripture and Kingdom values.

Another aspect that is very special is the caring Christian community that connects to HMS students beyond the classroom:

- **Neighbors** who host classes to help our students learn about their businesses or vocations
- **Residents** at Garden Spot Village who teach HMS students how to knit
- **Grandpals** at Landis Homes who meet monthly with our 4th and 5th graders
- **Business leaders** who mentor our Venture Program high school students during internships or invite them to shadow for a day
- **Local ministries** that welcome our students to do service projects for our annual Servathon
- **International missions** that provide cross-cultural service experiences for our high schoolers.

Our programs within the school provide enrichment and hands-on opportunities to help students enjoy learning. We also remain committed to a child-focused education that nurtures each student's gifts and learning needs. It is our joy to serve families and students by providing a value-packed education that connects faith and learning to life.

Enclosed you will find **re-enrollment information for 2020-21**. Current patrons get priority enrollment and a **registration fee discount** if re-enrolled by March 1st. Check out the **tuition schedule** for details. We will continue to monitor enrollment numbers to help us determine if there is a need for two sections of any grade for next year. Feel free to contact Melissa Beidler, Director of Enrollment, if you have any questions.

As we model “loving one another as brothers and sisters” in Christ, I pray that our students continue to thrive . . . secure in God's love and seeking God's purposes for their lives.

Serving with you,



Dawn M. Landes
Administrator/ Principal



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2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR – For Office Use

Date re-enrollment received: _____

Date registration fee rec'd: _____

FAMILY RE-ENROLLMENT FORM

Please sign and submit with registration fee, a New Student application and/or Venture Program application as appropriate.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father/Guardian name: first, middle, last (add preferred name)		Home phone
Address		Cell phone
City, State, Zip		Email address
Employer	Job title	Work phone
Church	Pastor's name	Church contact phone <input type="checkbox"/> Church # <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor direct

Mother/Guardian name: first, middle, last (add preferred name)		Home phone
Address		Cell phone
City, State, Zip		Email address
Employer	Job title	Work phone
Church	Pastor's name	Church contact phone <input type="checkbox"/> Church # <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor direct

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent(s)/guardian(s) listed above are: <input type="checkbox"/> Married to each other <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
School district children reside in:	
Phone number to publish in family directory – Please list one:	Email for family directory – Please list one:
HMS Alerts – Check ALL methods you would like to receive notifications Father/Guardian: <input type="checkbox"/> Home phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone (Circle one: text or voice) Mother/Guardian: <input type="checkbox"/> Home phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone (Circle one: text or voice)	HMS Alert notifications are used for priority messages such as sports cancellations, weather delays & unexpected early dismissals, and other emergencies. Notifications will be sent out from 6 am-9 pm.
Photo usage consent – Please initial _____ I agree to my student(s)' image being used by HMS. _____ I do NOT agree to my student(s)' images being used by HMS.	HMS uses photos to communicate about student success and showcase the services, activities and programs of HMS. Parents/guardians may withdraw consent at any time by contacting the HMS office.

STUDENT INFORMATION

As a current patron of Hinkletown Mennonite School, I/we wish to enroll these children for the upcoming school year.

NOTE: Please complete a New Student Application for every child enrolled at HMS for the first time and/or a Venture Program application for new students in high school.

Student #1 (first, middle, last)	Grade for 2020-21	Preferred name:
Student #2 (first, middle, last)	Grade for 2020-21	Preferred name:
Student #3 (first, middle, last)	Grade for 2020-21	Preferred name:
Student #4 (first, middle, last)	Grade for 2020-21	Preferred name:
Student #5 (first, middle, last)	Grade for 2020-21	Preferred name:

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT *Complete if listing a kindergarten student above.*

<p>I would like to enroll my child in kindergarten at HMS for the:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Three full-day program I/We prefer the following days* (indicate one):</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Monday/Wednesday/Thursday</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> No preference on days</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Five full-day program (Monday-Friday)</p>	<p>Students enrolled in kindergarten at HMS must be 5 years of age by September 1.</p> <p>* We will do our best to honor your requested preference. Final decisions on sections/days will be communicated in June.</p>
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OTHER CHILDREN in the household

Child's first & last name	Gender	Date of birth	School (if attending elsewhere)
Child's first & last name	Gender	Date of birth	School (if attending elsewhere)
Child's first & last name	Gender	Date of birth	School (if attending elsewhere)
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TRANSPORTATION *for students in kindergarten – grade 12*

<p>HMS assigns a bus stop for students in kindergarten-grade 12 that is at or near your home address. This is your family's primary stop.</p> <p>Alternative stops*:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Our family does not require any alternative stops for this school year.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Our family requests an alternative stop. <i>Please attach sheet listing name & phone number of person at stop, address of requested stop, and reason/purpose for request.</i></p>	<p>*Alternative stops include before/after school care locations, childcare providers, or daycare centers and should be utilized regularly. Alternative stop requests are approved at the discretion of the Transportation Committee based on bus routes & scheduling.</p> <p>An alternative stop request is NOT needed for the homes of other HMS families. A bus note submitted to the office is all that is required for a student to utilize an approved HMS stop that is not his/her home stop.</p> <p>HMS provides transportation to students within an 8-mile radius of the school campus. Bus routes are set each year in July. For more information about bussing procedures & options, please contact the office.</p>
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HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL

PARENT COVENANT

2020-2021

Hinkletown Mennonite School (HMS) believes strongly that Christian education is a partnership between home, school and church. HMS is a patron-governed school because, once approved by the HMS Board, parents become members of our school family. Thus, parents are an integral part of the educational process that happens at HMS and are invited to be active members of the school community.

Covenant Statement

As members of the Hinkletown Mennonite School community, we covenant to support our children and the school in the following ways:

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sustaining the purpose and mission of HMS to provide quality education within the context of an Anabaptist interpretation of the Christian faith.

- Committing to education under the HMS Statement of Faith*
- Praying regularly for the school and its programs
- Supporting the school's philosophy of restorative discipline and philosophy of education
- Abiding by the by-laws*, guidelines & policies of the school

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Committing support to the financial and organizational needs of the school.

- Meeting our financial obligations for tuition & fees in a timely manner
- Assisting and promoting fundraising activities with time and resources as God provides them to us

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

Partnering with the teachers.

- Nurturing our children as they grow academically, spiritually, socially & emotionally.
- Encouraging a consistent time and place for study at home
- Communicating with teachers and support staff about student/home concerns which might impact student performance
- Encouraging our children to communicate with teachers about their interests, concerns and hopes related to their academics, classroom experience and extracurricular activities
- Use established procedures to discuss issues and to solve conflicts

COMMUNITY LIFE

Volunteering time, energy and resources to multiply the efforts of the HMS community

- Participating in classroom activities, school programs, chapels and field trips
- Attending Parent-Teacher Fellowship events
- Joining other parents in the helpful work of the school community through committees and work-teams

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

**Copies of the HMS Statement of Faith and HMS by-laws are available at the school office and in the Parent Handbook.*

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2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

NEW STUDENT APPLICATION: Pre-K to Grade 8

Please submit one form for each student enrolled at HMS for the first time with registration fee and a Family Application.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's name (first, middle, last)		Preferred name
Grade for 2020-21	Gender	Date of birth
Racial/ethnic background (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islands <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern European <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian, non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

PARENT INFORMATION *(See Family Application for complete parent information.)*

Father/Guardian name: first & last	Primary phone (home or cell)
Mother/Guardian name: first & last	Primary phone (home or cell)
Student resides with (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Both parents <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify relationship) _____	

PRE-K ENROLLMENT

Select program preferences: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday/Wednesday morning core program <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday/Thursday morning core program <input type="checkbox"/> Two-morning core program – No preference on days	Students enrolled in Pre-K at HMS must be 4 years of age by September 1 and should be potty-trained prior to entrance. Parents provide transportation to and from HMS for pre-k students.
Select any program extensions: <input type="checkbox"/> Add Friday morning to the core program selected above <input type="checkbox"/> Add extended day on Tuesday/Thursday	

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

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TRANSFERRING STUDENTS & GRADES 1-8 ENROLLMENT

Name of school student is transferring from <i>(note if student is currently being homeschooled)</i>		
School district	Grade	Teachers name/Homeroom
Reason for leaving school (attach paper if necessary)		

PREVIOUS SCHOOLS the child attended, if any (attach list if necessary)

School	City, State	Years attended
School	City, State	Years attended

STUDENT HISTORY

The following information will help us determine how to best meet the needs of your child. Please complete the information as thoroughly as possible. Attach additional paper if necessary.

1. In which academic area does your child experience the greatest success?

2. In which academic area does your child experience the greatest frustration?

3. What are some specific gifts and abilities your child possesses?

4. If your child has been homeschooled, please describe the materials/curriculum used.

5. Did your child receive any special instructional help in previous schools? If yes, please give a general description of the type of services and/or any academic modifications your child received.

6. Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from another school? If yes, please explain the circumstances for the discipline.

7. Does your child have any physical handicaps? If yes, please explain.

8. Is your child diagnosed with any of the following? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Disturbance
<input type="checkbox"/> Attention Deficit Disorder with hyperactivity/impulsivity (ADHD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Autism	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression
<input type="checkbox"/> Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asperger’s Syndrome	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please comment on any that you have checked above.

9. Has your child had a psychological evaluation? YES / NO

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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Hinkletown Mennonite School recognizes the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective (1995)* as the guiding statement of faith for our school life. The complete *Confession* text is available via www.hinkletownschool.org/statement-of-faith.

Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective: A Summary Statement

1. We believe that God exists and is pleased with all who draw near by faith. We worship the one holy and loving God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit eternally. God has created all things visible and invisible, has brought salvation and new life to humanity through Jesus Christ, and continues to sustain the church and all things until the end of the age.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word of God become flesh. He is the Savior of the world, who has delivered us from the dominion of sin and reconciled us to God by his death on a cross. He was declared to be Son of God by his resurrection from the dead. He is the head of the church, the exalted Lord, the Lamb who was slain, coming again to reign with God in glory.
3. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal Spirit of God, who dwelled in Jesus Christ, who empowers the church, who is the source of our life in Christ, and who is poured out on those who believe as the guarantee of redemption.
4. We believe that all Scripture is inspired by God through the Holy Spirit for instruction in salvation and training in righteousness. We accept the Scriptures as the Word of God and as the fully reliable and trustworthy standard for Christian faith and life. Led by the Holy Spirit in the church, we interpret Scripture in harmony with Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that God has created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and that God preserves and renews what has been made. All creation has its source outside itself and belongs to the Creator. The world has been created good because God is good and provides all that is needed for life.
6. We believe that God has created human beings in the divine image. God formed them from the dust of the earth and gave them a special dignity among all the works of creation. Human beings have been made for relationship with God, to live in peace with each other, and to take care of the rest of creation.
7. We confess that, beginning with Adam and Eve, humanity has disobeyed God, given way to the tempter, and chosen to sin. All have fallen short of the Creator's intent, marred the image of God in which they were created, disrupted order in the world, and limited their love for others. Because of sin, humanity has been given over to the enslaving powers of evil and death.
8. We believe that, through Jesus Christ, God offers salvation from sin and a new way of life. We receive God's salvation when we repent and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In Christ, we are reconciled with God and brought into the reconciling community. We place our faith in God that, by the same power that raised Christ from the dead, we may be saved from sin to follow Christ and to know the fullness of salvation.
9. We believe that the church is the assembly of those who have accepted God's offer of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. It is the new community of disciples sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God and to provide a foretaste of the church's glorious hope. It is the new society established and sustained by the Holy Spirit.
10. We believe that the mission of the church is to proclaim and to be a sign of the kingdom of God. Christ has commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all things he has commanded.

11. We believe that the baptism of believers with water is a sign of their cleansing from sin. Baptism is also a pledge before the church of their covenant with God to walk in the way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers are baptized into Christ and his body by the Spirit, water, and blood.
12. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sign by which the church thankfully remembers the new covenant that Jesus established by his death. In this communion meal, the church renews its covenant with God and with each other and participates in the life and death of Jesus Christ, until he comes.
13. We believe that in washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus calls us to serve one another in love as he did. Thus we acknowledge our frequent need of cleansing, renew our willingness to let go of pride and worldly power, and offer our lives in humble service and sacrificial love.
14. We practice discipline in the church as a sign of God's offer of transforming grace. Discipline is intended to liberate erring brothers and sisters from sin, and to restore them to a right relationship with God and to fellowship in the church. The practice of discipline gives integrity to the church's witness in the world.
15. We believe that ministry is a continuation of the work of Christ, who gives gifts through the Holy Spirit to all believers and empowers them for service in the church and in the world. We also believe that God calls particular persons in the church to specific leadership ministries and offices. All who minister are accountable to God and to the community of faith.
16. We believe that the church of Jesus Christ is one body with many members, ordered in such a way that, through the one Spirit, believers may be built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.
17. We believe that Jesus Christ calls us to discipleship, to take up our cross and follow him. Through the gift of God's saving grace, we are empowered to be disciples of Jesus, filled with his Spirit, following his teachings and his path through suffering to new life. As we are faithful to his way, we become conformed to Christ and separated from the evil in the world.
18. We believe that to be a disciple of Jesus is to know life in the Spirit. As the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ takes shape in us, we grow in the image of Christ and in our relationship with God. The Holy Spirit is active in individual and in communal worship, leading us deeper into the experience of God.
19. We believe that God intends human life to begin in families and to be blessed through families. Even more, God desires all people to become part of the church, God's family. As single and married members of the church family give and receive nurture and healing, families can grow toward the wholeness that God intends. We are called to chastity and to loving faithfulness in marriage.
20. We commit ourselves to tell the truth, to give a simple yes or no, and to avoid the swearing of oaths.
21. We believe that everything belongs to God, who calls the church to live in faithful stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us, and to participate now in the rest and justice that God has promised.
22. We believe that peace is the will of God. God created the world in peace, and God's peace is most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, who is our peace and the peace of the whole world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation, and practicing nonresistance, even in the face of violence and warfare.
23. We believe that the church is God's holy nation, called to give full allegiance to Christ its head, to witness to every nation, government, and society about God's saving love.
24. We place our hope in the reign of God and its fulfillment in the day when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. He will gather his church, which is already living under the reign of God. We await God's final victory, the end of this present age of struggle, the resurrection of the dead, and a new heaven and a new earth. There, the people of God will reign with Christ in justice, righteousness, and peace forever and ever.



HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL

Tuition Rates & Fees

2020-2021

Registration Fees Per Student	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Early Registration Discounted Fee*</u>
Pre-kindergarten student	\$75	\$50
Grades K – 12	\$150	\$100
Family Maximum	\$450	\$300
<i>*March 1 deadline for re-enrolling families and June 1 deadline for new families</i>		
Pre-Kindergarten		
2 half-days	Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs	\$1,600
3 half-days	2 core days + Friday	\$1,950
Extended days	Tues/Thurs afternoons	\$585 additional
Before school care	Mon through Fri	\$3.00/day
Kindergarten		
3-day	Mon/Wed/Thurs or Tues/Wed/Fri	\$3,750
5-day	Mon through Fri	\$6,200
Grades 1-5		
		\$6,200
Middle School		
		\$6,375
Venture Program for Grades 9-12		
		\$6,700
Grades K-8 Learning Support		
Basic	basic support + writing	\$1,000
Intermediate	basic + one (math or reading)	\$2,000
Intensive	basic + two (math and reading)	\$3,000
Venture Program Learning Support		
		\$1,000
Multiple Child Discounts		
(for students enrolled in a 5-full day program)		<u>Family Discount Total</u>
2 children	\$425 per student	\$850
3 children	\$775 per student	\$2,325
4 children	\$1,150 per student	\$4,600
5 or more children	\$1,150 per student	\$1,150 x # of students



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2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

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Date application received: _____
 Qualified: PreK EITC EITC OSTC
 HMS staff Pastor Not qualified

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are due by April 15, 2020. Applications will be accepted after that date but funds will be limited.

This is an application for a scholarship authorized by the Pennsylvania Act 4 of 2011, which authorizes the award of an educational improvement tax credit (EITC) to businesses that make contributions to certain scholarship organization. This application shall be submitted to the chief executive office of the applicant student's school, for forwarding to the scholarship organization.

1. PARENT INFORMATION

Father or guardian name (first, middle, last)		Social Security Number
Address		City, State, Zip
County of residence	School district	Home phone

Mother or guardian name (first, middle, last)		Social Security Number
Address		City, State, Zip
County of residence	School district	Home phone

2. STUDENT INFORMATION *Please list children enrolled at HMS for the upcoming school year.*

Student first & last name	SSN	Date of birth	Grade	Public school <u>building</u> student would attend

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

List all individuals in student's household by name (including parent(s), guardian(s) & student(s)):	For office use: # of Dependents:
Pastors Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if a parent is a licensed or ordained minister and is employed as a church pastor. <i>HMS enrollment staff will contact you for details & documentation of employment.</i>	

4. INCOME CRITERIA

The Act requires scholarship organizations to make awards only to those who qualify on income criteria established under the Act. The applicant's household adjusted gross income may not exceed \$90,000 (adjusted gross income) plus an income allowance of \$15,842 for each eligible student and dependent in the household, as defined by IRS guidelines. All members of a student's household filing tax returns are included.

Directions:

1. List Adjusted Gross Income (On IRS Form 1040, line 37) in column 1 for each household member filing a tax return.
2. Review column 2 for any income types that are exempted. List that income in column 2.
3. Calculate remaining income by subtracting column 2 from column 1.
4. **Enclose a photocopy of all federal income tax returns filed by household members.** Include all pages & tables.

	Column 1 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)	Column 2 The following income is exempted. List any income of these types: Public assistance or unemployment compensation, disability payments, worker's compensation, retirement pensions, reimbursements for work-related expenses, employer or union payments for hospitalization, death benefits, supplemental unemployment; strike benefits, social security and retirement, and combat pay for military personnel	Remaining income (AGI – exempted income = remaining)
Parent(s)			
Additional tax return #1			
Additional tax return #2			
<i>Please attach additional pages if necessary</i>	Total household income:		

_____ *(Please initial)* I/We have enclosed photocopies of **all federal tax returns filed by all members of the students' household** for the most recent calendar year.

If total household income is different than the total income shown on the tax returns, explain here:

5. CERTIFICATION

The undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge, and the accompanying copies of federal income tax return(s) and pay stub(s) are true and correct copies of the originals. The school is authorized to deliver this application and the accompanying information to the scholarship organization.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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