

Dear Hudson Parents,

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe how quickly time flies. While we welcome the start of 2025, we also wish to acknowledge Lunar New Year, which begins soon. We wish everyone **happiness, health, and prosperity** as we transition to 2025 and into the Year of the Snake.

Staffing Updates

We're pleased to share that **Ms. Rondestved** has returned to her role, and **Ms. Rosa** will continue supporting Hudson for two days a week (usually Mondays and Wednesdays). It's been a great start to 2025, but we also have bittersweet news to share:

Our beloved **Office Administrative Assistant (OAA), Ms. Jelena**, has secured a new position closer to her home. This is a wonderful opportunity for her, but she will be deeply missed by all. Her kindness, dedication, and efficiency have left a lasting impact on our school community. Her last day is this Friday. We all wish her well and will miss her dearly.

In the interim, we ask for your patience and understanding as we welcome a guest OAA until the permanent position is filled.

School Start Time

Thank you for instilling the importance of punctuality in your children—it's a lifelong skill that benefits everyone. Teachers truly appreciate the courtesy of on-time arrivals.

However, we understand that unexpected circumstances may sometimes cause delays. If your child arrives late:

- **Before 9:05 a.m.:** Students should proceed directly to their classrooms to be marked present.
- **After 9:05 a.m.:** Please ensure your child signs in using the **sign-in book in the hallway outside the office**. This supports our safe arrival program and ensures accurate attendance records.

We also thank parents for informing the school in advance of any absences—it's a tremendous help!

Appropriate Clothing

With winter in full swing, please ensure your children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. A **warm jacket, boots, and suitable footwear for rainy days** are essential to keep students comfortable and safe during outdoor activities.

We understand that puddles and muddy patches can be very tempting for curious little ones. Our supervision aides do their best to manage this for our 400 students, but having children dressed for the elements makes their job much easier—and keeps kids dry and warm!

After School Supervision

For clarity, please note that staff supervise the school grounds for **20 minutes after dismissal**. During this time, all students should be picked up or make their way home.

If you anticipate being late, please notify the office as soon as possible. As a school, we are ultimately responsible for any unsupervised children and appreciate your cooperation in ensuring everyone gets picked up on time and is safe.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, January 16: PAC Mtg, 6:30pm

Monday, January 20: Professional Development Day, No School

We look forward to a wonderful month ahead as we embrace the new year together!

Warm regards,
The Hudson School Administrative Team
Ms. Rondestved & Ms. Rosa