Happy Sunday, Trojan fans! We have two days behind us and are working on transportation fluidity, scheduling, and any other hiccups that always surface at the beginning of the school year. We appreciate your patience and are working in every way to solve issues quickly and efficiently.

Mask and the Option to Opt-Out Form
Families have the option whether or not their student wears a mask to school. Parents and/or guardians can complete the opt-out form on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Families should contact Angela Owens at owens_a@hcde.org if they need assistance with access to or navigating the Parent Portal. Instructions on how to access forms in the Parent Portal can be found here. If your student decides to work a mask, please maintain the rules we established last year, which include wearing general masks that have no political agenda written on the front. Our goal is to learn all we can and not distract from the learning process.

Picture Day Tomorrow
Picture Day is tomorrow for all students on Monday, August 16th in the Old Gym. Students in grades 9-12 will need to have their picture taken with Lifetouch to be included in the yearbook. Also, Seniors will need to have their photo taken if they want a school ID, even if they are having their photo taken with Prestige for the senior portrait section. Students will be dismissed by announcement from the main office throughout the day.

Parking and Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up
Students: please remember to enter school via Hyatte Road to help eliminate traffic congestion in the parent drop-off area. In the afternoon, you must exit via Hyatte Road as well until 2:30. After 2:30, you may exit via the front of the school on Sequoyah Access, but we strongly advise against this because of remaining traffic.

Parents: We have so many more parents dropping their students off to school this year. We need you to help us, please. All parents must enter school grounds via Sequoyah Access Road. Remember that as you enter via Sequoyah Access and turn right at the three-way stop, the lane will split into two sides. Please also use the right lane so you can quickly drop your student off and exit via Hyatte Road. Right Lane- Hyatte Road exit only. Left lane- Sequoyah Access Road exit only. We are going to keep traffic rolling. Thank you for your help. In the afternoon, please know that no one will enter from Hyatte Road because we must get the buses through.

COVID Alerts
If your student has recently been diagnosed with covid or been around someone recently diagnosed, please email Nurse Linsday Gibson atgibson_l@hcde.org. She will advise you on proper medical/attendance procedures.

This Week in Extra-Curriculars
Volleyball: East Hamilton (H) on Aug. 19: Freshmen, 4:00; JV, 5:00; Varsity 6:00.
Golf: Congrats to our girls for defeating Chattanooga Christian and Rhea County last week—awesome! This week’s schedule: August 16, Hurricane Invitational @ Windstone 9:00 a.m. and August 19 vs. Ooltewah @ Bear Trace 4:00 p.m.
Football: Kickoff vs. Loudon County (H) at 7:30.
Soccer: Soccer kicks off this week on Aug. 17 vs. Bradley (A) 6:00 p.m. and Cleveland (H) on Aug. 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Cross Country: Runners compete Saturday, August 21 in the McMinn Meet (TBA).

**To Cheer Your Spirits...** we spotted Trojan Fan No. 1 at the TFP Football Jamboree Friday!
Have a great week- go, Trojans, go!

*Your SDHS Faculty and Staff*