

2010 Important Dates

Early January:	Counselors identify New Students to receive applications Application sets <i>mailed directly to Returning Students</i>
Early January:	Counselors hand out applications packets NEW Students (if class openings available) Counselors remind Returning Students to return applications
February 5, 2010:	Applications due back to Horizons (from New & Returning) Student Recommendation Forms <i>due directly to Horizons</i> (from Guidance Counselors)
2 nd week February:	Admission Packets, Wait List/Decline Letters (mailed directly to ALL families) Counselors notified of accepted, waitlisted, and declined
March 31, 2010:	Admission forms, fees, & school records <i>due to Horizons</i>
March 31, 2010:	Wait list admission forms & records <i>due</i>
1 st week April:	Counselors to submit all admitted students' school records
June 15, 2010	Family Night <u>All grades</u> ATTEND. MANDATORY
June 29, 2010:	Horizons Opening Day-all grade levels (Mon-Fri, arrive 8:30-8:40 am; depart 3:00 pm)
August 5, 2010:	Closing Ceremony (1:30 – 3:00 pm)
August 6, 2010:	Horizons Last Day- all grade levels (All students dismissed at 1:00 pm)



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Family Handbook Summer 2010

Horizons Hampton Roads is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt Virginia Non-Profit Corporation, currently operating in the cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Portsmouth. Horizons is associated with a nationally-recognized program in New Canaan, Connecticut with more than 40 years of success.

Horizons Hampton Roads operates as a partnership between public and independent schools. The program currently works with Virginia Beach City Public Schools & Chesapeake Bay Academy, Norfolk Public Schools & Norfolk Collegiate School, as well as Portsmouth Public Schools & Portsmouth Catholic Elementary School. The program provides a six-week summer program for entering first through ninth grade students at a nominal cost. The Hampton Roads affiliate is growing, adding a new grade each year until it reaches its nine-grade capacity.

Horizons Hampton Roads is funded by individual and business contributions, supplemented by private grants. Partnerships make it work to broaden horizons and open doors to a brighter future.

Horizons Hampton Roads, Inc. provides benefits to eligible and appropriate students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Target class sizes are as follows: 1st grade- 12 students; upper grades- 15 students. Admission criteria apply to all students (new and returning) who elect to make application in a timely fashion.

Horizons Hampton Roads is a 501 (c)(3) Virginia Non-Profit Corporation that is registered for solicitation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It participates in the Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program. More information can be found on the internet at www.guidestar.org or at www.horizonsnational.org.

Program Information & Dates for:

Portsmouth Catholic School

Admission Process:

Applying students must be enrolled in the Free/Reduced School Meal Program at their school in accordance with USDA eligibility criteria. Returning students who are no longer eligible for free or reduced meals will still be considered for re-admission, but will be required to pay a program fee.

Admission Preference is as follows:

1. Returning Students from Summer 2009
2. Returning Students from previous summers
3. New Students from core schools (see opposite page)
4. New Students from non-core schools

All applying families will receive letters letting them know if their students are admitted, wait listed, or declined. See dates on the back of this brochure. Application and Enrollment deadlines are firm!

Returning Students:

Every student must apply each year, whether new or returning.

There is no automatic re-admission!

Application packets will be mailed directly to students who participated in the 2009 Summer Program. New Students will receive application packets from their guidance counselors ONLY if there are class openings.

Fees:

The registration fee is \$25 per student, due ONLY AFTER student is admitted into the program. Returning students no longer eligible for the Free/Reduced School Meal Program may be asked to pay a program fee in addition to the registration fee. FEES ARE DUE WITH ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK, by the 2nd week of March.

Attendance, Participation, and Conduct:

Each student will be expected to attend every session day and appropriately participate in all Horizons activities, including classroom work, field trips, swimming, art, music, athletics, and science (middle school). Students with regular absences or behavior issues will be asked to leave the program and WILL NOT be invited to return.

Summer Services:

Students eligible for any other summer service (summer school, remediation, special education services) should participate in those services and are NOT eligible for Horizons. Returning students may re-apply the following year even if they miss a year for other services.

Core Schools:

Westhaven Elementary School, Simonsdale Elementary School and Hodges Manor Elementary School

Dates and Times:

Important dates can be found on the backside of this brochure!

- **Tuesday, June 28, 2010 – Friday, August 6, 2010**
- **Drop-off between 8:30-8:40 AM / Pick-up at 3:00 PM**
- **Family Night: June 15, 2010 / 6:45-8:30 pm location: Portsmouth Catholic Elementary School**
- **PLEASE NOTE: Paperwork deadlines are firm- late paperwork will result in waitlist, regardless of past years' status.**

Transportation:

Students will have bus transportation to and from Horizons from **express bus stops scattered around the area** (NOT door-to-door service). The following are tentative stops (subject to change):

Simonsdale Elementary	I.C. Norcom High School
Westhaven Elementary	Hodges Manor Elementary
S.H. Clarke Academy	Caroline Ave. & Airline Blvd.

NOTE: A person authorized by the family **MUST** be at the bus stop to deliver and receive the student every day. All transportation issues should be considered before you apply!

Family Night:

Family Night is a **MANDATORY** orientation for every admitted family (both new and returning students). The enrolling student and at least one adult family member (or designated adult) must attend the grade level session in order to complete registration. At Family Night, the families will meet their teacher and see their classroom. Additionally, Horizons will share important program information. (see above for date and time)

Food:

A light breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack will be provided. Food menus may be available as early as Family Night.

NOTE: Special diet requirements must be met by the families

More Questions:

Ask your school guidance counselor OR contact Horizons
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