

September 25, 2020

MMS Families,

Well, that was a quick week. I feel like I just sent out last week's update. We have just wrapped up our fourth week. I could not be prouder of the students and the efforts they are collectively putting into making this a successful year. Having these four weeks under our belt has gone a long way to building relationships and establishing routines. Updates for this week are listed below.

- The **MMS Flu Clinic** is on Wednesday, September 30th. Please return flu forms as you complete them. This will assist us in managing the students on that day. Forms are available in the Main Office, if needed. **Remote** students will need to check in at the Main Office when they arrive. Parents will not be able to accompany students.
- Please return **Back to School Paperwork** ASAP. We are still missing some Emergency Forms. Some of the forms were returned to the students to receive a signature.
- Please send your child to school with a **water bottle** each day. It will be helpful for each student to have their own bottle so they are not tempted to share with a friend. We are working on getting cups and/or bottles for students who forget them on a given day.
- Our goal is to use the **outdoor spaces** here at MMS as much as possible and for as far into the fall as possible. As it gets cooler, please send your son/daughter with appropriate layers of clothing so we can continue to get fresh air and have outside breaks from masks.
- We are able to offer **coverage for students** who need it **after school**. This is in the Cafeteria until 5pm. It is important that the students who stay are those who need to, and not just those who want to. This allows us to keep them distanced and keeps the number manageable. It is also imperative that students are picked up no later than 5pm. The staff covering have commitments that they need to attend to at that time.
- **If students are absent** for a day or two at a time, they can access the assignments in their classes by checking the Google Classroom. The students will still be marked absent (excused, if a call or a note comes in) for these days. The expectation is that they rest and prepare to return and do not access the Google Meets for the classes on those days. It is a struggle for staff to have students coming and going from these on a daily basis. However, if the student is out for a pre-determined extended period of time, please reach out to the team teachers (and the Main Office) and they should be able to work with the students on a plan to stay current in the classes.
- With **Athletics** starting up, we have been working to make them as safe as possible. Just a reminder that we are limited to 100 people total at a given site. So, for a FH game (for example) this is both teams, coaches, officials, and spectators. We are going to limit the spectators to home fans only and only one per family to start. We will increase the access if we are able. The goal is to have the events happen so our student-athletes can remain active and engaged. If you do attend, please wear a mask and remain distanced from others. Again, the goals are safety and activity/engagement for our student-athletes.

Thank you and enjoy this well-deserved beautiful weekend.

Sam