

9/13/2020

**Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk-  
Newsletter #7  
2020-2021**



**Important Dates:**

- Oct.1- Next date to change option from remote to live etc..
- Oct. 12- Columbus Day No School

Lunch Menus are up on the website <https://convalsd.nutrislice.com/menu/>

Lunch- Please note that we will not have microwaves available for lunch to avoid common area contamination.



**The Princess Tent- My favorite!**

**Dear SMS Parents and Guardians,**

**We made it through our first week of Remote and In-person Learning. In spite of all the incredible challenges, it was an amazing week for students ,teachers and parents. The arrival and dismissal has gone very well now that we understand the best way to bring in the different pods in a safe but more efficient way. Thank you to our parents for their patience and willingness to make sure that it was a safe process.**

**Grade 7 & 8” In person” student update- The administration is meeting this week to set out the plan for the 7th and 8th grade students who selected “In-person” learning to come back to school. There should be an update by Wednesday of this week.**

**A special shout out to our teachers who have been “Rock Stars” with all the challenges that they have to do their daily job. They are using wagons and carts to move from class to class, they are setting up technology in every class they teach in and they are teaching remote students and live students at the same time. We know that it is not perfect but**

they are giving 150% to make this work. Please show your appreciation for their hard work to support, teach and work with your children whenever possible. A note of thanks goes a long way.

I know that there are a few supplies that our teachers would love to have and if parents could send these in to the teachers they would be very happy. The teachers would love to have **lots of** paper towels and tissues in their classrooms. It doesn't take much to make them happy, so any donation would be appreciated.

**Pick Up Patrol Update:**

You should have received information about PUP in your first day packets. Please sign up for an account if you haven't already. **If you have already entered your Default Plans you will need to double check them because bus numbers have changed.**

**Health Screening Function:**

This feature will be activated for SMS and starting 9/16, we are asking parents to use this every day to conduct the home screening. This will save time because if your child answers yes to any of the questions they are not to come to school.

We will still be going through the screening process at each door, which seems to be going very well at this time.

**Remote Learning:**

If your child is attending school remotely please indicate that in PUP. You do not need to complete the health screening on the days your student is attending school remotely.

**Attendance- Remote or in- person learning will be the same procedure.** Parents must notify the school of a child's absence Remote or In Person by 7:30am. When you report an absence you will have to report why your child is out sick. We have to track all absences for COVID purposes.

All absences must be called or emailed in to the SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105 - leave a message
- Email- to report absences- **sms- attendance@conval.edu**
- Pick up Patrol

**Parent Pick up will begin at 2:20pm.**

**Remote students- Please be patient as teachers will be using new technology.**

**Middle School Reopening Plan-** See the District Plan  
[CVSD-Fall-2020-Reopening-Plan.pdf](#)

The Middle School plan is for students to stay in the same assigned classes ,whether they are remote or in- person ,with the same teacher. We do ask that if there are any changes to a child's status ,that it be done by the first day of each month. Parents filled out surveys in August for their choice. To make any changes we may have to wait 4-5 days before the student can go to the new program of choice. The next date to change your option would be by **Oct. 1.**

We are excited to have a plan to get our students back to school and offer an in person program. The tents will offer a different learning experience that will offer a safer environment with plenty of fresh air . We hope that the tents will offer more of a camp type experience for our students and staff. It will be important that students dress appropriately for different weather throughout the day from morning to afternoon.

Here are some of the highlights of the middle school model for reopening to school.

- Students come to school **five** days a week every week until we go remote Nov. 24.
- **Please screen your children each morning before they come to school- temperature check , ask screening questions.**
- **Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be sent home immediately.**
- Students will be assigned to a Pod of approximately 75 students grades 5-8.
- Class size will be approximately 15 students .
- Classes will be grade level classes except for Advisory which will be made up of two grade levels.
- Students who choose the remote option will be remotng into the classes they are assigned to at SMS. They will follow the in person schedule.
- Each student will take four Core Classes and two Unified Arts classes
- Students will stay within their assigned pod at all times.
- There will be classes in tents throughout the day.
- Classrooms will have windows open for fresh air.
- There will be a separate entrance for each pod to limit students from being in groups coming in or leaving the building.
- No visitors are allowed in the building.
- All students and staff will be screened when they come in the morning.
- We ask all parents to screen their children and take temperatures each morning before they get on the bus.
- Students must wear masks throughout the day . Masks breaks will be given in each class.
- Computers will go to and from school every day. Chargers will stay at home to charge computers before coming to school each day.

- Advisory will be at the beginning of every day .
- The schedule is the same whether one is remote or in person.
- Attendance will be taken in every class.

Safety discussions:

Please have discussions about the safety expectations with your child at SMS.

- The purpose of the health screening each day before they get on the bus and when they enter the building.
- Purpose of wearing a mask
- Washing hands
- Hand sanitizer
- Social distancing 6ft.
- Pod groupings for contact tracing.
- Not sharing belongings with other students.

**Clarification of Acceptable Mask Types for the ConVal School District**

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**Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric**



**Completely cover your nose and mouth**



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On to week two!

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Principal ,SMS

