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Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk-

Newsletter #6

2020-2021



Important Dates:

- **Sept. 8- First Day of School for Students grades 5 & 6 and priority students**
- **7 & 8 are Remote**
- **Oct.1- Next date to change option from remote to live etc..**
- **Oct. 12- Columbus Day No School**

Dear SMS Parents and Guardians,

Happy Labor Day Weekend. I had written one letter and now things have changed since yesterday so here is a different version.

Sept. 8th- School starts for everyone in person and remote. The in-person learning will be for grades 5,6 and priority students only. The remote program will be grades 7 & 8 and all remote students who opted for the remote program

Please take a deep breath and continue to be patient as we navigate through this journey together. **School hours are 7:10-2:20pm.** The drop off/pick up will be slow, be patient and make sure that safety is a priority. I have to be sure that students are screened before they go into the building at their assigned pod door. I have to make sure that everyone maintains social distancing and everyone wears a mask. (Please see the mask description at the end of this letter) We have to manage all of this as carefully as possible.

When students get off the bus or out of cars in the back they will walk to their pod entrance door. They will be walking around the building to the tents over the hills and through the building to get to their pod. This will be pretty close to a camp outside experience so they need to dress for cold mornings and cold weather days every day. (I already have my winter coat out to wear)

The most important piece of information is what pod the student has been assigned to. This will help all of us if they know the answer to that question.

Please screen your child before you leave home. Please take their temperature. If a child's temperature is 100 degrees or higher they will be brought to the nurse to be sent home immediately. We will also be screening students before they come in the building but it will be a real safety issue, if anyone shows up to school and has to be sent home.

We will be sending home the first day packets for parent information on Tuesday, Sept 8. It will be critical to have the medical forms back immediately. It is imperative that you list any medical conditions that your child has. If you don't list allergies for example and they are sneezing, then we will treat it as a Covid symptom that will be a reason to send your child home and to the doctor.

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](mailto:sms-attendance@conval.edu)
- Pick up Patrol

This pod assignment is important to start to think about the logistics that go with our middle school model.

- Your child's advisor is the key person for any contact and communication.
- The pod entrance is the next most important piece of information.
- In-person students grades 5-8 will receive their Chromebooks once school starts.

Students will walk to their Pod Entrance around the building whether they get off the bus in the front or a parent drops them off in the back.

- There will be three entrances in the back : Purple,Blue,Green
- South side by grade 6/7-Yellow
- Front Entrance -Red

Parents will drop off for all pods in the back upper lot only at the designated student drop off spot. We will only be able to let one student at a time, when instructed by the teacher on duty get out of the car. We know this will be slow, but it is important that we do not have multiple students walking in the building at the same time from different pods. This will be very slow the first week, so please be patient.

Traffic Patterns-Bus/cars 7:10-7:30am

- **We are continuing the same bus and parent drop off areas as we have had in the past.**
- **Please do not drop off your child before 7:10am**
- **Please be patient as many more parents will be dropping off their children in the back upper parking lot and we are only letting one person out of the car at a time.**
- **Students need to be ready to get out of the car as soon as they are told they can leave the car.**

Parent Pick up will begin at 2:20pm.

Buses will be called first for dismissal.

Chromebook Pick Up for Remote Students-

Remote students only - Sept. 5

Saturday -9:30-12pm

This is the school schedule for Both Remote and In-Person Students-

Start	End		Math	LA	Sci	SS	UA1	UA2
7:20:00 AM	7:45:00 AM	Advisory	Advisory					
7:45:00 AM	8:10:00 AM	Intervention	Intervention					
8:13:00 AM	9:03:00 AM	Block1	8	planning	7	planning	6	5
9:06:00 AM	9:56:00 AM	Block2	planning	8	planning	7	5	6
9:59:00 AM	10:49:00 AM	Block3	6	7	8	5	planning	planning
10:52:00 AM	11:42:00 AM	Block4	5	planning	6	planning	7	8
11:45:00 AM	12:10:00 PM	Lunch /Recess	Lunch Pods 1 & 2			Recess Pods 3, 4, & 5		
12:10:00 PM	12:35:00 PM	Lunch /Recess	Recess Pods 3, 4 & 5			Lunch Pods 1 & 2		
12:38:00 PM	1:28:00 PM	Block5	planning	5	planning	6	8	7
1:31:00	2:20:00	Block6	7	6	5	8	Planning	Planning

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 remoting 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.

School supplies for 2020-21- Here are some suggestions for school supplies this year which are different from any other year.

- Zippered binder that will hold the chromebooks . **12" x 8"**
- White lined paper for the binder

- Personal scissors (small)
- pencil sharpener
- Students will need their own pencil boxes with pens,erasers etc.. Students will not be able to share their supplies with other students.
- Hand sanitizer
- Sunscreen -non aerosol
- Warm clothes and shoes for outside activities each day. (Coat,gloves,boots,hats, sweatshirts.)
- We have individual whiteboards that students may use but some students may want their own personal whiteboard and markers to put their name on and keep in their backpack.
- **Two water bottles that are labeled and filled. We will not have water fountains available**
- Multiple masks in a backpack each day.
- Backpacks to bring personal items each day.

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.

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

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

Clarification of Acceptable Mask Types for the ConVal School District

Any person in the building will wear a mask that completely covers the nose and mouth. Masks may not be vented. Clear masks may be used by staff and students as long as the mask is secured to the staff or students nose and mouth. **Any other face covering is not allowed** (this includes, but is not limited to gaiters, bandanas, wraps, face shields, etc.) Please see the illustrations below from the CDC for clarification on the acceptable types of masks and how to wear them.



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

I want to continue to thank you for all of your kind support and patience during these challenging times.

See Everyone Remote or In Person-

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