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Welcome Back, Mustangs,

With a few extra weeks of summer this year, I hope all of our Mustangs were able to enjoy the much needed break from school! I can't believe we are just a few short weeks away from our Mustangs returning. It's been a busy summer preparing for the new year, and we are looking forward to our hallways being filled once again with middle schoolers!

Throughout the year, I will send out a monthly newsletter on the first Friday of each month beginning on September 2nd. Until the monthly newsletters are up and running, below is pertinent information in order to help your Mustang get ready for the 2022-23 school year. It is going to be our best year yet!

Class Schedules

Schedules will be available to view in the student portal of Infinite Campus beginning on August 15th at 8 a.m. If your child or you has printed his/her schedule prior to the 15th, please make sure to view Infinite Campus on the 15th to ensure your child has an up to date schedule. If there is an error on your child's schedule, please email the appropriate administrator. Schedule changes will only be made on a **very limited** basis due to staffing and class sizes.

6th Grade: [Aspen Sanders](#)

7th Grade: [Michael Curtis](#)

8th Grade: [Brynn Stevens](#)

MMS Logistics and Expectations

MMS continues to operate on a rotating block schedule with 95 minute classes Monday-Thursday. On Fridays, we have all eight classes for roughly 46 minutes. You can view the bell schedule, rotating block calendar, and school map on our [website](#) under the "About Us" tab.

When entering school grounds, it is our expectation that all Mustangs wear their school id around their neck and proceed to their grade level entry door. School ids will be handed out the week of September 6th. 8th graders will use the main entrance. 7th graders will use the north entrance, and 6th graders will use the southwest entrance off of Irene Avenue. MMS staff will be ready to receive students at each door beginning at 7:15 a.m. Please do not drop off your child prior to this time as there will be no supervision. Upon entering the building, Mustangs will have the option to go to the commons to purchase breakfast for \$1.90 or report to their first class of the day.

With the extended summer break and many new Mustangs, we anticipate there will be some confusion with locating classrooms and figuring out which class to report to. We will have WEB leaders (in brightly colored shirts) and staff throughout the building to assist for the first week.

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Students will not have an individual locker assigned with the exception of PE and athletics. Because students primarily have four classes a day and many resources are electronic, there is no need for students to bring all of their materials to school every day. We do expect that our students come prepared to school with their *charged* iPad. We would greatly appreciate any support you can provide in making this part of your child's nightly routine.

School Supplies and Student Handbook

Our updated school supply list is available on our school [website](#). Our 2022-23 Student/Parent/Family Handbook will be available on the website as well under the "Student" tab after the Board of Education reviews it on August 17th.

6th Grade Orientation

6th Grade Orientation is on Monday, August 29th. This is a mandatory orientation for all incoming 6th graders and helps set your child up for success in middle school. Orientation begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m. Bus transportation will run its regular route on this day. During orientation, your child will meet other incoming 6th graders, engage in team building activities, tour the building, meet their teachers, and get to ask our expert WEB leaders questions to alleviate all of those fears about middle school.

Online Registration for 2022-23

Prior to August 26th, please remember to register your child for the 2022-23 school year. You can do this by going on the parent portal of Infinite Campus and updating your child's existing student registration. The "Existing Student Registration" link is located under the "More" tab in the portal. Completing this registration is different from registering for classes. This is for ALL existing and incoming Mustangs. If you need help, please contact our main office. If your child's registration is not complete before August 26th, we will be unable to issue their iPad back to him/her. It's important to update emergency contacts, medical information, and release agreements for the iPad and field trips.

Breakfast and Lunch

School breakfast and lunch are **no longer free** this school year. As a parent/guardian, you can put money in your child's account through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. We strongly encourage families to complete the online meal application through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to see if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. If your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch, school class fees may be waived as well. It is a great incentive to complete the form. Breakfast and lunch menus will be available on our District [website](#) closer to the start of school on August 30th. Mustangs **MUST** have their student ids in order to receive a meal. During the second week of school, all students will get their 2022-23 id. If your child loses their id, please notify the front office immediately. A \$5.00 replacement cost will be issued, and the id will be replaced once the fine is paid.

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Transportation

If your child will be riding the school bus this school year, please remember to fill out the registration form prior to the first time he/she needs to ride the bus. The form is required for your child to ride the bus. The registration form as well as important school bus information such as routes, policies, etc. can be found on the District [website](#).

Important Upcoming Dates

August 27th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Thompson River Parks and Recreation in Milliken, join us at the Unite to Ignite 2022 Community Event. This is a FREE event where you can enjoy food trucks, visit school booths, and enter to win a \$500 Scheels gift card.

August 24th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Milliken Middle School, join us for our Back to School Night Open House. This is an opportunity for your child to navigate the building prior to the start of school, meet their teachers, and get MMS Swag just for attending!

September 2nd is school picture day. Your child will receive a packet from Studio 5 prior to the 2nd. Makeups will be on October 14th.

I know this communication was filled with a lot of information, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions your child or you may have. We look forward to seeing all of our Mustangs soon!

Sincerely,
Aspen Sanders, Principal

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