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Welcome Back, Mustangs,

The start of school is less than two weeks away! We've been busy this summer planning and preparing for the new school year, and we can't wait to have our Mustangs back in the hallways!

Throughout the school year, I will send out a monthly newsletter on the first Friday of each month beginning on September 1st at 3 p.m. I do my best to communicate all of the important happenings at MMS via these newsletters. If you are not receiving them, please double check your spam folder. If it's not there, please let me know, and we can verify the email address it needs to be sent to. We also post them on our school website in the "news" section. Until the monthly newsletters are up and running, below is all of the pertinent information your child and you may need in order to help your Mustang get ready for the 2023-24 school year.

Class Schedules

Schedules will be available to view in the student portal of Infinite Campus beginning on August 3rd at 8 a.m. 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 Calvillo](#)

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 and the updated rotating block calendar on our [website](#) under the "About Us" tab.

Mustangs will continue to wear their school id around their neck and proceed to their grade level entry door. School ids will be handed out after the first few weeks of school. Until then, they will not need to wear them. Once your child receives their id, it is important that they wear it visibly on them every day. Ids are worn for school safety and security and used for breakfast and lunch.

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. 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. If your child is running late to school, they will need to enter the main entrance after 7:30 a.m.

If you are dropping off your child at the school, please remind them to use the crosswalks. We also have a drop off zone in the north parking lot.

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First Day of School

Schedules will be printed and ready for your child to pick up at their grade level door on the first day of school. Inside the building, we will have our WEB leaders throughout the building in brightly colored shirts for the first few days of school. If your child is unsure of where their first class of the day is, please encourage them to ask one of our WEB leaders or a staff member.

School Supplies and Student Handbook

Our updated school supply list is available on our school [website](#). If your child is enrolled in one of our music classes with Mrs. Sanders, please go to her music [website](#) and contact her directly with any questions you may have regarding supplies for her classes. Our 2023-24 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 2nd.

iPad Agreement and Distribution

All students as well as their parents and/or guardians must sign a new iPad agreement form this year in order to receive an iPad. Please use the link below to access and sign the document:

[Technology Agreement and Expectations 2023-2024](#)

[Acuerdo de Tecnología Expectativas y Compromisos 202 2023-2024](#)

iPads will be distributed to students who have a completed iPad agreement during Mustang Time on August 17th. We 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.

6th Grade Orientation

6th Grade Orientation is on Friday, August 11th. This is a mandatory orientation for all incoming 6th graders and helps set your child up for success in middle school. During orientation, your child gets to meet their teachers, get a school tour, and more! Orientation begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m. Bus transportation will run its regular route on this day. Lunch is provided for students, but your child can always pack a lunch if they feel more comfortable. They do not need to bring their backpacks or school supplies on this day.

Online Registration for 2023-24

Please make sure to complete your child's online registration as soon as possible if you have not completed it already. 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. Updating your child's online registration is important to make sure emergency contacts, addresses, medical information, and field trip forms are up to date.

Breakfast and Lunch

Each child will be entitled to one complimentary breakfast and one complimentary lunch daily. These meals will continue to meet the USDA standards, including fruit, vegetable, main entree, and milk in age-appropriate serving sizes. Any additional items beyond the complimentary breakfast and lunch will need to be paid for out of the

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students' meal accounts. This includes but is not limited to second entrees, extra milk, a la carte items, and salad bar trips for students who bring lunch from home.

Even though the meals are provided for all students as part of the "Healthy School Meals for All" program, we still encourage families to fill out the online meal application through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. It is essential to complete and submit this application for approval. Academic fees will not be waived without an approved application.

Breakfast and lunch menus will be available on our District [website](#) closer to the start of school on August 14th. Mustangs MUST have their student ids in order to receive a meal. 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.

Athletics

If your child is interested in participating, please go to our school [website](#) for additional information.

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. They can give the form to the bus driver or to our main office. School bus information such as routes, policies, etc. can be found on the District [website](#).

Important Upcoming Dates

August 9th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. please 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!

August 18th is school picture day.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions your child or you may have prior to the start of school. We look forward to seeing all of our Mustangs soon!

Sincerely,
Aspen Calvillo, Principal

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