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Welcome Back, Mustangs,

Summer has flown by and it's hard to believe in just three short weeks our building will be full with Mustangs again. We can't wait! While last year was a school year unlike any other, we are hopeful to return to a sense of normalcy during the 2021-22 school year. Some decisions will still need to be made regarding logistics by our Board of Education, but in the meantime, we have done our best to anticipate questions your child and you may have prior to the start of the school year. Continue to check the "News" section of our website and Facebook page for additional updates.

Class Schedules

Schedules will be available to view in the student portal of Infinite Campus beginning on August 2nd at 8 a.m. If there is an error on your child's schedule please email [Mrs. Knipple](mailto:Mrs.Knipple). Schedule changes will only be made on a **limited** basis.

New Bell Schedule

Beginning this school year, we have a new bell schedule at Milliken Middle School. You can view the new bell schedule on our [website](#) under the "About Us" tab. On white and black days, we will run a block schedule with 95 minute classes. On red days, Mustangs will have all eight classes for roughly 46 minutes. More information on the remote/creative learning days (purple) will be provided prior to September 3rd.

A Day in the Life of a Mustang

Mustangs attend school Monday through Friday according to our [District calendar](#). When entering school grounds, it is our expectation that your child wears his/her student id around their neck and proceed to their grade level door. 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. Our staff will be ready to receive students at each door promptly at 7:10 a.m. Please do not drop your child off prior to this time as there will be no supervision. Once your child enters the building, they will go to their first class for the day. August 16th is a white day, so your child will report to Period 1. If your child is arriving after 7:30 a.m., he/she will need to use the main entrance.

For the first week of school, we anticipate there will be some confusion about the color of the day and locating rooms. We will have WEB leaders (in brightly colored shirts) and staff throughout the building to assist.

As we begin the school year, we will have normal passing periods with students moving from one classroom to another. Students will not have an individual locker assigned with the exception of PE and athletics. Due to the size of our student body and limited transitions with the new bell schedule, we are reducing potential problems during passing periods. There's been some concern about the size of backpacks and lugging materials throughout the day. Teachers will communicate to students in advance, so they know what they should bring with them to class. Lunch will be in the cafeteria and commons during scheduled times, and our Mustangs will get to go outside after they eat. We can't express how excited we are to have things return closer to normal.

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School Supplies and Student Handbook

Our updated school supply list is available on our school [website](#). Our 2021-22 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 4th.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch menus will be available on our District [website](#) closer to the start of school on August 16th. Mustangs MUST have their student ids in order to receive a meal. During the first week, all students will get their 2021-22 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.

6th Grade Orientation

6th Grade Orientation is on Thursday, August 12th. 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.

7th Grade Mix It Up Day

We completely understand that our 7th graders didn't get the “middle school” experience during the 2020-21 school year. In order to help assist with the continued transition to middle school and alleviate growing anxiety, we've arranged for an amazing speaker to come and work with our 7th graders during the morning on August 20th. During this presentation, your child will have the opportunity to participate in some of the activities they would typically do when entering 6th grade.

Online Registration for 2021-22

Prior to August 11th, please remember to register your child for the 2021-22 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 beginning on August 2nd. If your child's registration is not complete before August 16th, 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.

Athletics

If your child is interested in participating in Fall sports, please make sure you visit our [Athletic webpage](#) for more information.

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Picture Day

Mark your calendars...School picture day will be on August 19th. Your child will receive a packet from Studio 5 prior to the 19th. Makeups will be on October 8th.

Last but certainly not least, I'd like to invite your child and you to attend two great events we have coming up in the near future. On August 7th from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., join us at the Unite to Ignite 2021 Community Event at the YMCA in Johnstown. There will be a FREE community 5k fun run, presentation by school district leaders, a rocket launch, food trucks, activities, information booths, and more. We hope to see you there! On August 12th 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 a great opportunity for your child to walk around the building, locate their classrooms, meet their new teachers, kick off the new school year on a positive note, and get MMS Swag!

We look forward to seeing all of our Mustangs soon! In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions your child or you may have.

Sincerely,
Aspen Sanders, Principal

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