



January, 12, 2021

Dear Parents,

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are looking forward to next week to begin hybrid learning for middle school students. It seems like we have made a complete circle, starting the year in hybrid learning, moving to all in-person learning, then currently embracing distance learning. We have a second opportunity to begin the hybrid learning model to make it better than ever. We have all learned so much from the delivery model implemented last spring to now. We have learned to pivot and transition, yet continue on a strong learning path. Thank you for your work at home to help keep your child engaged and focused. We can't wait to see the students in the building.

Below includes information to help your middle school student thrive for the second half of the school year.

Monday, January 18, 2021-No School for Students--Get Outside and Take a Break!

This will be a preparation day for teachers to get ready for B Day students to return on Tuesday, Jan 19 and A Day students on Wednesday, Jan. 20. I am attaching a Hybrid Learning calendar to determine which Friday your child will attend school in-person.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021-B Day Students are In-Person; A Day Students are On-line.

Students at Hutchinson Middle school, in a hybrid learning model, will follow their regular daily class schedule as the in-person model with six class periods. Students in Group A will be at school Monday, Wednesday and alternating Fridays. Group B will be at school Tuesday, Thursday and alternating Fridays. Essential standards for each course will be taught. Both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (working independently) teaching and learning models will occur. Course curriculum will provide at the same pace and scope, including essential standards, in alignment with the in-person model. Students will be required to meet live each day during the Academic Advisory period from 7:40-8:00 am. Students will receive core instruction during the in-person class time with an extension of the core instruction on the day they are at home. Synchronous instruction will take place each day for all students reporting virtually, though the teacher may also assign asynchronous work time as well. This may include meeting live through Google Meet, assignments, lab reports, practice, enrichment and exploration as communicated by their teacher. Teachers will provide feedback and monitor student learning through the hybrid model.

Distance Learners Starting January 19, 2021

If you are remaining a distance learner, you don't need to make any changes. If you are currently a distance learner, but would like to attend in-person (hybrid) please call the office as soon as possible prior to January 19. The next available date to return to in-person (hybrid) learning after Jan. 19, will be the start of trimester three, March 15 or mid-tri April 26, 2021.

Safety Practices and Protocols

We will continue social distancing at all times at school. Please remind your child to keep 6 feet distance from others. Masks must be worn at all times including PE. A new cloth mask will be distributed to each student during AHR.

Academic Safety Nets

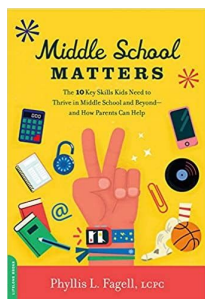
Virtual and In-Person Homework Lab is available in the Media Center from 2:30-3:30pm on Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thurs. Encourage your child to attend if they need any homework assistance.

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Middle School Parking Lot Drop Off and Pick Up

Please be mindful of parking lot drop off procedures below:

- Pull as far forward as possible to drop student off
- Student exit on the passenger side of vehicle if possible
- Student ready to leave the vehicle when they are dropped off
- Left hand lane is a bypass lane/drive around or through lane only
- No dropping off/picking up student in through lane/left hand lane
- Leave enough room between vehicles to safely pull around vehicle to exit
- Be mindful of the pedestrian crosswalks
- If need arises use the parking spots to unload/load equipment (not in front of the doors)
- Be mindful of the number of vehicles behind you before you stop to drop off



Parent/Teacher Book Study

It's not too late to sign up for the upcoming book study. The book study on "Middle School Matters" by Phyllis Fagell will begin on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7:30pm via Google Meet. Future meetings will be on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Tuesday, Feb. 23 and Tuesday, Mar. 16. Please email Principal Vathauer if you are interested at brenda.vathauer@isd423.org. There are still books available.

Please call if you have any questions regarding our upcoming learning model change.
Middle School Office (320) 587-2854. Thank-you, Brenda Vathauer, Principal

Attachments:

- New Hybrid Class/Bell Schedule
- ISD423 Hybrid Calendar (A/B Friday's)