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As we prepare to return to in person instruction on Tuesday, October 13th, I wanted to share a few details and procedures with you.

Masks: Masks must be worn at all times. Masks are to be worn properly, over the nose and mouth. Students will be allowed to remove masks when eating and drinking or are outside and can maintain social distancing. Masks may only be removed when social distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained. Parents are encouraged to send an extra mask with their child each day. Visitors will not be allowed in the school without a mask.

Handwashing: Please review the importance of hand hygiene with your child. Students should be washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds multiple times per day. Hand sanitizer will be available for use in the classrooms and hallways.

Bus Transportation: Masks must be worn at all times while on the school bus. Students who ride the bus will be seated from the back to the front, keeping family units together.

Screening Process: Parents are encouraged to use the attached screening checklist to complete a daily screening of their child before sending them to school. **If you answered yes to any of these questions, please keep your child home.** Students riding the bus will have their temperature taken as they get on. Car riders will have their temperature taken as they enter the school. If you stand with your child at the bus stop or will be driving your child to school, please do not leave until your child's temperature has been taken and they have been admitted on the bus or are allowed to enter the school. If your child's temperature is greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees, your child will be excluded from school. No child will be left alone at a bus stop if they have a fever.

Meals: Students will be social distanced while eating meals in school. All meals will be served in a "grab and go" type container. If you attend school remotely, you can still pick up meals on Monday and Wednesday from 9-11am. If you plan to pick up meals while on remote instruction, please call the school the Friday before to order your meals. Meals are free to students under the age of 18 until December 31, 2020 under the Seamless Summer Option. Normal meal prices will take effect on January 1, 2021, unless the Department of Agriculture extends the program.

Schedule: If your child will be working remotely, they will be responsible for following their daily schedule. The teachers will be teaching your child at the same time they are teaching the students physically present in the classroom. Please understand that we are at the mercy of the state and county health and education officials when it comes to quarantine and closures.

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At any point we could be forced to close individual classrooms or the whole school. Reminder: The next learning survey will be distributed in early November.

Classrooms: All classrooms have been outfitted with desk and table shields. These shields will provide a barrier between students. Students will be social distanced to the greatest extent possible in the classrooms.

Dismissal: Parents are encouraged to bring their own pen to sign their child out from school. Dismissal procedures will take a little longer this year to allow for social distancing. Students will be dismissed from the front door at MGS and from the parking lot door at SCS. We are asking that parents picking up at MGS stand by their cars this year instead of gathering near the front door to allow for social distancing. Your child will be escorted to your vehicle by a staff member for sign out. Parents at SCS will remain in their cars as they have in previous years. **Please limit the number of changes to your child's dismissal schedule.** It will be very difficult to add students to the bus if they are not scheduled to ride the bus due to social distancing and assigned seating.

Illness: If your child becomes ill while at school, we ask that they be picked up within 30 minutes of notification (sooner if possible). Please make sure the school has the contact information of someone who can pick your child up quickly if you work out of the area. **If your child is sick, please keep them home.**

Extra-Curricular Activities: Unfortunately, there will not be any fall sports, chorus or band rehearsals or Holiday Concert at this time. There will be no Halloween Parade, Trunk or Treat or Halloween Party, but the PTO is working on an exciting event for our students. More information will be released shortly about this event. We hope to have additional events in the spring for our students to participate in.

Thank you very much for making virtual learning a success. This year will be challenging, but we will get through it if we all work together. Everything we do in school will look a little different, so we will be spending the first few days focusing on routines and procedures of in person learning. We ask that you continue to be flexible and patient as we navigate all of these changes together. We are looking forward to a great year.

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