

Panther Family,

As we get ready to begin the school year on Wednesday, August 19, I have some information to share with you on what the school day will look like when students enter the building. While we know these are unprecedented times, it will take everyone's cooperation to successfully keep our school safe for staff and students. **Masks** will be mandatory for all individuals in the building and worn properly so the nose and mouth are covered. As stated in USD's Reopening Plan, "Together We Can." And I will add, "Together We Will."

- We will open our doors at 7:30 every morning. Students will enter the building either from the bus side, or the drop off in front of the building. As students enter the building, their temperature will be checked using thermal energy cameras. Designated staff will receive a notification if an individual's body temperature is above 100.4 and these individuals will then be screened by a member of the USD 368 nursing staff to determine if they are exhibiting symptoms related to Covid-19 that would require further clearance from their family doctor. All students will then report immediately to their first hour class.
- Breakfast will be served starting at 7:35. Once students are finished eating they will be directed to report to their first hour class.
- The classrooms will be cleaned after every class period. We will be asking the students to help with this cleaning. Students will sanitize their hands when entering each classroom.
- Passing periods will be conducted by grade level to minimize the number of students in the halls at one time. Students will not be allowed to utilize the restrooms during passing period.
- Lockers will not be assigned, so students will be able to carry a backpack with them to class. Think about what is essential and only carry/bring those items with you to school. I would encourage students to bring in their school supplies over a period of time, instead of trying to bring everything on day one. (7th and 8th graders will need to bring their Chromebook) (6th grade Chromebooks will be handed out the first day)
- Remote Learners will need to follow their class schedule and communicate with their assigned teachers. We will send out more information soon on how 6th grade students can pick up their Chromebook for Remote Learning.
- Lunch times are as follows:
  - 6th Grade- 11:29-11:54
  - 8th Grade- 11:55-12:20
  - 7th Grade- 12:22-12:47
- Our commons area lunch tables will only accommodate 2 students per table. Overflow of students will eat in the 4-Plex across from the commons Men's Restroom. Desks have been placed so students will be socially distanced. Once finished eating students will be asked to put their masks back on.
- Dismissal from school will be at 3:00 for both 6th and 7th graders. We will release the 8th grade at 3:02 to minimize the number of people in the halls. Bus riders will still

have plenty of time to get on the bus to go home. Students being picked up or walking will be asked to exit the building and proceed to their home or car.

- Parents will still be able to pick up their child from school for appointments. Upon arrival, we encourage parents to call and we can send your child out.
- Visitors will not be allowed past the office.
- Student meetings in regard to IDEA and 504's will be conducted remotely.
- Information about activities has been shared and at this time we are moving forward accordingly.
- We are looking forward to seeing our students on August 19!!
- Since we aren't having a back to school/orientation night we created a video to show you parts of our building! We hope you enjoy!
- [PMS Welcome by Mr. Bloustine](#)

Regards,

Mark Bloustine