

Good evening students and families, I hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer!

As we prepare to welcome back students to Caledonia Junior High, our school day will look different this year as previously communicated. Students will not use lockers or the locker room and will be responsible for carrying their supplies in their backpacks to and from school each day. To make this easier for students, students will only need to bring minimal supplies each day. We would recommend a binder with dividers, loose-leaf, calculator, ruler, pens, pencils and erasers. Families may wish to purchase the minimum supplies at the beginning of the year to get started. Teachers will give advanced notice when these remaining items are required in class. Textbooks are stored in each homeroom class for the year.

Teachers have been in and will be in later next week to begin to remove all non-essential furniture and belongings to help support spreading desks out and to make it easier for the custodial staff to complete the cleaning process. Desks, bathrooms, high touch surfaces and classrooms will be cleaned routinely throughout the day. Students will be staying with their cohort and in their homeroom class all day. As a result, teachers will look for opportunities to take each cohort (homeroom) outside as recommended by the *Back to School* plan.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind families to ensure they have the most up-to-date contact information in PowerSchool. If a student becomes ill at school they will be taken to a room attached to the main office so that a family member can promptly come and pick them up. Students who are ill will not remain in classrooms.

As per the Back to School plan all students in grades 4-12 must wear a mask on the school bus as well as arrive to school with a mask on the first day (September 8). To support and assist families with this on Monday and Tuesday this week families who wish to pick up masks may do so from 3 pm-6pm outside the front door at Caledonia Junior High. Please social distance and ring the buzzer. Mr. Swinemer and I will be signing out two masks per student if you wish to pick them up before the start of the school year. For families who do not want to pick them up early students will be issued their masks in their cohort/homeroom the first day of school. Please know that masks are also available at the local library free of charge.

Kind Regards,

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