

August 3, 2020

Dear 6th grade families and new 7th and 8th grade families,

Welcome to St. Mary Junior High! We are thrilled to be so close to seeing our students in person again and getting to know all of our new students! Teaching is just not the same when we can't be with our students, and I'm sure learning was not the same for you either. However, we all did our best and should be proud of ourselves. August 19th can't come quickly enough for us, as we have been preparing all summer figuring out how to get everyone back in the building safely. We also had professional development for if and when we might return to remote learning and will be sharing this new knowledge with our students. We are prepared and ready!!! On that note, here are a few details that we'd like you to be aware of as you plan for the first day of school:

- Please write your child's name on all supplies, including beach towels and water bottles because **no sharing can occur this year**. Also, please purchase all items on the supply list because no one can share with a student who doesn't have his or her supplies.
- **1st day** (Aug. 19, Wednesday, **11:00 dismissal**) bring PPE- hand sanitizer, paper towels, Clorox wipes etc, plus a spiral notebook and pen or pencil
- **2nd day** (Aug. 20, Thursday) bring binders and looseleaf paper
- **3rd day** (Aug. 21, Friday) bring any remaining supplies
- We will not be able to drink from the fountains, but we will be using them to fill up water bottles, so please **bring a refillable water bottle daily**.
- Students may wear **any Mary Monday shirt or navy or red solid t-shirt** during the first warm months.
- No gym clothes are necessary, but you will **need gym shoes**.
- Lockers will only be used for backpacks and coats at this time, so there will be no need to buy decorating supplies (Sorry 6th graders; we know you've been waiting to have a locker. Soon!).
- Mrs. Spohn requested each student **bring a beach towel** for outside classes. This will give the student something to sit on and will also help with social distancing. (no sayings or inappropriate pictures please).
- **Masks will be worn** inside the school.(no sayings or inappropriate designs) plain colors preferred, but small patterns are acceptable. Please nothing distracting. We will be training students on how to use masks and to understand and follow other measures we have in place to keep everyone healthy and safe.
- At this time the bus company has **not** confirmed that we will have bus service due to the public school schedule. We will keep parents posted as we hear.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our **virtual Meet the Teachers on Monday, August 17th at 7:30 (6th) and Tuesday, August 18th at 7:30 (7th/8th)**. We will send a link out via email the day before. If you have any questions prior to that date, feel free to contact us at our new email addresses: Mrs. Renner- srenner@stmarysdixon.org, Mrs. Shirley- kshirley@stmarysdixon.org, Mrs. Spreeman- bspreeman@stmarysdixon.org, Miss Campbell- scampbell@stmarysdixon.org. Also, please continue to check our website <http://www.stmarysdixon.org/> for the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,
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