

August 28, 2020

Hello Oak-Land Families,

We are excited to partner with the families and students of Oak-Land Middle School. Please review the important information below and know that while this is a very different experience than any other year, we are committed to making the 2020-21 school year a great success!

Calendar and First Week of School:

Tuesday, September 8-	B Day Orientation Day for 6th Grade Cohort B students only
Wednesday, September 9-	A Day Orientation Day for 6th Grade Cohort A students only
Thursday, September 10-	B Day all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Cohort B students attend school
Friday, September 11-	A Day all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Cohort A students attend school

When 7th and 8th graders are not in school September 8th and 9th, we will provide them with **C Day** experiences. For the first week of school, **C Day** experiences will focus on transition activities that will support all students reacclimating to school and getting to know their teachers.

After the first week of school our hybrid model will follow a more consistent schedule for the remainder of the year:

A Days- Mondays	Cohort A will be in school and Cohort B will be learning from home
B Days- Tuesdays	Cohort B will be in school and Cohort A will be learning from home
A Days- Wednesdays	Cohort A will be in school and Cohort B will be learning from home
B Days- Thursdays	Cohort B will be in school and Cohort A will be learning from home
C Days- Fridays	No students in school, instruction provided online

For families who have chosen the “Online Only” model, lessons will be shared daily using Schoology. Your child will follow the same curriculum and lessons as the hybrid students. Instead of attending school in person to receive support from teachers in their classrooms we have assigned “Online Only Oak-Land Middle School Teachers” to provide support and feedback to your students remotely. More information will be shared next week.

Here is a [link to our district's calendar](#) which specifies A, B and C days.

Computer Pick-Up

A survey was sent to families earlier this summer asking you if your student needed a computer to use at home when they are learning remotely. Oak-Land staff will be distributing computers to families who have requested a device on Tuesday, September 1 and Wednesday, September 2. Our hours for both days will be 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Should families be unable to pick-up devices, we will distribute computers to students at school.

If you already have a school device from last year, please use it for this year. Computers can be picked up in our front entry. Please make sure you are wearing a mask when entering our building and if there is a line, please physically distance from others.

Schedule Available in [Skyward](#)

Schedules will be viewable in Skyward today, at 3:30 p.m. As we have communicated, students will be starting the year in our Hybrid Advisory Bubble. When you view your student's schedule you will see a zero hour with the course name "Hybrid Advisory Bubble", a teacher's name and room number. This is where and who your child will report to when they come to school.

Because of the extra protocols we have put in place to meet Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education guidelines we do not have the ability to adjust teachers or sections on your student's schedule. This has been far more complicated than a typical year, **please know we cannot make changes**. If there is something inaccurate on your student's schedule please reachout to the guidance counselor.

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[School sports](#) and activities are an important part of the middle school experience. Participation, having fun, making friends, and being physically active are the most important components of our after school sports program. This link provides more information about our fall sports programming which is available to ALL eligible students.

[Health Forms](#): Clearly this is a complicated time to get required forms in and to schedule appointments, our building is aware of these challenges. With that said, I have included a link to district health forms.

[Supply Lists](#): We have limited supplies to the most essential items, if your family needs assistance with supplies please call Susie Zilles at 351-8502,

Drop-Off Procedures

Given physical distancing guidelines we cannot allow students to enter our building until 7:30 a.m. Please do not drop your child off earlier than 7:30 a.m. With approximately 400 students attending school on a daily basis we are optimistic that the carpool experience will be smoother than previous years when over 1,000 students were here daily. For families new to Oak-Land please see our [carpool/parking lot](#) procedures.

Masks

State guidelines require all students, staff and anyone in our building to wear a mask at all times on the bus and in hallways, bathrooms, school offices and classrooms. The only exceptions are when students are eating lunch, participating in rigorous physical activities or if there is a medical reason that prevents a student from being able to wear a mask. We are asking families to supply their students' clean masks to be worn daily. We recommend students have a couple of "back-up masks" in their backpack should one become soiled. We will have a limited supply of disposable masks available in the event your child's mask is left at home.

Sincerely,



Andy Fields, Principal