

Update
From Your Superintendent
August 14, 2020

VIRTUAL LEARNING – CHROMEBOOKS AND HOT SPOTS

If your student has signed up for online learning for this fall and needs either a Chromebook, hot spot, or both of these things, it is important that you pick up these items before school starts. To help ensure that your student will have everything he/she will need, there will be three times available for you to pick up these items. Pick up for all students regardless of the grade they are in will be at the high school at the following times:

Monday, August 17th – 9-12

Monday, August 17th – 3-5

Tuesday, August 18th – 4-6

Someone will come to your car and will have you sign the required checkout forms in order to indicate that you are receiving the items. The person helping will then get the items you need.

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

I wanted to remind everyone that there is no school for students on **Monday, August 24th**. Every staff member in the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate District will be attending professional development on helping students with trauma.

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

We all know how hectic the first days of school are. I think this year with all the changes and requirements we have in place, there will be even more confusion. Please be patient and understanding. We know that sometimes our best plan does not work like we had anticipated it would. In particular, I think the parent morning drop off will take some time to get it running smoothly. We will continue to assess and adjust what we are doing to ensure that we are doing everything we can to enable all of our students to have a great year.

Your students will most likely be bringing home some paperwork that will require your signature. Please take time to complete all the documents and return them with your child as soon as possible. It is very important that you fill out the **Household Survey**. **We need 100% of our families to fill out this form. By doing so, all of our students will be able to have not only breakfast, but also lunch provided at no cost. All students in your household should be listed on one form. You do not need to do a form for each child.** These surveys impact not only the food service funds, but the funds we receive from state/federal sources in at-risk funding known as Title I and 31a. We use this funding for social workers, classroom paraprofessionals, school counselor, nurse, as well as many other things including computer programs to reinforce learning.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We know that children do get ill in a normal year. However with the fear of COVID-19, it will be extremely important this year that if your child is not feeling well that he/she does not come to school. If your child has any of the symptoms listed below, sending him/her to school could put other students at risk. Symptoms include: Temperature of 100.4 or higher, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, onset of severe headache. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

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