



Dear 5th & 6th Grade Students and Staff,

We hope this letter finds everyone healthy, well, and ready for the start of the 2020-21 school year. We are very anxious to get back to work with our middle school students. This year will provide some unique challenges with the COVID pandemic. However, we have worked hard to put a “Return to Learn” plan in place that keeps everyone as safe as possible and will continue to provide students with an amazing education and the opportunity to create memories that will last forever. The LqPV Return to Learn Plan for grades 5-12 can be found on our school website at www.lqpv.org.

Again this school year, we are asking parents to complete the online registration process prior to the start of the school year. Registration can be found on our school website starting Monday, August 17th, 2020. Please go to www.lqpv.org to begin this process. Next, scroll down to “Back to School 2020-2021 Important Information”. Click on “JMC Parent Access”. Your JMC username and password will be needed to complete registration. Finally, click on the “Register for School” link on the left side of the JMC screen and complete the registration process.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking families to assist with a couple important supply items for their child(ren). All students are being asked to have masks, as they will be required on the bus, and in the school building. We are also asking students to bring a water bottle. The drinking fountain spigots will be shut off, but water filling stations will be available. We have added 3 water filling stations throughout the building. Finally, we are asking students to have backpacks if possible, as they will not be allowed to go to their lockers between classes in an effort to eliminate congregating in the halls between classes.

The middle school is offering an Orientation & Open House for all incoming 5th grade students, on Wednesday, August 26th (see back for details). Students have been split into smaller groups to limit the number of people we have during each orientation. Students will be walked through the procedures that will be used throughout the school year. We will meet in student homerooms to give them the layout for the orientation. There will also be time for parents to meet and talk with the middle school teachers.

The LqPV School Board voted to push the start of school back to Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 due to construction not being completed at the K-4 elementary sites. When school begins on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020, students will be arriving at the middle school around 8:00 am. The buses will be departing the high school at 3:12 p.m. **All rural families located in the school district are asked to call the transportation department if their children ARE NOT going to ride the bus in the morning. In the MMN area, the number to call is 1-320-698-3738 ext 5. In the Appleton, Milan, Correll, Holloway area, the number to call is 289-1871.**

I hope you all continue to enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation, yet eagerly anticipate the start of the school year. I am anxious to meet and establish connections with all of LqPV's incoming middle school students. I will look forward to meeting you at the upcoming student orientation and parent/student open house date.

Respectfully,

Scott Sawatzky

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5th Grade Orientation Schedule: Wednesday, August 26th

Last Names A-F - Orientation - 8:00-8:45 AM

Buses will pick these selected students up at A-M Elementary and Marietta Convenience Store at 7:30 AM, and at Milan GMI building and MMN Elementary at 7:45 AM. They will return students to the GMI and MMN Elementary at 9:00 AM and to A-M Elementary and Marietta Convenience Store at 9:15 AM.

Last Names G-M - Orientation - 10:00-10:45 AM

Buses will pick these selected students up at A-M Elementary and Marietta Convenience Store at 9:30 AM, and at Milan GMI building and MMN Elementary at 9:45 AM. They will return students to the GMI and MMN Elementary at 11:00 AM and to A-M Elementary and Marietta Convenience Store at 11:15 AM.

Last Names N-Z - Orientation - 12:00-12:45 PM

Buses will pick these selected students up at A-M Elementary and Marietta Convenience Store at 11:30 AM, and at Milan GMI building and MMN Elementary at 11:45 AM. They will return students to the GMI and MMN Elementary at 1:00 PM and to A-M Elementary and Marietta Convenience Store at 1:15 PM.

- Students will be dropped off at door #14 (Middle School entrance/exit - SE corner) and will enter their homerooms. Because we are reducing the gathering size, and because we recognize that this can be a big transition for some students, especially given the circumstances, we are inviting (1) parent/guardian to attend if you wish. This is not mandatory and is something that can be decided by each family. We ask that each family do temperature checks at home for anyone that will be entering the building. We will also be doing wellness checks once students arrive before allowing anyone to enter the building. Although students will be excited, please remind them to practice social distancing. Students (parents if they attend) will also need to wear a mask while on the bus and in the school building. During this process, they will have the opportunity to meet their teachers, see their classrooms, and take a tour of the school led by LqPV Middle School staff members.

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