



JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jersey Share Area Middle School Daily Routine for the 2020-21 School Year

The Jersey Shore Area School District has created and adopted a Health and Safety Plan for the 2020-21 school year in light of the Global Pandemic caused by COVID-19. This plan is located on the District webpage and I encourage all families to review the plan to gain an understanding of how we are moving forward to ensure the safety of your child(ren).

As a Middle School we have worked hard over the past two years to help all of our community members find ways to Come Alive and be at their best! Many of our efforts have been focused on building relationships while promoting students and staff alike to find their passions and pursue them. This year our goals will remain the same but the ways we work toward them will look different. This communication will hopefully help you picture what a typical day will look like by addressing some of these changes.

Arrival:

- 7:45 am Music Doors will open for Bus students only
 - Students will exit the bus & enter through music doors to wait in the Auditorium while socially distancing
- 8:00 am Main Doors will open for walkers & car riders
 - No students will be permitted in the building prior to 8:00 am unless they get dropped off by an assigned bus (we know this change will be a challenge for some families and we appreciate your understanding)
- All students will have their temperatures scanned when entering building
 - If a student has a temp of 100.4°F or above they will be sent to the nurse's office and checked again
 - If temp remains at/above 100.4°F, the student will be isolated in nurse's office and need to be picked up
- All students will go directly to their homeroom
- If a student wants breakfast, they will have to decide that upon entry and report to the café
- 8:30 am All Students must be in Homeroom

Schedule / Transitions:

- Students will be scheduled to only be with students from their Team to the greatest extent possible (including EAs and Lunch)
- Plans are being put in place to stagger all transitions within the building, including but not limited to:
 - Students will go to lockers at the direction of their teachers after attendance/announcements & before dismissal (lockers will be spaced apart from others who go at the same time)
 - Students will switch classrooms within their Team in a staggered rotation
 - Staggered times will be used to travel to/from the cafeteria
 - Students will be dismissed by grade level in a staggered fashion

Cafeteria:

- Café seating will be spaced apart to the maximum extent feasible
- One team will eat in the café while the other team eats in their classrooms based on a schedule
- Time will be allotted to travel to and from the café to ensure enough time to eat

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Masks/Face Coverings:

- Students will be required to wear face coverings (masks, face shields, gaiters) throughout the building per the Governor's guidelines.
- Please see the most recent video posted on the district website by Dr. Ulmer for more information
- The MS staff will do our best to utilize our Come Alive period and extended transitions to help provide some time throughout the day to have "mask breaks"

Other Information:

- A Virtual Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
 - Informational videos will be posted for school wide information
 - Informational videos will be posted by Teachers/Teams to introduce and inform you about their classrooms
 - Opportunities to virtually chat with the teachers are being planned (*more information to come*)
- Grade 6 and New Students
 - iPads will be distributed on the first day of school
- Schoology & Microsoft Teams will be the two main platforms used by teachers
 - More information to come about these tools and how parents can best access them
- Picture Day is currently scheduled for August 28th
 - A plan is being made for Hybrid Students
 - *FYI - Last year's Yearbooks are still waiting to be printed.*

Most of all, after listing all of these elements of the school year, the Middle School staff want you to know that we are looking forward to interacting with your child. We are desiring to be back, in whatever fashion it may be, to educate your children in a safe way and help them Come Alive and be at their best. There are many uncertainties and questions, but together we can do this! We very much appreciate your patience as we do our best to navigate these waters. We appreciate the trust you are placing in us as you send your child(ren) to the Middle School. We do not take this lightly!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns and please be on the lookout for the informational videos that will be released shortly. It is our hope to present the best, most realistic picture possible considering these circumstances. Again, thank you for partnering with us as we enter into the 2020-21 School Year.

Be safe! Stay healthy! See you all soon,

Mr. K Veldhuis

Mr. Keith Veldhuis
Principal