

**September 15, 2019**

**Dear Dana Families and Friends,**

**From last year**... It is wonderful to see students settling into the rhythm and routine of school as we head into our fourth week. I know it takes time for our newest Dolphins to manage a block schedule and six different classrooms and teachers. It is only fitting that we extend this opportunity to parents and families to join us on campus and experience a day in the life of your child. Please join us at Dana's Back to School Night on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>. A welcome and message from our PTSA and Wiseburn Ed Foundation will begin at 5:30 pm. Classrooms will officially open at 6:05 pm and provide opportunities for parents and guardians to follow their child's schedule. Please see the attached **flyer** for a more detailed agenda for the evening. Back to School Night is a truly special evening that helps foster the relationships between our school, staff, community, and families.

Please note the irregular schedule this week. Monday is a block day with students visiting periods one, three, and five. Thursday remains a block day, but students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm and Friday will be a stacked day with an 11:45 am dismissal.

I look forward to seeing everyone Thursday evening.

### **Dana Singers Informational Meeting**

The informational meeting for the after-school choir, "The Dana Singers" will take place this Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in Room 302 at Dana. Students must come to this meeting in order to audition for the group.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Catalina trip information –**

***The Catalina Island/Toyon Bay Study Trip Is an optional, parent-pay activity for Dana Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.***

During Back to School Night seventh grade science teachers will present information about the trip and distribute lottery forms.

The trip dates are Friday, March 27–Sunday, March 29, 2020. We have booked space for 75 girls and 75 boys for this year. The trip fee is \$370.00 per student and includes bus transportation from DMS to Long Beach and back to DMS, boat transportation to and from Catalina Island, lodging, activities, meals, and a CIMI/Toyon Bay sweatshirt.

Academic/behavior Requirements – in all classes, registered and wait list students must maintain “S” (satisfactory) or better citizenship marks, earn work habit marks no lower than an “N” (needs improvement), and earn a GPA of 2.0 or better, earning no “Fs”. Grades and behavior will be checked at the end of first semester and just prior to the departure date. Parents are reminded to check in to Canvas weekly to review grades and assignments.

Lottery forms with payment information will be distributed in science classes during Back to School Night. All signed lottery forms must be turned in to Mrs. Ory in the Library by morning

recess on **Monday, September 23**. The lottery will be held after school at 3:00 pm in front of the library on Monday, September 23. Students do not need to attend to be selected. The trip and wait lists will be posted on the library windows after school on Tuesday, September 24.

Contact your child's science teacher for more information.

**Monday, September 16 – Periods 1, 3, 5 – 2:45pm dismissal**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in engineering are invited to a First Robotics Tech Challenge Introduction Meeting after school in PLTW, Room 203 from 2:45pm-3pm. No experience is necessary.

3:00pm- 4:00pm- Dana Singers informational meeting in Room 302

3:15pm- 5:00pm- Girls Volleyball practice- gym

3:15pm- 5:00pm- Football Practice- field

**Tuesday, September 17 - Periods 2, 4, 6 - 2:45pm dismissal**

Wear Red, White and Blue Spirit Day

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> interested in engineering are invited to a First Robotics Tech Challenge Introduction Meeting before school in PLTW from 8-8:15a.m. No experience is necessary.

2:50pm- 3:40pm- JC Bible Club- 705

3:15pm- 4:30pm- Cross Country practice- Dana black top

3:15pm- 5:00pm- Football Practice- field

**Wednesday, September 18 - Periods 1, 3, 5 - 2:45pm dismissal**

All Robotics Tech Challenge students, please report to PLTW during lunch to pick up your applications. Applications are due Friday, 9/20.

3:30pm- 5:00pm- Rip and Go Sports- Basketball courts (blacktop)

**Thursday, September 19 - Periods 2, 4, 6 - 1:00pm dismissal**

5:30pm- 7:43pm- Back To School Night

- MBM Gear will be on campus to sell Spirit Wear and to deliver orders from the 6 Grade Orientation.
- 2019-2020 Yearbook Sales Kick-off tonight, order online at *Yearbookforever.com*
- Catalina Trip overview and lottery forms will be distributed in 7 grade science classes tonight!

**Friday, September 20 – Periods 1 thru 6 - 11:45am dismissal**

All Robotics Tech Challenge students, please go to PLTW, Room 203 and search for your scheduled Saturday, 9/21/19 interview time. Interviews will be conducted this Saturday from 9am-11am at DMS PLTW Room 203. See Mr. D with any questions. [adeseriere@wiseburn.org](mailto:adeseriere@wiseburn.org)