

LYME-OLD LYME MIDDLE SCHOOL

The school year is upon us and we look forward to having students back tomorrow! We are all in this together, and in the spirit of flexibility and understanding, great things can happen. Here we go Wildcats!!

Parent Responsibilities

- Prior to dropping students off at the middle school, parents will use the [Screening Protocol](#).
- **Masks are mandatory.**
- If parents know or suspect that their child has been exposed to the CoronaVirus or has contracted COVID-19, they should immediately contact their doctor and then the school nurse.
- **During the school day**, only authorized visitors, such as those attending a parent meeting, will be admitted into the building. Others are required to make an appointment, and they will be limited to certain areas of the building. **If items need to be dropped off during the school day**, a table has been placed in the vestibule of the main entrance. Please inform the office to let them know that you will be dropping something off. Please make sure the item(s) are clearly marked with the student's name and make note of any time sensitivity.
- **Water bottles are welcome.** Please note that we do have water bottle fillers in the building for the student's convenience.
- **Snacks!!** Students will have a school-wide snack time at 9:21-9:31 in their homeroom.

Arrival

- **The middle school will open to students at 7:20 AM.**
- **Students will use grade-specific doors to enter and exit the building:**
 - **6th graders** will use the doors near the auditorium/cafeteria.
 - **7th graders** will use the side entrance near the tennis courts.
 - **8th graders** will use the doors near the softball field.
- **In order to avoid traffic congestion, all vehicles entering the campus for the middle school must use the Center School/middle school entrance. In addition, the middle school will implement a staggered drop-off schedule:**
 - **7:20-7:25 AM** Students with last names that begin with the letters A-F.
 - **7:25-7:30 AM** Students with last names that begin with the letters G-M.
 - **7:30-7:35 AM** Students with last names that begin with the letters N-Z.
- **Buses will still drop off students between 7:20 - 7:30 AM in front of the high school.**
- **Upon entering the building, students will report directly to their homerooms. Lockers cannot be accessed during the school day.**
- **Students arriving to school late or being dismissed early will report to the main office. Parents picking students up before dismissal will enter the building through the main entrance and report to the office.**

Dismissal

- **The middle school will use staggered dismissal times to help alleviate traffic:**
 - Walkers and students being picked up will be released at 2:10. Departing students will exit the building using the above assigned grade-level doors.
 - Students riding buses will be released at 2:15 and proceed out their assigned grade-level doors.

Lunch

- Each grade-level will have a separate lunch wave and will be further divided so that half of the grade will eat in the cafeteria and the other half will eat in the gym.

- Students will be able to purchase hot lunch, although families are encouraged to provide lunch when feasible.
- **Water bottles are welcome.** Please note that we do have water bottle fillers in the building for the student's convenience.

Remote Learners

- **The first day of remote learning will be Wednesday, September 2nd. This is a B-1 day.**
- Remote learners will be required to participate in an extended homeroom once a week on Wednesdays. Mrs. Molnar, our school counselor, or Mrs. Melia, our school psychologist, will facilitate the extended homeroom. This period is intended to serve as social-emotional check-in for students.
- Parents are expected to be fully responsible to engage their child with remote learning daily, including the supervision of assessments. The school district will assume students to be in attendance based on student work completion and/or unless a parent or caregiver calls the main office and reports them absent.
- Students who opt to engage in remote learning are not eligible for after school activities. If remote learners miss tryouts for a sport and then return to school, he/she will not be eligible to participate for that season.
- For technical assistance, please contact our **IT Help Desk** at **mstech@region18.org**.