

Dear New Cannon Middle School Families,

We hope this note finds you well, and we hope your children are getting more and more excited about entering the Cannon community in August! You should know that we continue to have a team in place keeping a close eye on the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation, but our plans at this moment in time are to start school as scheduled, on August 19th, 2021, with every member of our middle school community in person. We pledge to keep you informed along with our current families should anything change.

We are looking forward to the New Family Q&A session for Middle School on Monday, May 17th from 7:00 - 8:00pm. This Zoom session is geared mostly to parents, but we are more than happy to see students in the Zoom space! Please click [this](#) Zoom link to connect on Monday!

You may be concerned that your child will be behind as they enter Cannon in August, based on what they are or are not receiving at their current schools during this unique time. Rest assured, we are ready to take kids wherever they are and move them forward. If any deficits or gaps are identified in August or September, we will work with you on a plan as needed. In short, take this off of the list for you and your children to worry about as they move to a new school.

Included in this note you will find links to important **action items** as promised in [last month's email](#). These action items will require your child to choose elective courses for next year so that we can begin to plan for our classes. If you need to have individual conversations with any of the folks below, please reach out to them with times that will work for you. We can offer virtual meetings while school is in session, and we may be able to offer some in person after our students leave for the summer.

Our tradition is to unveil the summer reading choices at the end-of-year assembly on the last day of school, so we will send a document later in June with details on the books and the assignment. There is no action required on that until you receive the information and instructions; typically, the assignments and the reading are expected to be done before the first day of school. This will be the only summer work required of our students this year.

The math placement committee meets early in June, and no action is required on your part. Kristen Stephens, our Math Department Chair, will reach out to you if more information is needed for placement. If you have questions, you can reach her at kstephens@cannonschool.org.

Our Chromebook program is led by Leigh Northrup, our Dean of Innovation and Technology, and Jeremy Mattsson, our Science Department Chair and Technology Integrationist. You may click this

[6th-8th Grade Chromebook Program](#) link to learn more about the device, billing, and program. No action is required

As always, please reference the [New Family Resources](#) page for all things Cannon Middle School. All past correspondences and pertinent information can be found on that page. You will also find the [link](#) to order the 5th and 6th grade school supply boxes. Pre-ordering is optional; if you have not already done so, you may choose to order online through June 13th. The 7th and 8th grade supply lists will be shared in a future correspondence.

You can expect an email from me regularly with pertinent and timely information for the start of the school year. We will keep you well informed, but please feel free to reach out to anyone on this list for help as you need it.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Action Required

Rob Burlington, Arts Department Chair

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Danielle Sandlof, World Language Department Chair

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Note: beginning in May, Danielle will be on maternity leave; she will be returning emails periodically.

Use the following links to sign up for Arts and World Language classes. Please note: 5th graders are placed in a world language rotation so the form solely includes arts courses and the choices. Rising 5th graders may watch [this video](#) as an introduction of teachers for music selection. Please fill out the form for EACH child using the correct link.

5th: <https://forms.gle/wXFKM8prGeJqUiv48>

6th: <https://forms.gle/J5HDvpyKKiFJvzLZ9>

7th: <https://forms.gle/VYzSE5fJE1MBZBSaA>

8th: <https://forms.gle/f4jNBtNRYtTfjWLB6>

Claire Gardin, PE Department Chair

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At this time, all Middle School students, except for three-sport Cannon athletes, will be required to have a PE uniform. We are awaiting guidelines that may impact locker room usage. We ask that you order a PE uniform, but we will notify families prior accounts being charged. If protocols do not permit locker room changes, accounts will not be charged. Action required: simply click this link to order a PE uniform.

[MS PE Order Form 2021](#)

Shawn Powell, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

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The summer Strength and Conditioning program is available for all rising 7th and 8th grade middle school students. This program plays a big part in the success of our athletic program. The sessions will be held Mondays-Thursdays. Please click [here](#) for more details about the program. If you have questions about fall athletics, please see the Athletics portion of our website. If you have questions specific to strength and conditioning, reach out to Shawn.