



PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

September 11, 2020

Dear Middle School Families,

We have successfully completed our first week of the 2020-21 school year. It was wonderful to see the Fifth Grade students in the building, and we look forward to seeing the rest of the Middle School next week.

Drop Off and Pick Up

As we welcome the students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 next week, we must remind you — during drop off and pick up, please stay in your car. Do not gather or wait on the sidewalk. The faculty on the circle are happy to make sure that your student makes it safely to class.

Grades 6 and 7

In an effort to be efficient, please pull up for drop off as close to the Lower School playground as possible. Be sure to have the MAGNUS App “Go Screen” ready to display. Students may get out of their cars and show their “Go Screens” on their devices to the teachers who are present, before going to their grade entrance. If students do not have a device, please pull up to the playground, and wait in your car for a teacher to approach you. While it can easily get congested, please drive slowly and carefully through the circle, and be aware of students and faculty crossing the roads.

Grade 8

Grade 8 is dropped off at the circle along the service road near the Lower Gym. Be sure to have the MAGNUS App “Go Screen” ready to display. Students may get out of their cars and show their “Go Screens” on their devices to the teachers who are present, before going to their

grade entrance. If students do not have a device, please wait in your car for a teacher to approach you. Students walk along the service road walkway and enter the School where faculty are directing them at the dance studio entrance.

For pick up: Grades 6-8 will be dismissed each day at 3:20 from the Athletic Center. Please follow all traffic rules as you enter and exit. Traffic at the Athletic Center should enter the parking lot closest to Behr House and exist near the baseball field to allow a smoother flow of traffic. Departing vehicles should exist the campus out the Stuart Road (baseball) gate.

Masks

Students should wear masks that are recommended by CDC. Neck gaiters and valve masks are not as effective and safe as others according to the CDC, and are not allowed.

Athletics for Remote Students

For 5th Grade remote learners, we are happy to offer a synchronous PE class twice a cycle, on days 3 and 6. Coach Karissa Silva will lead students through a guided workout that can be done inside or outside. This class will start on Day 6 of the first cycle. A zoom link will be sent out to all remote 5th graders. These synchronous classes are **required and attendance will be taken.**

For 6th-8th Grade remote learners, Panther Fit will take place virtually on cycle days 1, 4, and 7 from 2:30-3:10. **This is an optional program, and 6-8th Grade students are not expected to participate in remote Athletics or PE.** Please email Emily Shircliff at eshircliff@pds.org by today, if you would like to sign your child up for this PE opportunity.

The class will begin Monday, September 14.

Soft Opening Reminder

- Please remember that **next week, September 14-18, all students in Grade 5 will learn from home.**
- Monday-Wednesday, we will welcome the on-campus learners in Grades 6 and 7. Grade 8 students will remain remote on these days, along with Grade 5 students.
- Thursday-Friday, we will welcome only the on-campus learners in Grade 8. Grades 6 and 7 will return to remote learning for these days, along with Grade 5 students.
- Finally, on Monday September 21, we will welcome all Middle School students who signed up for on-campus learning, Grades 5-8.

Back-to-School Night

Stay tuned for information on Back-to-School Night. We are reimagining an asynchronous event and will have more information in our next communication!

MAGNUS Updates from the Health Office

MAGNUS continues to make the app easier for families to use. We hope that this week has proven to be less frustrating for all families. Please continue to use the app, and use the paper form if the app doesn't work. Call the MAGNUS Help desk if you have any problems.

The MAGNUS app daily health screening needs to be completed and updated every day. Please make sure that the current date is clearly visible on the screenshot or image on your or your child's device.

Sincerely,

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Tara Quigley

Acting Heads of Middle School