

OSPREY NEWS

AUGUST 30, 2020

Dear MBS Families.

We can't wait to have students back on September 8th! Here are some important updates for you:

As part of our virtual Smart Start we would like to invite parents and caregivers to a zoom presentation with MBS administrators and Nurse Josie about the upcoming school year. The zoom link will be emailed to you approximately 15 minutes before the presentation begins. The presentation for third grade parents and caregivers will be from 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 2nd. The presentation for fourth and fifth grade parents and caregivers will be from 7:00 - 8:00 on Thursday, September 3rd. Note: This is a change for the originally scheduled time for fourth and fifth grade. The time has been moved to 7:00 - 8:00 on Thursday so families with students at CMS can attend Cougar Community Night from 6:00 - 7:00pm on September 3rd.

Also as part of our virtual Smart Start, your child's teacher will email a video welcome message to you and your child in the afternoon on September 3rd.

If you are driving your child to school please plan to arrive no earlier than 8:30. We are unable to begin our MBS health screening will not have supervision a until 8:30. We have a plan to move traffic through our parking lot quickly and will not mark students tardy if they are late due to their health screening. We appreciate your flexibility with the drop off/health screening - in previous years drop off time has been between 8:15 and 8:30.

We have also made adjustments to our school day to accommodate the extra time that health screenings may take, including having our morning announcements delivered via video message and breakfast available in the classroom. We also suggest that if you have a student at PPS or UMS to drop the younger child off at school first.

Students attending morning ACE may arrive beginning at 7:00 and students in the Colchester Parks and Recreation Remote Learning Days may arrive beginning at 7:30.

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Students in the "Green Day" or "Champs" group will receive a mailing with activities for the first days of school. Because students may not have their chromebook before the first day of school, teachers have planned several paper and pencil activities for the Green Day students on Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th. We will also have optional videos for students to watch, welcoming them back to school. The links to these videos will be sent to families prior to the first day of school.

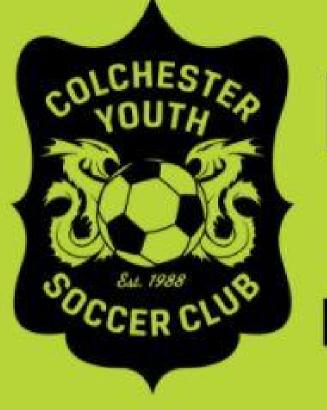
Students can pick up their chromebooks this week. Our CSD technology Department is open Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:30 am - 3:30. The last day you can pick up your device before school starts is Wednesday, September 2 from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. After 9/2, the devices will begin moving to individual classrooms and will not be available for pick up. If you choose not to pick up your device early, your student will get it on their first in-person day of school.

Device pick up will be at the Technology Department which is located on the far side of the high school <u>using door D18.</u>

Masks are required for all students in the Colchester School District. Teachers will take time during the first days of school to teach expectations about masks. Students will also have two outside mask off breaks throughout the day and be able to take their masks off during meal times. Here is a link to a video for students and families about mask off time at MBS.

Respectfully,

Mx. Burke



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