

(This letter was mailed to parents on 8/21/20 with specific information for your child's advisor/room location.)

August 22, 2020

Dear China Middle School Parents and Students,

It is with great excitement that we are able to welcome you back to school this fall! We are looking forward to having our students back in our building and our remote students joining into our classrooms virtually. As opening day quickly approaches, there are a few more details since our last update, that are important to share to help you and your child understand our new procedures:

The first day of school is Monday, August 31st for grades K through 5 only. We have a full day of activities planned for the 5th grade students to become oriented to the middle school. The first day of school for grades 6 – 8 will be Tuesday, September 1st. Our school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

When students arrive on school grounds, they should go to the playground or the cafeteria for breakfast.

At 7:55, students will start their day in their advisor's classroom. **Your child's Advisor is \_\_\_\_\_ in room \_\_\_\_\_.** Lockers will not be used at this time to prevent congestion in the hallways. Students will carry their backpacks with them throughout the day. Individual student schedules and packets of annual forms will be sent home with your child the first day of school. **Please return the completed forms by Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Students will remain in their cohort groups throughout the day, with the exception of attending their specials (unified arts) or special education classes. In order to minimize the amount of transitions throughout the day, students will be assigned to one classroom in the morning for their core classes and a different classroom for the afternoon core classes.

Students will be required to wear a face covering. We will provide periodic "mask breaks" throughout the day. Whenever reasonable, we will have students exit the building and transition to their next class. This will allow students to remove their masks and get some fresh air. Students will have a 20-minute recess before or after lunch. Face coverings may be removed during recess if 6 feet apart. Lunch will be served in our cafeteria. Two students will be assigned to a table to provide 6 feet of distance.

Please continue to visit our webpages: <https://rsu18.org/> and <https://cms.rsu18.org/> to receive updates. If you have chosen the remote option for quarter 1, please see the second page of this letter with specific information for your child.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Lois Bowden  
Principal

Additional Info:

CMS Plan for Remote students:

<https://cms.rsu18.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/08/CMS-Plans-for-Remote-Students.pdf>

What Parents Need to Know:

<https://cms.rsu18.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/08/Parents-What-you-need-to-know-1.pdf>

