Dear Parents,

Here we are....almost GO time. I will be in touch with you the next few weeks and into the school year as things progress or change, but for today I just want to share with you a few things that we will be doing at school.

This year we will all have to work together to make the school as safe as we can make it. It will take ALL of us! Some things might be comfortable, some things will be new, but I am sure we all want to do the best for everyone!

First of all face masks will be an essential part of returning to school. We will be asking you to send your child to school in a clean face mask every day. If you have an extra mask and you want to send it with your student in case they get their mask wet or lost, that might be a good idea. Please make sure your fabric masks are marked with some way to identify them. If your child has a health issue that prevents wearing a mask please let me know right away so that we can work out an alternative with you and your child's doctor. Please practice wearing a mask with your kids so they are getting used to that before school starts.

We will be asking you to monitor your child's health prior to bringing them to school. Please take their temperature and ask them how they feel before sending. We will be asking questions if you call your child in for an absence. This will be similar to what many offices and medical facilities do. If you question whether your child feels well or not, keep them home. I would also ask that you have someone designated to come and get your child if they are sick in a very timely manner.

Parents and visitors will not be allowed inside the building at this time. If your child takes medication at school and you send it with your student, please let me know so that I make sure I get it. If you prefer to bring your child's meds to school give me a call and we can arrange a time for you to drop them off with me.

Another reminder that seventh graders and seniors have mandatory immunizations that have to be done on the first regular day of school. If your child does not have those immunizations done they will not be able to come to school. We have no ability to give you an extension of any kind. This is the law we have to abide by.

If you have questions or concerns about anything please reach out to me and I will try to help you. My email is <u>alene_kirvin@mstm.us</u>.

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