Thursday, August 20, 2020

Dear Cass Junior High School Families,

I would like to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year. We were very disappointed that we are not able to offer the hybrid plan we originally planned for and we have sincerely appreciated your patience as we work through all of the changes. Our staff misses the students and while we believe that they learn best in person with their teachers, the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines for schools do not allow us to do that at this time. Our staff has shifted their focus to plan for full remote learning and ensuring your children receive the best education possible. We are excited to get the school year started.

Below are the dates for Orientation and the start of the school year. Teachers will be sending students information about remote learning expectations. Our daily schedules will mirror our school schedule. Therefore, all classes begin at 8:45 a.m. and end by 3:30 Monday – Thursday. Fridays will have an alternate time schedule which is still to be determined.

August 24  Teachers return to school - Teacher Institute
August 25  “Orientation Day”
   • All grade 5 families have received an invitation time for in-person meet and greet. Please be prompt, wear masks, and social distance. Please remember that only one student and one parent may attend.
   • All families new to District 63 have been contacted by the school office for an individual appointment. If you have not made your appointment, please contact Ginny in the office.
   • By noon on this date, PowerSchool will be available for students and parents to view schedules. Directions to follow below.

August 26  Teacher Institute
August 27/28  Teacher Remote Planning Days – No School for students
August 28  Virtual Open House
   • You will receive an email from each of your children’s teachers containing a video which introduces the teacher, expectations for learning and curriculum.

August 31  First Day of Remote Learning
   • Each student should log into his/her Cassd63 email account. In the email, students will have invitations to each of the google classrooms for learning.
How to view student schedules in PowerSchool
1. Login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal: cassd63.powerschool.com/public
2. Click "Grades and Attendance" and schedule will be listed.
3. To toggle between students, click the student's name in the left-hand corner.

In past years, you have received a copy of the Handbook at in-person Orientation. Below is a digital link to the handbook.

Click here for 2020-2021 CJH Handbook

As always, thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate through our 2020-21 school year. Our goals are safety first, implementing a rigorous instructional program, and building positive relationships with our students. We are looking forward to another fabulous year together.

Fondly,

Mrs. Christine Marcinkewicz

Cass Junior High School Principal