



MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

“Home of the Mighty Mustangs!”

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Dear Memorial Parents and Families,

I extend greetings and well wishes to you on behalf of the Mighty Mustangs staff. As we continue prepare for the start of our 2020-2021 school year with e-learning, I would like to provide more details concerning the schedule for students at Memorial Junior High School. Grade Level Assistant Principal are creating a regular yearly schedule for each student.

Student Schedules

All students will receive schedules showing enrollment in Core, Encore, and PE/Health classes, as noted on a normal in person student schedule. With the onset of e-learning, students will be divided into groups within their grade level teams. **Group A students** will participate in online e-learning on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. They will be divided based on their last name (Group A = Last Names Starting with A – L). **Group B students** will participate in online e-learning on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. They will be divided based on their last name (Group B = Last Names Starting with M – Z). On the days when student groups are not receiving live online instruction from their teacher, they will have class e-learning assignments/projects based on the new content that was taught to them the day before. During that morning, teachers will post e-learning assignments that students must complete and submit by 2:30 pm that day. Students will need to logon to Microsoft Teams to retrieve then submit this work to their teachers to receive lesson credit and for attendance purposes. Students will be actively working and learning new subject area content all four days of e-learning. It is also important to note that teachers will be teaching live, direct instruction, Tuesday through Friday of each week, with office hours on Mondays to speak with parents for attendance purposes and to provide additional support to students as needed.

Student Grouping

The purpose of organizing students within this 2-group format is to allow for approximately 15 students per classroom. Teachers will be able to directly view and communicate with all 15 students during the e-learning class time. This grouping of students is done in alignment with state guidelines, research, and best teaching practices for online learning, which promotes smaller class sizes to maintain student engagement and acquisition of lesson content. Having large online class sizes would not be effective in providing rigorous

instruction that promotes differentiated student learning styles and needs. Also, the alternating format will allow for a productive transition for our students when we are able to hopefully move to a hybrid learning format consisting of days of onsite learning and e-learning.

The staff of Memorial Junior High School is committed to meeting the needs of our students and providing a learning environment that promotes the best means for them to thrive and succeed at growing their knowledge. I know that you as parents want the best learning opportunities for your students. As we move forward with this new endeavor of e-learning it is important to understand that this will be a fluid process where we will need to adapt and work together. Our e-learning process will be closely monitored and critiqued to make sure we have practices in place that work best for the needs of our students. Throughout this process our staff will also need feedback from you, the parents and family members. As we all work together to review this process, changes can and will be made if it is deemed best for student learning. Our school theme this year is "Come Together". I look forward to our coming together as we collaborate, share ideas, provide feedback, and step out together to try something new. This is our opportunity to be innovative and shape our school with a renewed focus. This will not be easy, but work that matters most is never easy and must be done. We are Mighty Mustangs and we are going to make this an amazing school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Keli N. Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "R".

Dr. Keli N. Ross
Principal
Memorial Junior High School