September 4, 2020

UPDATE: Opening day for in-person learning has changed. Mr. Nelson’s letter to Sanford:

This is an important announcement regarding the opening of school for the converted Sanford Middle School. After an in-depth review of the facility, I have made the decision to have all students in grades 5-8 start the school year in full distance learning starting on Monday, September 14th for a minimum of two weeks. It is our plan to have in-person learning for students in grades 5-8 now start on Monday, September
28th. The reason for this change is that school construction is not completely finished and we have not been able to move into the entire facility. We received permission to begin moving in last week and have been working hard with a goal to have in-person learning start as originally planned. Despite everyone’s best efforts, the facility will not be completely ready for us to meet the expectations in our Covid-19 reopening plan. The prudent decision at this time is to change the schedule and give families time to adjust and make the necessary arrangements as a result of this change. We realize the impact of this decision and the hardship it puts on families but our students and staff deserve a facility that is ready. This change is only for students in grades 5-8. Students will be able to pick up technology next week to be able to begin full distance learning on September 14th.

I appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding.

With Mr. Nelson’s statement in mind, the following schedule has been created for next week’s pick-up of technology, first day paperwork, math books, class schedules, and instructions for log-ins to help parents and students navigate distance learning,

Grade 5 & 7 Wednesday 9/9
Grade 5 pickup will be located at the front entrance organized by homeroom.
Grade 7 pickup will be located at the back of school (old SRTC entrance) by homeroom.

Time Slots: 8:30-10:30 & 1:30-3:00

Grade 6 & 8 Thursday 9/10
Grade 6 pickup will be located at the front entrance organized by homeroom.
Grade 8 pickup will be located at the back of school (old SRTC entrance) by homeroom.
Time Slots: 8:30-10:30 & 1:30-3:00

When arriving please stay in your vehicle and these items will be delivered to you as you drive up.

During the week of 28 September, students in grades 5-8 who are attending in-person classes will begin on a staggered schedule as follows:

Monday, 9/28: GROUP A, grades 5 and 7 only
Tuesday, 9/29: GROUP A grades 6 and 8 only
Wednesday 9/30: remote only
Thursday 10/1: GROUP B, grades 5 and 7 only
Friday, 10/2: GROUP B grades 6 and 8 only

PLEASE NOTE: We are receiving requests for placement changes. These placements were made at the Superintendent’s office based on parent surveys. Every effort was made to accommodate the choices of each family, but in order to maintain the balance of group sizes to remain within CDC guidelines we now need to stay with the groups already formed.

School pictures will be taken during the week of October 19. Please save the picture envelope that was enclosed with the placement letter you received this week, and we will have specific dates in an upcoming newsletter and on the website calendar.
Important Phone Numbers:

Front Office - (207) 324-3114  
Guidance - (207) 324-3055  
Nurse - (207) 324-3566  
Bus Company - (207) 324-4888