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Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are closing in on one month into the school year, hard to believe. It has been a start unlike any other in my career. The kids have been great and I look forward to seeing them every day.

As we settle into routines and middle school life I wanted to keep you all updated and pass along what I hope is helpful information. Students are adjusting to chromebooks and google classroom. Teachers are entering more grades at this point, therefore it is important to check your students' grades on the parent portal and reach out to us with concerns. This Thursday we will have a "virtual day" in the building. This is an opportunity for us to watch the students work as if they were at home for distance learning. In the case we do have a school closure for any reason, we wanted to make sure students understand what that will look like and teachers can address any issues before they happen. Students will come to school that day and will work like any other day in the building.

September 25th is teacher professional development, students will not attend school that day. Currently, school pictures are scheduled for September 30th. Parent teacher conferences will take place in October. We are still working on the details, but will more than likely be phone conferences. You are welcome to call us anytime if you have any concerns regarding your students grades.

Lastly, I wanted to address the current Covid situation and protocols at the middle school. I have been very pleased with how well students and staff have adapted to our current normal. Our goal is to continue to operate school in person. With the addition of chromebooks, those who need to stay home are able to continue with academics. Everyone here is doing their absolute best to watch their distance, wash their hands, and wear a mask. Even with doing all of these things there will be times students are in close proximity to each other and may need to quarantine if contact with Covid person. We have done our best to spread out students in the classroom and lunchroom, but six feet is not possible everywhere. We appreciate your understanding and diligence in checking your child's temps and keeping them home when they are not feeling well.

I know there are times it feels like information overload. We will do our best to communicate only when necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. We appreciate you and continue to look forward to a great school year.

Chris Lang
CMS Principal