

Administration

Dr. Jason Lind – Superintendent

Dr. Stephen Johns – Business Manager

Ms. Elizabeth Keefe – Director of Student Services

Ms. Joanne Rathunde – Director of Technology

Mr. Ben Walshire – Elementary School Principal

Mr. Jake Jorgenson – Middle School Principal

Mr. Adam Rowlands – Assistant Principal (Middle and Elementary)

School Information

37 Certified Staff (Teachers and Specialists)

15 Paraprofessionals and Support

School Start and End times - Start 8:25, End at 3:13

Special Schedules:

Early Dismissal (First Wednesday) - dismiss at 1:40

Advisory - dismissal at 3:13

Assembly - Same as Early Dismissal; however dismiss at 3:13

Half Day - dismissal at 11:40

Schedule

Extra Period started in 16/17 School Year

New Elective Periods by grade level (A/B days, Quarter Enrichments)

40 minute periods

Math and ELA are two periods all the time

Science and Social Studies follow a variation of two periods

Lunch – 30 minutes / 11:13-11:43 / 11:55-12:25 / 12:37-1:07

Assessments

PARCC – Spring (State Mandated)

NWEA (MAP) – Fall, Winter and Spring

8th Grade State Science – Spring (State Mandated)

Arrival - What to expect

Busses Drop off at Activity Entrance

Car Drop off is at the Main Entrance (Drive through style)

Supervision begins at 8:00am

Doors open to students at 8:15

Students are expected to be in 1st period by 8:25, ready to start

If late to school, check in at the office. Tardies are tracked and can result in referrals.

Absences - Please call school asap to report. Leave a message.

Dismissal - What to expect

Regular Dismissal 3:13, Early Dismissal 1:40

All exit doors are used.

Busses load at the Activity Entrance

Pick-ups are located at the Main Entrance, (Drive through style)

Walkers are expected to leave the building and walk home. (No hanging around the school)

Bike racks are available.

First Day

Expect late busses

Doors open 8:15: locker, 1st period

No lunch

Dismiss at 11:40

Encourage students to remember their bus route for dismissal

Supply Drop Off Night

Tuesday, August 21st from 4pm to 6pm

Bring Schedule printed from Powerschool, or Schoology

Locker numbers will be posted in your grade level hallway

Walk schedule, drop off supplies to locker, visit PTO for free ice

cream, get school picture taken in the East Gym, take care of any

left over paperwork for the office

Lunch / Hot Lunch

30 minutes

Hot Lunch: Offer vs. Serve, Salad Bar, Regular Choices

All students in one grade eat at one time, open seating

Cold Lunch: Keep in locker, bring with on way to Cafeteria

Recycling: please pour unused drink and recycle carton, can

Dismiss to recess after appx. 15 minutes.

Student's with food allergies should sit at the end of a table to limit
contact

Media Center

Books available for checkout every day

Contests:

Caudill Book

Author Skype

Technology core of the school

1:1 iPad

Learning tool

Piloted in 6th Grade two years ago

Committee researched for three years

Last year full roll out 6th – 8th

iPad issued to student during the first couple days of school

Three documents and protection plan payment

Response to Intervention: RtI

Use assessment data and teacher feedback to help support students that are showing signs of struggle.

When students score at the 34thile or below on assessment data we will discuss plugging in Math or Reading support. We will contact parents about this as needed.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports: PBIS

Recognize and encourage students for good behavior

Put safeguards in place for students that show signs of struggle:

(Check in Check out, Structured Resource, Small Group re-teaching)

Communicate building and classroom expectations

Social and Emotional Learning Standards are addressed through the 2nd Step Curriculum during Advisory

Athletics and Band

Athletics:

Co-Ed Soccer A and B, Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Dance, Co-Ed Wrestling, Co-Ed Track, Scholastic Bowl

Band:

We have moved our Concert Band to a period during the day. Symphonic and Jazz Band for students that audition in meets in the morning from 7:00 to 8:15.

Choir and Theater

Choir:

Meets during the school day (B Days)

Will have morning rehearsals around concert dates

Drama: Meets during the school day (A Days)

Will have rehearsals at night around concert dates

Theater:

Meets after school in the Winter

Not the same as Drama during the school day

Clubs and Organizations

National Junior Honor Society:

*GPA starting in 6th Grade is used to generate list (3.85)

*Invited to fill out application and provide written response in 7th and or 8th grade

Clubs:

Yearbook

Student Council

Newspaper

Homework Hut (by invite)

Others based on interest and availability

Newsletter - Cougar Catch

Communication Tool

Every Friday

Important Headlines

Link to School Calendar and Virtual Backpack

PTO News sections and some Foundation News

Communication Methods

Email - We ask our staff to respond to emails within 24 hours (Please allow some grace with this)

Phone is best for sensitive issues.

New: Schoology - This is a Learning Management System (LMS), Assignment Calendar, Folders with documents, Resources, etc.

Powerschool and Schoology - Grades are maintained here, comments can be posted by grades, markings to show collected, missing, absent, etc.