



BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"

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Dear Families of 6th Grade Bulldogs:

Welcome to Bunker Hill. We're so excited for your children to start here. For those of you who have registered for the 6th grade orientation on August 17 and 18, we wanted to provide some important information about what to bring with you to have the fullest experience. As a result of Governor Murphy's statement/executive order on August 6, 2021, we will be mandating masks for all of our students beginning with the orientation and throughout the school year. As a public school it is imperative that we follow protocols set forth by the state and county.

This comes with great challenges and a reversal of course that we were hoping to avoid. Getting to know children and for them to establish a rapport with teachers is difficult when facial expressions cannot be seen. Nevertheless, the students and staff have met this challenge before, and we will do it again. We are committed to doing whatever we can to keep our students and staff safe.

Not only must all students wear masks on August 17 and 18, but we ask that students bring their fully charged laptops with them. We are reviewing the Schoology portal, which is vital for students to access their assignments throughout the year. Students should bring their laptops on both days. Moreover, snacks will be served both days. During snack time, students will be socially distanced either in the cafeteria or outside and will be permitted to remove their masks to eat as long as they are seated at a table.

It is likely that on August 17 or 18, the 6th graders will not have finalized schedules or their lockers. They will run through a mock schedule and practice the process for opening lockers. These will all be finalized the last week of August. To make sure students have an opportunity to walk through their schedule, we are offering "move in days". The "move in days" will be **August 25 and/or August 30, 2021, from 5:30-7pm**. During that time, students will get their assigned locker and be able to view their schedule. If your child cannot make it either of those nights, please do not worry. All students will get their schedules by the first day on PowerSchool and we will support them with their lockers. Just like the school year, we cannot permit them to wear slides or flipflops because we will be navigating the building and constantly walking around these two days.

Please call the main office if you have any questions. We are so looking forward to welcoming your children as Bunker Hill Bulldogs. We believe this is a special place and hope you find that to be true as well. We are looking forward to seeing your children and getting to know them.

Very Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio