



Valley Forge Middle School

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Dear Valley Forge Middle School Families,

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support since we have opened the 2020-2021 school year. As you know, we are about to transition to the integrated model of instruction. This means that we are going to start bringing those students that selected the hybrid option back into the school. Fifth grade students with last names beginning A-K will start on Monday and Tuesday, October 12th & 13th, and fifth grade students with last names L-Z will start on Thursday and Friday, October 15th & 16th and as a reminder all students will be virtual on Wednesday, October 14th. On Monday and Tuesday, October 19th & 20th, all students (grades 5-8 that chose the hybrid option) with last names A-K will return to school and on Thursday and Friday, October 22nd and October 23rd, all students with last names L-Z (grades 5-8 that chose the hybrid option) will return to school and Wednesday, October 21 will be virtual.

For the students that chose to come back to school they will see many physical changes to the school and experience many new protocols.

- Prior to coming to school, parents must screen their child for COVID-19 symptoms. Symptom screening is a requirement for hybrid instruction. The screening will need to be completed daily within two hours of the student's arrival. Failure to complete the symptom screening could jeopardize your child's ability to participate in in-person instruction. [The link to the screening can be found here](#) and this link can also be found on your Powerschool page. **This must be completed every morning prior to your child entering the building.**
- The doors to Valley Forge will open at 7:45 AM. When students arrive, staff will check for completion of the COVID-19 screening. Students with last names A-D and L-P should enter the building by the doors closest to the bicycle rack, near the parking lot. Students with the last names E-H and Q-S should enter through the main office doors. Students with the last names I-K and T-Z should enter by the doors to the 800 wing, which are located at the end of the bus circle. Any student that is dropped off by parents in the parent drop-off circle located by Room 118 should enter by the doors by Room 118.
- After staff have verified that a student's family has completed the symptom check, students in Grade 5 will report to the Auditorium, students in Grade 6 will report to the Small Gym, students in Grade 7 will report to the Cafeteria, and students in Grade 8 will report to the Large Gym. Students will be asked to sit in designated spots in each of these areas. Students will be dismissed from these locations at 8:15 AM to report to the classroom of their first block. Students entering the building after 8:15 AM will report directly to their first block classroom.
- **Students are required to wear masks while in the school.** An inability to comply with this mandate could jeopardize your child's participation in in-person instruction.
- Lunch will occur during the students' third block of each day and eaten in the classroom. 5th grade (B lunch) is at 12:25-12:55 PM, 6th and 7th grade lunch (A lunch) is at 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM and 8th grade (C lunch) is at 1:00-1:30 PM. Social distancing requirements will still be in place with the exception that students will be able to remove their mask to eat and drink. Purchased school lunches will be delivered to the child's classroom. Lunch orders can be made through Powerschool when the child's symptom check is completed.
- There will not be an activity period for the students.

- For additional information about these changes and more please view [the video that we have created](#).
- Students will not be changing for Physical Education classes. On the days when they have PE, students should wear clothes and sneakers in which they can exercise.
- End of the day student dismissal process will be very similar as last year's process. This will be explained to our 5th grade students and all students that are new to Valley Forge on their first day.
- Please communicate questions and concerns you have regarding your child's food allergies and eating in the classroom with our school's nurse, Barbara Kupp. Her email is kuppb@tesd.net.
- During the week of October 12, medications may be dropped off between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. A nurse will come to the door near the bus circle to receive the medication since parents are not allowed in the school.
- A new academic schedule for Wednesdays has been created and is at the bottom of this letter. These changes impact the scheduled instruction for all students. The Wednesday schedule is now 55 minutes of synchronous instruction in each of the student blocks in the morning and the teachers will assign asynchronous work for students to complete in the afternoon. Synchronous instruction will begin at 8:27 AM and conclude at 12:25 PM with 55 minutes blocks of instruction. Students will be assigned asynchronous instructional material that is expected to be completed between 1:05 PM and 3:10 PM.
- Additional safety measures and information about our opening are contained in [this video put together by members of our District's Pandemic Team](#).

For families who selected the virtual model of instruction, we will continue to provide "Packet Pick-up" dates for you to pick up class materials. Additional information about our music programs, athletics, and clubs will be shared in the near future.

Again, I thank everyone for their support and know that I continue to wish everyone well and good health as we work through this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Matt Gibson

Time Schedule for Wednesdays

8:27 – 9:25	Block A
9:30 – 10:25	Block B
10:30 – 11:25	Block C
11:30 – 12:25	Block D
12:25 – 12:55	Lunch
1:05 – 1:35	Asynchronous A
1:35 – 2:05	Asynchronous B
2:10 – 2:40	Asynchronous C
2:40 – 3:10	Asynchronous D