



Notre Dame Academy

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Dear Notre Dame Families,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! We are ever closer to the reopening of school and we are ready! Here are a few reminders/announcements.

Many of you have already completed the powerschool data update. I know it is a lot of information but please remember that this takes the place of many of the items we usually send home on the first day of school. It is also more intensive because it is the first time we are using this system. **Please check your spam/junk mail folders if you haven't gotten this yet.** If you have not received the email for this update OR you are experiencing issues, please email Mr. Reid at ereid@notredameint.org.

Please be sure that you mail or email the Covid Handbook Addendum Acknowledgement form for your child/children as soon as possible. We must have that signed document on file for all students participating in in-person classes PRIOR to their attending classes.

One of the reasons having the most accurate information in Powerschool is so crucial this year is in regards to the roll out of our daily screening website Cleared4School. All hybrid students will need to submit their daily screening report by 7 am on days they are in the building for instruction. Students who arrive at school without having completed their screening, will not be admitted into the building. Accounts are being created today for all hybrid students and you will receive an email to complete account registration. If you do not receive an email by this evening, please email Mr. Reid from the email address you would like to be on file for all communication.

All families should have received an email from your child's teacher by now. It is very important that you respond to this email. They will be getting crucial information to you regarding next week's VIRTUAL orientation week. **All meetings next week are virtual none are in-person.**

I am including the schedule for September 9th - 11th which includes sessions for virtual meetings with students & parents. We have tried to accommodate different schedules with multiple sessions and we will record everything so that if you miss it...not a worry we've got you covered. The schedule below are the meetings that will be school-wide. Your child's teachers may want to schedule other meetings with them and they will notify you if that's the case.

Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm: Parent Orientation Meeting with Mr. Valvano & Mr. Reid (Zoom Meeting link will be sent out by Tuesday Morning for this)

Wednesday, September 9th:

- 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all remote only students
- 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all hybrid students
- 7:00 P.M. Homeroom teachers in grades PK3 to 3 will hold Back to School Night with parents.



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Thursday, September 10th:

- 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all hybrid students
- 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. Homeroom teachers will meet with all remote only students
- 7:00 P.M. Homeroom teachers in grades 4-8 will hold Back to School Night with parents.

Friday, September 11th: Book & Technology Pick up For Remote & Gold Cohorts ONLY

- 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. Grades PK4 to 3rd
- 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Grades 4-8

For book/technology pick up each teacher will have a table set up inside the school parking lot. You will need to find a parking spot on the street and walk into the lot for your items. Please bring your own bags to transport your items home. We ask that no one lingers and congregates as we have many families to service on this day. Please remember that everyone must wear masks and observe social distancing rules.

As with all previous updates, this letter will be uploaded to the NDA Website under the NDA News section. Any updates regarding school re-opening, classroom supply lists, etc are housed there. It is going to be important throughout the year that you are monitoring that section of the website for crucial updates. Please remember that the Handbook Addendum and the Parent FAQ function as your main source of information regarding the reopening of our school community for in person instruction.

I know that this is a lot of information on top of the already large amount of information you have already received but I believe very strongly that our ability to communicate properly will make a huge difference for all of us.

Please enjoy the long weekend with your families & stay safe.

In the Peace of Christ,

Mr. Valvano