

MARAUDER MEMO



MT. VERNON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

August 14, 2021

Parents,

We hope your student is having a good start to the school year! Students have done a great job following expectations! We have witnessed many examples of students being kind and helping one another. **What a great group of middle school students!**

Health and Safety

The health and safety of our students continues to be a top priority this year. While we had hoped we would not have any students absent due to COVID or quarantine this year, we, like many schools, have had students out for both reasons. You can find up-to-date Health and Safety information [HERE](#). We are fortunate that we can provide an opportunity for BinaxNow testing for students who have been identified as a close contact and are asymptomatic. This will possibly allow 10-day quarantines to be reduced to only 7 days in length. Additionally, our teachers have done an excellent job of developing support for students who have extended absences. You can find that plan [HERE](#).

School Pictures

MVMS Picture Day is Monday, August 16th. You may place your order at inter-state.com/order Use Order Code: **59390KB**. Picture retake day is September 27, 2021.

Masks

This is just a reminder that all students must wear a mask on school buses. This includes regular transportation to and from school and transportation to and from athletic events.

Daily News

Announcements can be found [HERE](#).

School Lunches

School breakfasts and lunches are free this year. Students may purchase extras for a charge. The menu can be found in our daily announcements [HERE](#).

MV Reads: News from the Library

NEW! Parents can now pay for lost library books via MVCSC's [eFunds](#) link. Click on **PAY for Optional Fees**, then choose Lost/Damaged Library Books. All books still overdue from last school year have been marked as lost and assessed their replacement fee. To save paper, weekly emails to parents and students will go out on Mondays at 10:00am until the book is returned or paid for. It's not too late to return books from last year! Thank you for helping us get our library books back! We're making progress, but still have hundreds overdue from last year. Exact change and/or a check made out to MVMS are also still accepted. Thank you for your support.

How to Report an Absence

If your student will be absent from school please notify us by one of the following methods:

- Call the attendance line at 317-485-3160 (available 24/7)
- Email elizabeth.blunk@mvcsc.k12.in.us

Booster Blast

The Mt. Vernon Athletic Boosters is sponsoring their annual Booster Bash today, August 14th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. See the attached flyers for more information.

Athletics

Fall Sports Pictures will be taken on Monday, August 16th. Pictures can be ordered online at Inter-state.com/order. The order code : **60884JA**.

Visit the athletic page for team schedules [HERE](#).

Arrival and Dismissal

To keep traffic flowing, in the morning and afternoon, when exiting both the 6th/7th and 8th grade lots, you will only be allowed to turn right out of the parking lot onto 200 West. Please do not make U-turns on 200 West.

Traffic during arrival and dismissal can be congested at the beginning of the year. Please be patient with the process. Students should not cross moving traffic at any time. Safety for students, staff, and fellow drivers is a top priority. We will continue to review our processes to make our arrival and dismissal efficient and safe.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Monday, August 16 - Picture Day

Monday, August 16- Fall Sports Pictures after school

Wednesday, August 18 - Early Release - Students dismiss at 3:00 pm

Monday, September 6 - No School for Labor Day

Wednesday, September 22 - eLearning Day (No School)

Monday, September 27 - Picture Retake Day

Have a great week!

Brooke Tharp

Principal