

Dear VRS Parents and Guardians,

And so, the countdown continues to the first day of school, Tuesday, September 8, 2020. I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful holiday weekend.

Here are a few logistics and updates to guide us to a smooth, first day back both remotely and in-person:

1. If you have not completed the Genesis forms in the parent portal, especially the COVID 19 agreement, it is pertinent that you do so immediately. Without this form completed your child will not be able to enter the building on Tuesday. Another form, the Acceptable Use Form allows students to use the school technology materials and computers.
2. Even if your children are remote learning, all forms still must be completed for the year, in the event that we do return to the school building before the end of the school year. Note: The COVID 19 form for our remote learners is different in that it doesn't require daily, parental screenings. The Acceptable Use form is also important as this will allow your child to use the school technology.
3. The a.m. and p.m. remote students are to follow the in-person daily schedule for their assigned sessions. For example, if you are a remote a.m. learner you must log on to google meets(which you may get to through a link on Google Classroom or through an email invite from the teacher) for the a.m. session and vice versa for the p.m. learners. Students then log into Google Classroom(Seesaw for Kindergarten) when they are not in session with the teacher to get the assignments to work on at home.
4. The daily schedule is as follows:
AM Session
8:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. (arrival 8:25 – 8:40a.m.)
PM Session
12:25 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. (arrival 12:10 – 12:25 p.m.)
5. Staff members will be available at the doors to escort or direct students to their arrival locations. Students with new kindergarten siblings may walk their Kindergarten sibling into the school if you want or Kindergarten parents can wait outside the school on the Valley Road side and the teachers will come out to meet the kindergarten students. This is for Kindergarten students on the first day only. After day 1 the Kindergarten students will enter up the steps into door 2.

All other students will be directed to go directly to their arrival locations that were listed in the Arrival and Dismissal Guides. This document is on the website, if needed, under school resources. Lines and seating will be 6 feet socially distanced. There are green dots for students in their designated areas if they go to the Gym or Cafeteria. Students in the cafeteria should sit by the green dots and those in the gym can stand on the green dots.

6. For those students who will be meeting younger siblings at pick up, please be aware of these new locations for dismissal doors. We are setting up this procedure to limit as much contact with others in the halls as possible see below:

Children who will be picking up younger siblings from our classrooms in the back field side hallway will escort the younger sibling to the Field exit door to meet Ms. Sauer. This would include the following classrooms; Mrs. LaManna's class, grade 1, 2 and 3 classrooms. These students will have parents meet the students by the door that exits for the playground and field. Please do not park in the driveway as we must keep that open so drivers can see easily. You may double park on the right side as long as you exit within 10 minutes.

For any younger students who get picked up from the Office side hallway which will be Mrs. Belverio's, Mrs. Nacht's kindergarten and any younger siblings that may be in grades 4 or 5 they will meet by room 6 and Mr. Caragher will escort them through door two by the steps on the office side of the building.

7. Students may have water bottles with them.
8. Special Education students in Mrs. Berkowitz and Ms. Semon's classes will attend school full day.

9. All students, both remote and in person, will need to access google classroom daily using their personal google accounts to either learn remotely and/or to access independent work assignments each day.

10. IMPORTANT GOOGLE ACCOUNT UPDATE: Not all students have their personal accounts; however, the tech department will have them completed by MONDAY! You will have a follow-up message to confirm that the accounts are accessible.

(Our technology department is troubleshooting a glitch in the system that is keeping some of the students from receiving their passwords which are needed to access their Google accounts. The students need this access to join the teachers' Google Classroom. The tech department is working over the weekend to overcome the glitch and set up the passwords to allow the students to gain access. Once the children's accounts have their passwords, they will be able to access their teacher's Google Classroom. Ms. Burdel has a posting on our website that can help guide parents and students as to how to get onto the Google Classroom once they get the passwords.

11. Once you have been notified that accounts are accessible and if you experience log in issues, please email remotelarning@clarkschools.org so that the issues can be resolved.

12. There will be computers available for students to borrow who are on total remote learning this Wednesday at ALJ from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

If you have any questions that have not been addressed above in preparation for the first day, please do not hesitate to email me at jbeltramba@clarkschools.org.

Have a wonderful Labor Day Holiday!

Sincerely,

Joe Beltramba