

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Euclid Middle School! We are excited to begin the year with your child(ren) and thank you for choosing Euclid City Schools for his/her education. This school year will be like no other, and we understand there will be many questions throughout the year. We will provide answers to some of those questions in this letter. Euclid City Schools staff appreciates your continued flexibility, support, and partnership with us as we all work together to make this a successful, engaging, and productive year for all students!

The district has renamed our building from Euclid Central to Euclid Middle School. We are extremely excited about the future of education in the new middle school and also very disappointed that sharing it with all of you has been put on hold. Throughout the first quarter, we plan to send out pictures and videos of all that the new building has to offer.

As you are probably aware, we will start remotely for at least the first quarter of the school year. We have chosen this structure based on the most recent recommendation from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Safety is our top priority. We will continue to closely review any guidance put forth by our public health experts, and share updates as soon as we have them. During this time our teachers will provide the best possible instruction to your children to ensure that they are making the necessary progress with their academics.

You will notice as online live instruction starts on August 31st that it will look significantly different than it was in the 4th quarter of last year. Starting August 31st there is an expectation that children will follow a school schedule to participate in live teacher-led lessons combined with independent lessons to support their learning. The schedule also allows for daily live support by all of your child's teachers through Zoom. Please see the schedule below.

Student Schedule - Middle School (6-8)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8:00-9:00	Distance Learning for Periods 5-8	Distance Learning For Periods 1-4	Distance Learning for Periods 5-8	Distance Learning For Periods 1-4	8:00-9:20	Distance Learning All classes
9:00-10:25	Online Help Session For Periods 5-8	Online Help Session For Periods 1-4	Online Help Session For Periods 5-8	Online Help Session For Periods 1-4	9:20-10:10	Online Help Session A
10:25-11:17	Period 1 Zoom Session	Period 5 Zoom Session	Period 1 Zoom Session	Period 5 Zoom Session	10:10-11:00	Online Help Session B

11:22-12:15	Period 2 Zoom Session	Period 6 Zoom Session	Period 2 Zoom Session	Period 6 Zoom Session	11:00-11:50	Online Help Session C
12:15-12:40	Student Lunch	Student Lunch	Student Lunch	Student Lunch	11:50-1:00	Distance Learning All classes
12:40 - 1:32	Period 3 Zoom Session	Period 7 Zoom Session	Period 3 Zoom Session	Period 7 Zoom Session	1:00 - 1:45	Distance Learning All classes
1:37 - 2:30	Period 4 Zoom Session	Period 8 Zoom Session	Period 4 Zoom Session	Period 8 Zoom Session	1:45 - 2:30	Distance Learning All classes

In following this schedule, students will be expected to work independently on assignments and lessons through Google Classroom from 8:00 - 10:25 am at home each day. If a student is unable to complete work during this time they can do it during the evenings, but students must keep up the best they can each day. From 9:00 am - 10:20 am your child will be able to access any of their teachers for help by logging into a Zoom session that will be sent each morning. The help session is voluntary and available to help students with any questions or concerns they may have with the work. Students can join a help session for just a few minutes to ask a question or stay in the session in case they have more questions. Starting at 10:25 am students will be expected to log into a Zoom session with their 1st-period teacher on Monday and Wednesday. They will then follow the schedule for periods 1-4 on Monday and Wednesday and periods 5-8 on Tuesday and Thursday. Teachers will send out zoom links for all classes. Students will receive a link to join each class through Google Classroom from their teacher. Students do not need to join during their lunch or skill-building class unless a teacher requests them to join. **It will be very important that all students make their best effort to join each class each day. Daily attendance will be taken!** If a student has an emergency and must miss a live lesson there will be materials posted by the teacher to help so they don't fall too far behind. If you need to be absent for the day you should still call the main office at 216-797-5300 to report an absence. On Fridays, students will only be working independently on assignments from their teachers. There will also be several help sessions for them to meet virtually with their teachers to get additional assistance.

Our teachers and I will work together to make sure the workload for students is not unreasonable and that assistance is available for students with questions. With that being said, students need to realize that they will receive a grade of A, B, C, D, F for their progress. Students will need to make sure they are keeping up and achieving to get their desired grade and to be on track to pass.

Your child's schedule will be accessible on the infinite campus starting tomorrow morning. You can access it through your parent portal account (please contact your child's grade level administrator or counselor if you need assistance) or your child can access it through their student account. The Infinite Campus portal can be accessed at the Euclid Schools homepage (www.euclidschools.org) The login for students in Infinite Campus is as follows:

Example

Username: 0001234560--[This is your lunch number. You need to have 000 in front and one 0 at the end.]

Password: ab0001234560--(First initial, last initial followed by your ID number you used for your username.)

I know remote learning may cause many anxieties. I realize this is not ideal for many of you. The teachers and I wish we could be back in school. We miss your kids! Please know we will all work together with you as a team to ensure your child is successful.

If you have schedule questions you should email your grade level counselor.

Grade 6 - Ms. Scott jscott@euclidschools.org

Grade 7 - Mrs. DeMell pdemell@euclidschools.org

Grade 8 - Mrs. Ayers vayers@euclidschools.org

Student Technology

Because of working in an online environment, the district is providing iPads to students in grades K through 5 and Chromebooks to students in grades 6 through 12 to use at home during this time. For remote learning, students in grades K through 8 will primarily use *Google Classroom* to connect with their teachers and submit assignments. High school students, grades 9 through 12, will use *Schoology*. There will be additional online programs, such as *iReady*, *RazKids*, and *Membean* that students will also use at home.

Device pick up and orientation will take place the week of August 24 - August 28. See the schedule below. Your child's team name will be on their schedule that will be available starting Wednesday, August 19th.

- Secondary at Memorial parking lot, 8:30-2:30
 - Monday, 8/24
 - 8:30-11:30 Team Storm (Grade 8)
 - 11:30-2:30 Team Spartans (Grade 8)
 - Tuesday, 8/25
 - 8:30-11:30 Team Falcons (Grade 7/8)
 - 11:30-2:30 Team Zips (Grade 7)
 - Wednesday, 8/26

- 8:30-11:30 Team Viking (Grade 7)
- 11:30-2:30 Team Golden Flashes (Grade 6)
- Thursday, 8/27
 - 8:30-11:30 Team Bobcat (Grade 6)
 - 11:30-2:30 Team Penguins (Grade 6)

When you come to pick up the device, we will need your child's full name, grade, and birthdate. The pickup process should take approximately 15 minutes. We will provide you with the device, register it, make sure your child can log in, and explain the overview of the online learning process. Once you receive your device, there will be simple, introductory tasks that your child will need to complete during the week of August 24th to gain more familiarity with our online learning platforms.

Before pickup, we ask that each family complete the Annual Update in *Infinite Campus*, and are up-to-date on payment of fees. Please be aware that there is a \$20 device fee that has been assessed for each student. This fee will be used to help offset the cost of repairs. To complete the Annual Update and to pay fees, please visit euclidschools.org and click the "Infinite Campus Parent Portal" in the top-right corner of the homepage. Also, there is a welcome and instructional video on our district website under your child's school. We encourage you to take a few minutes to view this introductory video!

Our first day of content instruction is Monday, August 31. A schedule for logging-in will be given to you at device pickup and will be posted on the district website.

Make your voice heard. Register to vote!

The general election is quickly approaching. Make sure you're registered to vote! The voter registration deadline is October 5th. Check your registration status by visiting myohiovote.org, or by calling the Board of Elections at (216) 443-3200.

Be counted. Complete the US Census!

Federal funding for schools, cities, and health resources are tied to results from the US Census' response rates. Have you completed the 2020 Census? Be sure to complete the Census at www.2020census.gov or by calling (844) 330-2020.

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