

Alder Avenue Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope you are enjoying your final days of summer vacation with your family. As we navigate through these unprecedented times we are all experiencing uncertainties on many levels. There is no doubt that physically being with family friends, students and colleagues is something that is both cherished and deeply missed. There is no question that our Alder Middle School staff looks forward to the return of students to the building in the near future. Countless hours have been spent to prepare for the opening of school and implementing instruction with rigor in a completely virtual experience.

For the 2020-2021 school year, we will be following a hybrid schedule. This will be followed whether we are in full remote learning or within a hybrid in person learning environment. Your students will be following the time schedule listed below. Please note that Sixth Grade follows a different schedule than Seventh and Eighth Grade. This is important as students will be expected to login on time, with attendance being recorded. Student absences should be phoned into the main office.

Grade 7 & 8		Grade 6	
Period 1	7:40-8:23	RTI/Enrichment	8:40-9:11
Period 2	8:28-9:11	Period 1	9:16-9:59
Period 3	9:16-9:59	Period 2	10:04-10:47
Period 4	10:04-10:47	Period 3	10:52-11:35
Period 5	10:52-11:35	Period 4	11:40-12:23
Period 6	11:40-12:23	Period 5	12:28-1:11
Lunch	12:36-1:06	Lunch	1:23-1:53
SGI/Virtual Help	1:06-1:36	SGI/Virtual Help	1:55-2:20
SGI/Virtual Help	1:36-2:06	SGI/Virtual Help	2:20-2:45

This is the schedule your student will follow when they return to school at the end of October, allowing for a smoother transition.

You will access your child's schedule through the Parent Portal via Infinite Campus on September 1st. The link below will take you directly there.

<https://eggharbornj.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/eggharbor.jsp>

If you have never used the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus, there are a series of short You-tube videos to provide helpful information. The following link will help you to understand.

["How To" for EHT Parent Series](#)

During our full remote learning period, students will be following their schedule and joining live Google Meets with their teachers daily. Attendance will be taken each period so it is required that students attend each Google Meet. Your student's teacher will be sending out information regarding Google Classroom and the links needed to attend all sessions.

Teachers will be contacting their students on September 8th, the first day of virtual school. Teachers will be planning virtual "Meet &Greets", utilizing the opening days of school to create important, personal connections as they get to know each other. Teachers will provide the students with all of the information they need for a successful school year in the virtual experience.

All students in Grades 6-12 will receive and utilize district e-mail addresses that will be used for communication with teaching staff. There is a shortcut to access the login page on our school website under "Student Resources." Students will utilize their current Google/Network login and password to access the email. Students can only use this email within the district. For easier access your student can download the Outlook app on their mobile device which will allow them to send and receive e-mail on their phones.

We are planning a **Resource Retrieval**, where your students will be able to pick up materials that their teachers want them to have to start the year. This schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, Sept 8th	Grade 6	3:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 9th	Grade 7	3:00 – 6:00 PM
Thursday, Sept. 10th	Grade 8	3:00 - 6:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 11th	Make-up	3:00 - 6:00 PM

An email with more detail with pick up times for students will be forthcoming. This will include exact procedure for pick up outside of the school. Only one person will be permitted to pick up materials. They must wear a mask and maintain social distancing practices.

We know there is a lot to take in as we navigate these uncharted waters. Know that the health and safety of our EHT school family and providing an optimal learning experience are at the heart of our efforts. As we EMBRACE, ENGAGE AND EDUCATE we will work as a school family to generate a meaningful virtual 2020-2021 school year for all!

Sincerely,

Maryann Giardina, Principal
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