



Didion Messenger - August 11, 2021

Good evening Didion families,

This is James Eder, your principal at Genevieve Didion K-8 School. I hope everyone has had, and is having, a wonderful summer. I wanted to extend a warm welcome to our new families, and an enthusiastic *welcome back* to our returning families! The past year and a half has proven to be both personally and professionally challenging as we all have had to navigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our lives. In spite of the challenges we have faced, I could not be more proud of our students, our community, and staff! We got this, Dragons!

Our staff is already hard at work preparing for the **first day of school on Thursday, September 2nd**. There will be more information forthcoming both from me and directly from the district in the weeks ahead, but I wanted to share some preliminary information with you all to hopefully answer some basic questions and give you a better understanding of what we *think* the school year will look like. Please remember, however, that any of the information shared below may change in response to shifting COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, or developments from ongoing negotiations with our labor partners.

- **“Back to School” and Independent Study Q&A District Emails** - All families should have received an [email from the District on August 2nd](#) and another on the evening of August 10th with more information about the [District’s independent study offering](#). I encourage all families to review both emails carefully, but here are some highlights of information that was shared in the emails:
 - Students will be returning this fall to full, in-person learning. This means that we will largely be returning to the schedules and routines that existed prior to the pandemic for full, traditional days and, potentially, with full classrooms.
 - For students who are not yet ready to return to full in-person instruction, Sacramento City Unified will offer a long-term independent study program. [Follow this link for more information](#). **Please note that the district’s independent study program is separate from Didion, and would mean that students engaged in independent study would be enrolled in the District’s independent study school, and not be learning from or directly connected to their Didion teachers and classrooms.** Families who are interested in learning more should follow the above link and fill out the [online interest form](#).
 - The District will be following the [California Department of Public Health’s K-12 Schools Guidance and modified quarantining guidelines](#).

- **Didion Bell Schedule and SCUSD School Attendance Calendar** - Please see Didion's bell schedule below this letter for the daily schedules of our various grade levels. The 2021-2022 SCUSD attendance calendar, which includes school holidays, is also included below for your convenience and reference.
- **Arrival/Dismissal Procedures and Essential Visitors** - Our morning and afternoon arrival and dismissal procedures will resemble some of our pre-pandemic procedures, but with some modified guidelines and entry/exit points to minimize crowds. In order to get students into classes on time and efficiently, we will not be doing centralized screening as we did last spring. I will be asking our teachers to do screenings of students at classroom doors, and we will continue to rely on proactive screening by families at home. At this time, only students, staff, and essential visitors will be allowed on campus. All visitors still need to check-in and be screened at the main office. **All individuals will need to wear masks while on the school campus.** More information on this will be coming from me in the coming weeks.
- **Universal Masking and Lunch** - Masks will be required for all students, staff, and essential visitors at all times on campus, with the exception of during outdoor mask breaks and while eating. At Didion, our current plan is to have students eat lunch outdoors to maximize distancing and ventilation while students have their masks off. If there are times when eating outdoors is not possible (e.g. rainy or poor air quality days), then we will make every effort to modify our lunch periods or structures to allow for maximum distancing between students. This may include classes eating lunch in their classrooms, or staggering groups inside of the cafeteria.
- **Office Hours** - Didion's main office is now open from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm every day until the start of the school year.
- **Class Lists** - Class lists will be posted the week of August 30th [online](#) and in the main display case in front of the school. Please note that changes may occur to class lists after school starts due to any leveling or concapping that may need to happen because of over-enrolled classes. **For students who are not impacted by concapping or leveling, [class lists are final](#).**
- **Neighborhood Registration** - If you know a new Didion neighborhood family who has not already registered for the 21-22 school year, please let them know that they may do so directly with the main office between 8/16 and 9/10. Registrations outside of that window will need to take place at the District Enrollment Center on 47th Ave.
- **Kindergarten Orientation** - An extra warm WELCOME to our new Kinder families!! Our kindergarten teachers will be hosting Kinder Orientations during the day on Tuesday, August 31st. Look for communication directly from your kindergarten teacher in the coming weeks with more information.

I know that was a lot of information, and that many of you may have more questions. Please know that I will be sharing more updates and information in the coming weeks, and that you may reach out to me at any time if you have more immediate questions or would like to schedule a time to talk: james-eder@scusd.edu.

Welcome back, everyone!

Mr. Eder

GENEVIEVE DIDION K-8 SCHOOL

2021-2022 BELL SCHEDULES

KINDERGARTEN

8:00 - 11:45 This schedule will be the same for every weekday and shortened days.

PRIMARY (Grades 1 - 3)

Regular Schedule (M, T, W, F)	
8:00 - 10:00	
10:00 - 10:10	Recess
10:10 - 11:10	
11:10 - 11:55	Lunch
11:55 - 1:52	
1:52	Dismissal

Collaborative Schedule (Thurs)	
8:00 - 10:00	
10:00 - 10:10	Recess
10:10 - 11:10	
11:10 - 11:55	Lunch
11:55 - 12:52	
12:52	Dismissal

*Shortened Day	
8:00 - 12:05	
10:00 - 10:10	Recess

INTERMEDIATE (Grades 4 - 6)

Regular Schedule (M, T, W, F)	
8:00 - 10:15	
10:15 - 10:25	Recess
10:25 - 12:15	
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:12	
2:12	Dismissal

Collaborative Schedule (Thurs)	
8:00 - 10:15	
10:15 - 10:25	Recess
10:25 - 12:15	
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:12	
1:12	Dismissal

*Shortened Day	
8:00 - 12:19	
10:15 - 10:25	Recess

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7 - 8)

Regular Schedule (M, T, W, F)	
PERIOD	
1	8:00 - 8:53
2	8:58 - 9:50
Recess	9:50 - 9:55
3	10:00 - 10:52
4	10:57 - 11:49
Lunch	11:49 - 12:34
5	12:39 - 1:31
6	1:36 - 2:29
2:29	Dismissal

Collaborative Schedule (Thurs)	
PERIOD	
1	8:00 - 8:43
2	8:48 - 9:30
Recess	9:30 - 9:35
3	9:40 - 10:22
4	10:27 - 11:09
5	11:14 - 11:56
Lunch	11:56 - 12:41
6	12:46 - 1:29
1:29	Dismissal

*Shortened Day	
PERIOD	
1	8:00 - 8:36
2	8:41 - 9:17
3	9:22 - 9:58
Recess	9:58 - 10:03
4	10:08 - 10:44
5	10:49 - 11:25
6	11:30 - 12:05

*Shortened days are for Parent Conferences in Grades 1-6 and also for grade report days at the end of each trimester/quarter.



Human Resource Services

Traditional Attendance Calendar

2021-22 School Year

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Days: 0

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Days: 0

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	*••2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Days: 20

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Days: 21

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5*	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Days: 16

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3•	4
5	•6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Days: 13

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28*	29
30	•31					

Days: 20

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Days: 18

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18•	19
20	•21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Days: 23

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8•	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	•18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Days: 16

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Days: 21

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16*••	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Days: 12

Legend/Key		
*	Semester Begins and Ends	Semester = 89/ 91 = 180 days
•	Quarter Begins and Ends	Quarter = 46/ 43/ 48/ 43 = 180 days
•	Trimester Begins and Ends	Trimester = 60/ 62 / 58 = 180 days
□	School Month Ends	

Instructional/ Non-Instructional Days	
	180 Instructional Days
	New Teacher Orientation Day, One (1) Non-Instructional Day/ Faculty Work Day
	One (1) Non-Instructional Day/ Faculty Work Day
	School Holidays / Other Days Not in Session