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August 31, 2021

Hi Parents and Guardians,

To those who are new to Didion, welcome, and to those who are returning and continuing, we are excited to see you on a full-time and in-person basis this year! As a team, we are committed to your students' safety, academic success, and emotional growth, and we will be collaborating closely to ensure that students are able to smoothly transition back to the classroom.

In choosing Didion Middle, your student will be a part of a close-knit community that provides students the opportunity to grow in a safe and academically challenging environment. During the course of the school day, students will be attending core classes in Language Arts, Social Science, Mathematics, Science, and Physical Education; they will also be enrolled in an elective class from the exploratory wheel that will change each quarter. **Please see the documents on the last page for our daily bell schedule and school map if you are new to Didion.** This year, we are excited to welcome Mrs. Fong as our new Social Science teacher!

We know that the past two years have been challenging, so in order to help students reaccustom themselves to full-time, in-person learning, **students will be attending first period in their Advisory groups for the first week, including the first day of school**, and participating in ice breaker and teambuilding activities. Advisory lists can be found at the middle school website, in front of the office, and will be on classroom doors the first day of school. **Also, student schedules are now available on [Infinite Campus](#).** If you do not already have a parent account, please submit the [district online request form](#) for help setting one up.

Please review the information below for announcements and reminders about returning to school:

- Students must wear masks at all times.
- All students will be temperature screened by their first period teacher on a daily basis.
- Teachers will be using Google Classroom to organize and post class assignments. This means that **students must bring their district-issued, fully-charged Chromebooks to school each day**. As a backup, there will be a limited number of laptops available for checkout.
- All students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch each day. Also, students will be eating outside on most days, so we are asking them to **bring towels to sit on**.
- For suggested supply lists and other resources, view the [Didion Middle website](#).
- Learn more about our return to school by viewing [Mr. Eder's Welcome Back Slide Deck](#).

Throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you or your student needs assistance. In the first week of school, you will receive more specific information about each teacher's classroom syllabus and policies. In addition, you can meet with us during our **Virtual Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 8 from 6:20-7:05**. More information about this event will be forthcoming.



We look forward to seeing your students soon!

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Middle School Bell Schedule

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

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

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

