



"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things."
 –Mother Teresa

We will be relying on our students to continue to be leaders as each of us considers returning to campus. It is wonderful to think of us being together again even if it looks a bit different than what we are used to. In the coming weeks, please take a moment to check in with your child. How are they feeling? What are their initial thoughts? What are their questions and concerns? What do they need to feel more comfortable with the idea of hybrid learning? We want to hear from you! Let's continue to stay in close communication as we plan to be back on campus. Like you, our middle school team is committed to our student's learning, safety and wellbeing.

Week of 9/21st- 10/2

WK 8	Monday Day 1 September 28th	Tuesday Day 2 September 29th	Wednesday Day 3 September 30th	Thursday October 1st	Friday Day 4 October 2nd
Advisory Focus- Growth Mindset (Ask about their Character Dare!)	Advisory- Introduce Character Strong L08 Remind students to sign up with a teacher this week	*7:15AM Special Parent Coffee for Hybrid Model Q&A Link Here Cogat Screening 8-10AM Advisory- Club Information Meetings/Opportunity Day	Gifted and Talented qualified parent coffee (Zoom Link) Advisory- Character Strong Continued L08	Special Rotation 1 to 8 Day No Advisory- Please see schedule HERE	Planners Ready for Pick up! MS Assembly Link Here
October Break!					
WK 9	Monday October 12th- HOLIDAY	Tuesday Day 5 October 13th	Wednesday Day 6 October 14th	Thursday Day 7 October 15th	Friday Day 8 October 16th
Advisory Focus: Kindness 2.0. Ask about their Compliment Creations!	HOLIDAY!!!	Principal Advisory Begins- one person per advisory report to the main office at 2PM Link Here	Advisory- Character Strong L09	Parent Grading Training 8AM Link Here Opportunity Day- Teacher Selected	WAU Video

This Week:

- Parents, please join the administrative team this Tuesday at 7:15AM to discuss the middle school's hybrid schedule
- Cogat Screening for new students. This test is designed to assist educators in determining appropriate instructional strategies as well as program placement at the MS.
- Our planners are here! All 6th graders will have their planners delivered and all other students requesting one may pick it up this week. If you have questions or special instructions about planner delivery, please contact our main office at ms_dismissal@cng.edu
- Please review the schedule listed October 1st. This was originally a testing day for high school- since we align our schedules with the high school because of shared students and shared staff. Please review this schedule with your child and we will also review in Advisory.
- All students are required to sign into zoom through our single sign on- please review this video for more information- [HERE](#). Additionally, students will not be allowed in class without their full name visible and video on. If your child needs assistance, please contact our main office at ms_office@cng.edu

Athletics and Condor Activities:

In the past two weeks, we connected with the newly formed Captain Council to further develop a stronger CNG sports culture. The athletics department was appreciative of the feedback they provided to improve our current distance learning athletics program. Condor Activity instructors and athletic coaches keep working hard to ensure our children stay connected to their teams, understand concepts, and maintain physical fitness. Attached is a video we shared with our teams this week, demonstrating the importance of staying mentally tough in the face of diversity. GO CONDORS!!! [You Can't Stop Us- Nike](#)

Thank you's!

- MAP Testing- we appreciate our parents support their students in reminding them for MAP make up testing. A big thanks to Ms. Carlolina Alavarez and her team for proctoring all of our make-ups with 100% success!
- JMUN- congratulations on a great showing this past week. A special thank you to Mr. Giovanni Hurtado and Mr. Charlie Amaya for advising this great group of middle school leaders

Updates/follow ups:

- Our English teachers will be assessing student reading levels in English class. We will not be taking the MAP test virtually.

Looking ahead-

- October Break- No Class- Oct 3rd to Oct 12th.
- October 20th - Coffee with the Administrators
- October 21st- regular full- day schedule
- October 26th- Hybrid Schedule begins
 - The middle school campus will be cell phone free! Phones will be allowed, turned off, in backpacks/lockers, before and after school only

Reminders and Resources:

- Invitación a conocer la Biblioteca Digital Make Make. [Lanzamiento Biblioteca Digital Make Make](#)
- How to find a student GPA in skyward - [Instructions here](#)
- Common Zoomlinks-

6th Grade Link-Class Meetings/Activities/Events	7th Grade Link-Class Meetings/Activities/Events	8th Grade Link- Class Meetings/Activities/Events	Middle School Parent Meetings and Whole School Assemblies
6th link: https://zoom.us/j/4646379117?pwd=SIFBZmo0eDFTVIZxcFJRQTbQMDVvQT09	7th Link: https://zoom.us/j/98706720447?pwd=TjNrWkdwcY9GMXZsdWFpbnYvMHVNZz09	8th Link: https://zoom.us/j/9994116932?pwd=blyxQmlaZ1dkdIVISFhBekpXUUpQT09	MS ALL STAFF MEETINGS AND GENERAL EVENTS LINK: https://zoom.us/j/9667548908?pwd=bXJaaTVFNkVLM3ZOUjBSYVB3ZndMZz09

- [Away for the Day- phone directory](#)
- [New York Times Article "Breaking Up with Your Phone"](#)
- [HS Writing Center:](#) It's a website developed by students in the Writing Center. They are ready to launch and help mentor other students to become stronger writers, including middle schoolers.
- Fishbowl vs. Virtual office- the Fishbowl is an actual office located on the Middle School campus. On a typical day, you may see teachers and students getting help in the Fishbowl. In distance learning, that office is still available in the VIRTUAL FISHBOWL Link. I suggest PARENTS and TEACHERS supporting students while getting assistance in the fishbowl. The reason why is that our

students may need support to ensure their issue is resolved and it's best if the adults in the fishbowl work with another adult to make follow up and double check. If your child has a tech issue and would like adult support in the VIRTUAL FISHBOWL, please contact our office at ms_dismissal@cng.edu or your child can contact our office via hangouts at [HERE](#). Additional Tech Support- see resources [HERE](#)

Middle School Communication Connections: The student's teacher is the best contact for specific classroom information. The Advisor is the best contact for specific school-wide information.

Ms. Clemencia Toro- 8th Grade Counselor- supporting peer and family academic and social-emotional needs [Clemencia's appointment calendar here.](#)

Ms. Malia Bodhaine- 7th grade Counselor- supporting peer and family academic and social-emotional needs [Malia's appointment calendar here.](#)

Mr. Agustin Trujillo- 6th Grade Counselor- supporting peer and family academic and social-emotional needs [Agustin's appointment calendar here.](#)

Mr. Billy Thomas- Associate Principal- supporting students- behavior, performance and overall well-being. Make an appointment with Mr. Thomas by contacting

Ms. Ashley Barker- Principal- supporting adults- teachers, staff and families. Make an appointment with Ms. Barker [HERE](#)

Middle School Office Team- calendars, activities, schedules, transportation, attendance and so much more

Athletics Office Contact - Priscilla Sánchez: psanchez@cng.edu

Library Contact - Lisa Habegger: lihabegger@cng.edu

Parent Reps-

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