



“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.” Steven Covey

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I had a chance to talk to our student leadership group this week to support their concerns about masks and our cell-phone free environment in hybrid. Please encourage your children to continue to “seek to understand” as they question some of the rules and decisions they are asked to make in our ever-changing world. I appreciate the conversations that I have been able to have particularly those where we agree to disagree. In every interaction that our office has had with students this week, we both have left, heard, informed and better understood.

Week of 10/19-10/30

WK 10	Monday Day 1 October 19th	Tuesday Day 2 October 20th	Wednesday Day 3 October 21st	Thursday Day 4 October 22nd	Friday October 23rd No Regular Classes
Advisory Focus: Power of Habit Ask about their Character Dare!	Remind students to sign up with a teacher this week Introduce Lesson 10 Hybrid Group A and B assignments will be sent out	7:15am Parent Coffee with the Admin Link Here Advisory- Student Selected Opportunity Day/Principal Advisory	MS Club Initial Meeting	Opportunity Day- Teacher Selected	CNG Hybrid Preparation Professional Day For Students HYBRID ORIENTATION DAY Group A- 10AM Link Here Group B- 1PM Link Here
WK 11	Monday Day 5 October 26th Hybrid Model	Tuesday Day 6 October 27th Hybrid Model	Wednesday Day 7 October 28th Hybrid Model	Thursday 1 to 8 Day Rotation October 29th	Friday Day 8 October 30 Hybrid Model
NEW SCHEDULE	Hybrid Model Schedule begins this week! School Starts at 11:30 am and ends at 4:00PM				
Advisory Focus: Power of Habit Continued Ask about their Character Dare!	End of First Quarter First Day of Hybrid Learning Group A Advisory Personal Inventory Sheet	Progress reports available Advisory- Student Selected Opportunity Day	Advisory- Complete L10	Advisory- Teacher Selected Opportunity Day	OODC Advisory- Halloween Assembly

This week:

- Clubs- Monday, in advisory, students will participate in their first club meetings. If your child didn't sign up, they may select on Monday and if they selected more than one, we will schedule at least 2 club meet ups per month going forward. We also expect different clubs to set up additional times outside the school day.
- Orientation Day Information- we had 236 students opt in to our hybrid model. On Monday, families will get their Group (A or B) assignment and we will hold our orientations based on A and B hybrid groupings. More information about the agenda will come the day before.

In Upcoming Weeks:

- Quarter 1 Progress Reports- these will be available 10/27. Instructions on how to access those will come next week.
- Halloween Guidelines- Halloween will be a regular school day with a special assembly planned in partnership with our student leadership groups. Costumes will be allowed DURING THE HALLOWEEN ASSEMBLY and after and in virtual settings following the guidelines [HERE](#). More specific information will be provided in next week's communication.
- OODC begins 10/30. Students not in dress code must plan to contribute 5mil to participate- students will drop off money upon arrival. No change given- so students must have correct change or donate the entire amount. All donations will be given to support the Fundacion.

Hybrid Model Resources:

****Updates/Reminders-** Teachers will be in both A and B groups, Covid (PCR) Testing will be required of all staff and students for participation in Hybrid Module 1.

In Hybrid, now Thursdays- will be a regular school day, so students will attend 5 days instead of 4.

Masks- for safety purposes and uniformity, students may wear a CNG mask or choose a mask that is a solid color (no writing or design) that is blue, black or white.

- Updated Schedule for Hybrid Learning [HERE](#)
- Frequently Asked Middle School Questions [HERE](#)
- Hybrid Planners for purchase option: In addition to our free planner, parent, Mimi Gonzalez has created a customized planner for our Hybrid Model- Parents can write to her to Whatsapp 314.451-1678 or to mimigonzalez@em-ap.com

Thank you's!

- Many thanks to our parents who were able to attend our Grading Meeting- Recording [HERE](#)- resources [HERE](#) (for those parents who were asking about the Skyward Parent Training, please see the recording session [HERE](#))

Updates/follow ups:

Attendance Practice Updates- Parents, to help minimize redundant messaging and to mainstream our practices, we will be adjusting our practices.

- Parents will now only receive 1 Skyward generated email at the end of the day. There will no longer be emails from the office. If you have trouble seeing the Skyward emails, please check your spam folder. If they still are not there, email the office.
- We request that you please put absence notifications in Skyward through the Family Access plan if possible (step by step [here](#)). We understand that emergencies come up and in that instance, please feel free to use email.
- We will no longer be requiring Pre Arranged Absence forms for absences under 3 days. If your student has an absence planned for 1 or 2 days only, there is no need to complete a PreArranged Absence form.

Looking ahead:

- November 10th- No student classes. Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. Sign ups will come November 6th

Ongoing Reminders and Resources:

- Cell Phone Free Resources- [Away for the Day](#)
 - Parents, teachers and students [HERE](#)
 - Research [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=bLYxQmlaZ1dkdlVISFhBekpXUUlpQT09	MS ALL STAFF MEETINGS AND GENERAL EVENTS LINK: https://zoom.us/j/9667548908?pwd=bXJaaTVFNkVLM3ZOUjBSYVB3ZndMZz09

- Need Tech Support?** Please contact our office at ms_dismissal 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 [Agustín'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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