



“Family engagement is not a single event; it is a shared responsibility.” - Heather Weiss - Harvard Educator

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Like you, I loved being able to see my child’s teacher explain their class, who they are outside of school and how we can partner together in support of our kids-but most of all, seeing all of YOU! If anything, virtual learning has created an opportunity for all of us to communicate, ask questions and grow closer as a community through shared experience. As a middle school team, we are so grateful for our learning community. Please, pause for a moment and give us feedback on how your MS OPEN HOUSE experience was [HERE](#)

Week of 8/31- 9/11

Wk 4	Monday Day 5 August 31st	Tuesday Day 6 September 1st	Wednesday Day 7 September 2nd	Thursday Day 8 September 3rd	Friday DAY 0 September 4th
Advisory Focus- Introduction to Kindness *Ask about their Kindness Wanted Poster	Start Reading Test Parent workshop with the School Counselors 9:00am Link HERE Advisory-Preview Character Strong Lesson 05 MSPR Video 3:30 Opportunity Day- sign up with teachers for extra support	Star Reading Test MS Athletics & Condor Coffee September 1 at 9:00-9:30 ZOOM LINK HERE Advisory- Student Directed Opportunity Day or Asynchronous Tidy Up Tuesday	Star Reading Test Advisory- Lesson 05: Introduction to Kindness	Star Reading Test Advisory- Student Directed Opportunity Day/Asynchronous Study Time 3:30- Opportunity Day- sign up with teachers for extra support	PD DAY NO SCHOOL
Wk 5	Monday Special Rotation 1-8 Day September 7th	Tuesday Day 3 September 8th	Wednesday Day 4 September 9th	Thursday Day 5 September 10th	Friday Day 6 September 11th
Advisory Focus- Mindfulness Ask about their Character Dare	Advisory-Register for Opportunity Day 3:30 Opportunity Day- sign up with teachers for extra support	Advisory- Student Directed Opportunity Day or Asynchronous Tidy Up Tuesday	Advisory- Lesson 06: Mindfulness: Emotion Mind	9:00: Parent Tech Training- Google classroom Link Here Advisory- Student Directed Opportunity Day/Asynchronous Study Time 3:30- Opportunity Day- sign up with teachers for extra support	MS Assembly

This Week:

Star Reading Test : Spanish teachers will be implementing this important test. They will send the information and the links for the students to connect during the corresponding class period

From the MS Counselors:

Counselor Parent Workshop information-

The Middle School Counselors will share ideas on how to support your child while “Socializing in the Time of Covid.” The workshop will be recorded and shared afterwards, so that you may watch it asynchronously.

Athletics:

We have a great enrollment in Athletics and Condor Activities! Our department is impressed by the number of students continually staying connected with teams and groups to build a stronger social, emotional, and physical well being. We are truly fortunate to have an amazing coaching and instructor staff to support our students during distance learning.

While the Elementary, Middle, and High School athletics programs are now in full swing, on September 1st, Primary School will begin their 2020-21 program, as well as ALL Condor Activities which will begin on the week of September 1.

On September 4th, we will have no activities due to teacher professional learning sessions.

The Athletics and Condor Activities departments will be offering an opportunity to have an open dialogue with Andres Silva (Athletics Director), Solita Baron (Condor Activities Director), and Colin Lauman (Co-Curricular Activities Coordinator). The following times and zoom links include:

MS/HS Tuesday, September 1, 9:00-9:30

[**ZOOM LINK HERE**](#)

Advisory:

THIS WEEK- students will have “Advisory check ins” (like Opportunity Day). Please encourage your child to sign up on MONDAYS in Advisory for an “Advisory check in”, if they need to make something up in a class. Every Tuesday, our children can select the teacher they want to see. Every Thursday, the teachers will select the child they need to see. If your child is NOT signed up- they will either have a 1-1 check in time with their Advisor or asynchronous study/reading time. This is a great time for students to catch up, reach out to teachers, read, review notes, etc on their own. We know this impacts the wonderful community time during Advisory. We plan to add social and community building options AFTER we set up this important INTERVENTION time. Any questions, feedback, concerns? We want to hear from you, please contact your child’s Advisor.

UPDATE Planners: basic planners will be available the week of September 15. These will be basic but able to customize with the rotational schedule for all of our 6th graders and for individuals in 7th and 8th who want it. Please contact ms_dismissal@cng.edu to request a basic planner. We also have a CNG parent offering the following:

- Personalized planners! COP\$65.000 + shipment (if you prefer to receive it at home). Contact info, Mimi Gonzalez: 314 4511678 or mimigonzalez@em-ap.com

Thank you's!

- Open House- a big thank you to all who were able to attend. If not, don't worry- we know you are busy. You may make an appointment with your child's teachers during office hours 3:30-4:30PM Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment.
- Julian Rodriguez- we appreciate your technology knowledge in our Parent Thursday Tech Series

Looking ahead-

- **September 7th we have a especial schedule - 1-8 day rotation - Schedule [Here](#)**
- ***Change Sept 14 October 21st- regular full- day schedule**
- ***CHANGE Sept 15, 16, 17, and 18- Middle School MAP Test**
- September 15th at 7:15 am Parent Coffee with the Administration
- September 17th at 9:00 am: Skyward- how to see what is missing- formative/summative assessments.
- Middle School CogAT Testing: Students will be tested from Sept. 29 to Oct 2 from 8:30am - 9:55am.

Resources:

- [How to Submit an assignment in Google Classroom](#)
- [Recording](#) of Tech Training- [Setting Tech Limits Presentation](#). A Frequently Asked Questions Document- coming soon!
- [Parent Skyward Video](#)- please review this with your child so you both understand how to access grade reports
- [MS Student Organizer](#)- take a look at the document our Associate Principal, Billy Thomas created to support our students

Important contacts:

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

Parent Reps!

We have amazing parent reps and a grade level Whatsapp Chat- Rep information :

- 6th Grade- Catalina Pelaez 3003508838; cpelaezi@hotmail.com
- 7th Grade Helena DeBrigard- 3134336454; helenadebrigard@hotmail.com
- 8th Mafe Correa 310229607; mafecorrea75@hotmail.com