



Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats; Life is a desert, but we can transform our corner into a garden. -Voltaire (Contributed by the Athletics Team)

Week of 9/7- 9/18

Wk 5	Monday 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	<u>Special Schedule per 1-8</u> *Change- 3:00PM Opportunity Day-sign up with teachers for extra support	8:00 am Open House Programa Colombiano <u>Link Here</u> Advisory- Register/Review- Advisory Check in - Teacher Directed Begin- Advisory- Lesson 06: Mindfulness: Emotion Mind and PERSONERO VOTING	Continue Advisory- Lesson 06: Mindfulness: Emotion Mind	9:00: Parent Tech Training- Google classroom <u>Link Here</u> Advisory-TEACHER Directed Opportunity Day/Asynchronous Study Time 3:30- Opportunity Day- sign up with teachers for extra support	<u>MS Assembly-</u> Club Rush *ask your kids about clubs!
WK 6	Monday Day 7 September 14th REGULAR Full day schedule	Tuesday Day 8 September 15th	Wednesday Day 1 September 16th	Thursday Day 2 September 17th	Friday Day 3 September 18th
No Tues- Thurs Advisory Focus- MAP Testing	Advisory- Test Tech and Talk about successful Testing Strategies for MAP Test	Parent Coffee with the Administration 7:15 am <u>Link Here</u> MATH MAP Test *Please see special schedule <u>Need Tech Help, Visit the MS virtual office</u>	LANGUAGE USAGE MAP Test *Please see special schedule <u>Need Tech Help, Visit the MS virtual office</u>	Parent Training 9:00 am: Skyward- <u>Link Here</u> READING MAP Test *Please see special schedule <u>Need Tech Help, Visit the MS virtual office</u>	8:30- 10MAP Makeups Advisory Grade 6- Social Survey Grade 7 and 8 Class Meetings

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Clubs are a great way for students to contribute the entire school community and are especially important right now as we look at as many ways possible for all of us to have something to look forward to and make a positive contribution and create community. Similarly, I invite parents to get involved this week by attending our Parent Tech Training Topic- Google Classroom. Also, as we begin looking ahead at our MAP testing, we know it will be a very different experience for your child. Please remind them, this is ungraded and not used to solely make placement decisions but as a way for use to support student needs and fill any academic gaps; therefore, the test needs to be taken seriously and we are asking everyone to try their best. Because our time on campus was cut short last spring and we were unable to perform the testing, this test is especially important because it will allow us to compare fall 2019 to fall 2020 and discover any skill gaps that our teachers can address in their virtual classrooms.

This Week:

- Special Schedule Monday September 7th. Please see **HERE** our 1 to 8 day rotation.
- Colombian Program Open House, Tuesday September 8th at 8:00AM at **<https://cng-edu.zoom.us/j/6883516795>** (ID: 6883516795). Ms. Astrid Amador, our Colombian Program Director in this special event with all the questions you have about this program.

Updates:

Athletics:

All athletic and Condor Activities are now in motion! We want to thank all the parents and students for committing to staying connected. As mentioned in previous CNG Community News, we will continually collect feedback from students and parents to improve our program during distance learning, hybrid, and the eventual return to on-campus education. An additional thank you to the parents that attended the open dialogue meeting with the Athletics and Condor Activities team. If you did not have the opportunity to attend the meeting, the presentation is available **Here**. To see the recording video please check **Here** GO CONDORS!

Advisory:

THIS WEEK, due to our special MONDAY Schedule- students will have only one “Advisory check ins” (like Opportunity Day) that is Teacher directed. Since we DO NOT meet in Advisory Monday for our special schedule, your child will attend the TEACHER DIRECTED ADVISORY Academic Check in only as TUESDAY will be in regular ADVISORY for Personero voting and the Character Strong Lesson.

From the MS Counselors:

Thank you to those parents who joined us last week for our first parent workshop, Socializing in the Time of Covid. We discussed the importance of helping adolescents find safe ways to stay connected with their friends, maintain healthy routines, and stay grounded during these quarantined times. Our participants shared ideas that have been helping their families, like taking baby steps to overcome Covid fears, planning fun weekends on a shared family calendar, and having consistent early bedtimes.

To those of you who attended the coffee, since the presentation was filmed, if you participated and do not wish for your image in the video to be shared with our parent community, please email the office immediately. We hope to publish the video in next week's CCN.

[Please fill out this survey to share your family's experience in quarantine times and to let us know which parent workshop topics you'd like to see in the future.](#)

MAP Testing:

For students who attend/have shared HS classes please make sure to notify your teachers about taking MAP tests in MS, so it does not impact your attendance records. Your guardians may also notify the [MS Office](#) to update the system.

Map test schedule [HERE](#)

Teaching and Learning Department:

For those families that are not in Bogotá and will not be able to return school materials on Sep 11th, we kindly request you to please fill out [this document](#).

Thank you's!

- Congrats to our Continuing Parent Reps! We counted our votes and unanimously voted in the following Parent Repts. To contact them, see below:
 - 6th Grade- Catalina Pelaez 3003508838; cpelaezi@hotmail.com
 - 7th Grade Helena DeBrigard- 3134336454; helenadebrigard@hotmail.com
 - 8th Mafe Correa 310229607; mafecorrea75@hotmail.com
- Athletics- Thank you for meeting with parents this week and requesting feedback
- Star Reading Test: Congratulate your child and Spanish Teachers on participating on STAR Reading testing last week.
- Thank you to the 23 parents who provided feedback to the Open House- we appreciate it! Below is a summary of that feedback-
 - Have teachers share syllabus and expectations prior to the Open House and review expectations. Provide more time (13 min was rushed), Consider Open House by grade level so parents can attend multiple child's Open House, Provide more clarity on Advisory and consider each Advisory having a special project

Looking ahead:

- October Break- No Class- Oct 3rd to Oct 12th.
- *Change - October 21st- regular full- day schedule
- Middle School CogAT Testing: Students will be tested from Sept. 29 to Oct 2 from 8:30am - 9:55am.

Resources:

Tech Support-

- The Fishbowl is back! If you or one of your students has any tech. issue please visit us at the Virtual Fishbowl.

<https://cng-edu.zoom.us/my/fishbowl>

For more information about tech support visit us at:

<https://sites.google.com/cng.edu/cng-tech/get-support>

Remember that you can always request support from us via ticket, if you don't know how to open a ticket click here, having a ticket you will have these advantages:

1. You can follow up your request with a unique id. number.
 2. You have someone responsible for the completion of your request.
 3. You can check the status at any time.
 4. You can expect our service agreements.
- [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
 - **Planners**- Please contact ms_dismissal@cng.edu to request a basic planner. We also have a CNG parent

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

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

Library Contact - Lisa Habegger: lihabegger@cng.edu