



“In each loss there is a gain as every gain is a loss. And with each ending comes a new beginning.” ~ Buddist Proverb

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Please know that our professional teaching staff always have thoughtful, coordinated lessons planned each day whether or not your child is on a zoom call or in google classroom at another time in the day. This summer, many of our CNG faculty took courses from Global Online Academy where they describe Synchronous and Asynchronous like this:

“When designing online learning, it’s important to see asynchronous experiences as equally valuable as synchronous ones. Asynchronicity allows students time to work at their own pace, to take time to compose ideas, and to express themselves in ways that might not be possible in real time. In addition, asynchronous work allows students to absorb content, prepare assignments, and complete projects offline: it’s a way to avoid hours of staring at screens.”

Please talk with your kids and support how they manage their time asynchronously. It is powerful to get them to plan their “off screen” and on screen time while making sure they meet their deadlines. One of the benefits of asynchronous time is our kids being about to organize themselves, move around and take breaks as needed. Please be in communication with your child and child’s teacher about specific lessons that may be planned off or online.

Week of 10/26 - 11/6

	<i>Halloween Spirit Week!</i>				
WK 11	Monday Day 5 October 26th	Tuesday Day 6 October 27th	Wednesday Day 7 October 28th	Thursday DAY 0 October 29th	Friday Day 8 October 30
Advisory Focus: Make Kindness Normal-Ask About Their Character Dare	End of First Quarter Advisory- Introduce L11	Progress reports available Advisory- Opportunity Day Student AND TEACHER Selected	MSPR- WAU Advisory-L11	NO Regular Classes-Biosecurity Training on Campus for teachers A Group- 10AM B Group- 1PM	**CHANGE- COSTUMES ALLOWED ALL DAY! Advisory- MS Halloween Assembly
WK 12	Monday November 2 Holiday	Tuesday November 3 Day 1	Wednesday November 4 Day 2	Thursday November 5 Day 3	Friday November 6 Day 4

Advisory Focus: Relationship Skills	No School- Holiday	Advisory- Check in and Introduce L12	Advisory- Club Meeting #2	Advisory- Opportunity Day Teacher Selected	Advisory- L12 Hybrid Q/A in Advisory Parent Conference Sign Ups go out to families
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This week:

- **Halloween Spirit Activities [HERE](#)**
- Monday: is the end of the quarter. This means that it will be the last day for our students in health and dance class. Please remind your kids to check Skyward on the link they need to be for their class on Tuesday.
- Tuesday: progress reports are available. See instructions [HERE](#). A progress report is just a “snapshot” of how your child is doing at quarter. We only have 2 grading periods in middle school- semester 1 and semester 2. So please know that your child will have time to improve their learning from the 10/26 progress report.
- Thursday: No Classes on Thursday, October 29: Biosecurity Training on Campus for Teachers: In order to ensure that all teachers tested negative before accessing the campus, the school has shifted our date for Biosecurity Training and Preparation to Thursday, October 29. For your planning purposes, please note that no virtual classes will take place in order to allow our teachers to receive training on campus for the implementation of biosecurity protocols for our November 9 hybrid start.
- Friday: Halloween Costumes will be allowed all day following these guidelines- [HERE](#).

Hybrid Model Resources:

- *Changed- 11/9- Hybrid Module 1 begins; 11/16- Hybrid Module 2 begins
- OODC- Hybrid Friday's will be OODC- Please be prepared for your child to donate 5mil (change won't be available) to participate.
- ***Updated Schedule for Hybrid Learning [HERE](#)
- *Special Note for Opt-out - we would like students who opted out to join the virtual orientation 10/29 so all students are included and understand on-campus expectations

Thank you's!

- Thank you so much to the 57 + families that were at our last Coffee with the Admin. See our recording meeting [HERE](#) - Chat [HERE](#)
- We want to thank our parents, staff and students for your flexibility with the Hybrid changes. Please know, we will contact parents as soon as possible of any changes.
- A big shout out to Ms. Sofia Romero and the quarter 1 dance students for your performance.
- Appreciation for our Principal Advisory Group who is already committed to making CNG Middle School a better place

Updates/follow ups:

- Authenticated Users: We finished the group configuration so now MS teachers can enable, only authenticated users can join class meetings.
- 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.
- November 19th- next Parent Rep meeting with Dr. Habegger- please reach out with any input
- Next Coffee Chat with the Admin team- 11/24 7:15AM
- 11/26- American Thanksgiving- no school

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=TjNrWkdwcy9GMXsdWFpbnYvMHVNZz09	8th Link: https://zoom.us/j/9994116932?pwd=blYxQmlaZ1dkdVISFhBekpXUUIpQT09	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. Agustín Truijlo- 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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