



*"Intelligence without character is a dangerous thing."~Gloria Steinem*

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Please see the description below with more specifics of how our Hybrid Model can support students both social emotionally, physically and academically. For those who cannot join us yet, we understand- we suggest finding ways to safely be "face to face" to gain the same benefits in your homes and neighborhoods.

Additionally, this week, we had the opportunity, as staff and student leaders, to learn from our leaders at Character Strong, the provider of our Advisory curriculum. It was wonderful to have our student leaders participate and see their desire, first hand, to make our school a better, more cohesive place.

Our Administrative team (at all levels) had the opportunity to partner with families regarding our upcoming hybrid model and with students to discuss some changes to our system to make us safer and more engaged. We appreciate your partnership as we complete this very important puzzle. A few notes to consider. Please reach out to your child's Advisor and counselor with any support your child may need as we move to Hybrid. Also, we will not be able to take special requests for A and B groupings. There is a section on the OPT IN survey in Skyward form that you may list any special considerations that will be sent soon. We can't wait to "see" many of you soon!

**Week of 9/21st- 10/22**

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!!!	Advisory- Teacher check in and Character Strong Lesson intro	Advisory- Character Strong L09	Parent Grading Training 8AM <a href="#">Link Here</a>  Opportunity Day- Teacher Selected	Advisory- WAU Video Club Meet Ups

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	<b>7:15am Parent Coffee with the Admin <a href="#">Link Here</a></b>  Advisory- Student Selected Opportunity Day/Principal Advisory	Advisory- Character Strong L10	<a href="#">Opportunity Day- Teacher Selected</a>	<b>CNG Hybrid Preparation Professional Day</b>  <b>For Students HYBRID ORIENTATION DAY More information forthcoming</b>

### **During Break: We'd like to partner!**

- Please speak with your children about the change to the email- we added their profile pictures for safety and security and as a way for us to identify one another. Our staff added their photos also. Several students reached out to me to have their picture changed. Unfortunately, we are unable to customize these in a systematic way. It's a good reminder for all of us that our CNG email addresses are not our own and to limit our use for academic purposes.
- Cell phones- students are beginning to have many questions about cellphone use on campus. Please review the resources provided with your child in this newsletter and talk about what it means to not have their phones available and problems solve- how will they take videos and complete assignments? Also, keep in touch with their friends while at school? Please listen to their concerns and ease their worries. Perhaps the idea of Hybrid and not having their cellphones seems like too much change. We want to want to tease out stress and anxiety that may be caused by the pandemic and what feels like "one more thing". Keep in touch with us on how the school can best support.

### **After break:**

- We only have 62 of our students who are using their CNG Zoom account. We need every student to log in TODAY through the SSO!. 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](mailto:ms_office@cng.edu).
- "Daily Uniform" will be required in Hybrid. Please see the MS Dress Code [HERE](#). If you need to order uniforms, check info [HERE](#).

## **Looking Ahead: Hybrid Model Resources:**

- Example of Streaming Technology [HERE](#)
- On-Campus Value-Added Benefits - [HERE](#)
- Recorded Meeting [HERE](#) and chat responses [HERE](#)
- [PPT regarding Secondary Hybrid](#)
- Updated Schedule for Hybrid Learning [HERE](#)
- Frequently Asked Middle School Questions [HERE](#)
  - \*Updates- Masks and the proposed schedule have changed please be sure to review this and testing schedule, special requests
- 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](mailto:mimigonzalez@em-ap.com)

## **Thank you's!**

- Thank you to the 90+ families who joined the MS Parent and Admin Team Coffee regarding the Hybrid Model- please see the resources above!
- Congratulations to our JMUN students who participated in a wonderful Conference this past weekend. In particular, the following students won individual honors at the conference:
  - Valeria Salcedo Outstanding Delegate
  - Lucia Becerra Outstanding Delegate
  - Mejor mesa español Bogotá: Mila Gonzalez Elisa Arango
  - Mejor mesa Consejo de Seguridad: Lucia Becerra Martin Saenz
- Thank you new families for participating in COGAT (Gifted and Talented) testing this week!
- Student Leaders and Character Strong- we want to thank the following student groups for their participation in our training this week: NJHS (National Junior Honor Society), Ambassadors, Athletic Captains and StuCo (Student Council)
- Our planners are here! All 6th graders had their planners delivered. Thank you Publications and Office Team! If you have questions or special instructions about planner delivery, please contact our main office at [ms\\_dismissal@cng.edu](mailto:ms_dismissal@cng.edu).

## **Looking ahead:**

- October Break- No Class- Oct 3rd to Oct 12th.
- October 20th - Coffee with the Parents and Administrator team
- October 21st- regular full- day schedule

- October 23- Teacher Planning Day and HYBRID ORIENTATION DAY- No regular classes
- 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.
- \*Change- November 10th- No student classes. Parent/Student/Teacher conferences

### **Reminders and Resources:**

- Cell Phone Free Resources- [Away for the Day](#)
  - Parents, teachers and students [HERE](#)
  - Research [HERE](#)

### **Updates/follow ups:**

- Our English teachers will be assessing student reading levels in English class. We will not be taking the MAP test virtually.
- 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
<b>6th link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4646379117?pwd=SIFBZmo0eDFTVIZxcFJRQTQ09">https://zoom.us/j/4646379117?pwd=SIFBZmo0eDFTVIZxcFJRQTQ09</a>	<b>7th Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98706720447?pwd=TjNrWkdwcY9GMXZsdWFpbnYvMHVNZz09">https://zoom.us/j/98706720447?pwd=TjNrWkdwcY9GMXZsdWFpbnYvMHVNZz09</a>	<b>8th Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9994116932?pwd=bLYxQmlaZ1dkdIVISFhBekpXUUlpQT09">https://zoom.us/j/9994116932?pwd=bLYxQmlaZ1dkdIVISFhBekpXUUlpQT09</a>	<b>MS ALL STAFF MEETINGS AND GENERAL EVENTS LINK:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9667548908?pwd=bXJaaTVFNkVLM3ZOUjBSYVB3ZndMZz09">https://zoom.us/j/9667548908?pwd=bXJaaTVFNkVLM3ZOUjBSYVB3ZndMZz09</a>

- **Need Tech Support?** 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 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 Truijlo- 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](mailto:psanchez@cng.edu)

Library Contact - Lisa Habegger: [lihabegger@cng.edu](mailto:lihabegger@cng.edu)

Parent Reps-

- 6th Grade- Catalina Pelaez 3003508838; [cpelaezi@hotmail.com](mailto:cpelaezi@hotmail.com)
- 7th Grade Helena DeBrigard- 3134336454;  
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- 8th Mafe Correa- 3102299607; [mafecorrea75@hotmail.com](mailto:mafecorrea75@hotmail.com)