



“Choose your path. Know your path. Walk your path.”

August 11, 2017

Dear MG21 parents, guardians and students,

Welcome back and welcome to new students and their families! We have just completed our seventh year of operation and as always, the 2017-18 school year promises to be a great one.

Parent/Guardian Meetings: ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND

We will be meeting with all parents/guardians of both new **and returning** students. This is a **required** meeting for all parents. If you are unable to attend one of our scheduled meetings, contact us to set up a meeting that would work better for your schedule. Parents **must attend** a meeting prior to the start of the school year.

New Students Parent Meeting: Wednesday August 30 from 5:30-6:15pm

Returning Students Parent Meeting: Wednesday August 30 from 6:30--7:15pm

Student Registration: **ALL MG21 students must register, get an ID and pay fees.** All registrations should be done on-line through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Inbox. You should have received an e-mail with registration instructions from the MGSD or a mailing if you do not have internet access. If you have difficulty accessing your Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact Lynn Hammersley at 316-1920 for assistance. While you are in Infinite Campus, please be sure your email address is current as most of our communications will be via e-mail.

Fees : Fees can be paid online or in person at the high school. The student fee for this year is \$50.00. **To have your fee waived, you must complete the free and reduced lunch form.** These forms are available under the “MG Family Information” tab under “Student Financial Assistance”. We will also have forms available at the parent orientation meeting.

Pictures: Student ID pics will be taken at MG21 on September 12 in the am. Please remind your student that they should not wear any head gear ie. hats/bandannas. Picture order forms will be mailed directly to you from Capital School Pictures. Students must use last year’s ID or the temporary ID in the Capital School Pictures packet until the new IDs are ready.

Buses: Buses will drop off and pick up at MG21. Parents interested in having their student ride the bus must fill out a transportation form. Forms are available online under the “District” tab- “Programs and Services”. We will have transportation forms available at the parent orientation meeting.

Supplies:

- A clipboard.
- 3 pocket folders and 3 spiral notebooks.
- A large box of tissues.
- Three containers of Clorox wipes.
- Two packages of blue or black pens.
- Four 1 inch or 1 ½ inch 3 ring binders.
- A pair of inexpensive ear buds.
- One pack of dry erase markers.

School Hours/Schedule:

We start at 8:45am and end at 3:05 (M-TH). On Fridays, students are dismissed at 2:15pm for teacher planning time.

Monday - Thursday	Fridays
7:30 Building open for students.	8:45-9:00 Arrival
8:45am - 9:00am: Arrival (Doors lock at 9am)	9:00-10:00 Town Hall Meeting
9:00-9:30 Morning Meeting/Advisory	10:00 - 11:30 PBL
9:30-11:30: PBL/Seminars	11:30 - 12:15 LUNCH
11:30-12:15 LUNCH	12:15-1:00 ALEKS Math
12:15 -1:00:ALEKS Math M/W/F Independent Reading T/TH	1:00-2:00 TIC Classes Review/Revise, Community Activity OR Service project
1:00-2:00 Academic Block 1	2:00-2:15 All School Friday Clean
2:00-3:00 Academic Block 2	
3:00-3:05: All School Clean	

First Day:

- **Our first day of school is Friday September 1 for New Students ONLY.**
- **All students should attend Monday, September 5.**

MG21 Address/Phone:

Our address is 5301 Monona Drive. We are located in the portion of the Nichols School Building that runs along Monona Dr. Our phone number is 316-1924.

What's New at MG21?

Trimesters!

This year we will be piloting a shift to trimesters as opposed to quarters. The school year will still remain the same length, vacations and inservice days will still be in line with the rest of the district. However our grading period will be 12 weeks instead of 9 weeks. This shift will allow us more time to complete projects and dig deeper into the curriculum.

Chromebooks 1:1

The Monona Grove School District has committed to being Future Ready™ and providing our students with the tools to be successful. This fall students in grades 7-12 will be provided a Chromebook to take home each day. To protect the device, a case will also be assigned to each student.

All district owned devices, cords and bags will be returned at the end of the school year. If a student withdraws from enrollment in the Monona Grove School District at any other time during the year, they will return their device at that time. Any device not returned will be considered stolen property. Any device turned in with intentional damage beyond normal wear and tear will be subject to a fee for repair or replacement.

Every student in grades 7-12 is responsible for the general care of their assigned device, charge cord and bag. Staff will provide students with instruction and other support. Any device that is damaged or not functioning properly needs to be taken to the media center to be evaluated as soon as possible. District owned device should not be taken to an outside vendor for repair. Notice your device is tagged with an MGSD barcode associated with the device serial number. Devices are traceable by serial number.

A link to the chromebook student handbook is here: [Chromebook Handbook](#) or can be found on the district website under technology services.

Water fill station: MG21 is excited to have a new water fill station in the hallway. Please have your student bring a reusable water bottle to school instead of disposable bottles.

Support Staff: This year we are fortunate to have returning support staff members social worker Jessica Frain, special education teacher Paul Marx and reading specialist Julie Theado working with our students. Additionally, at the end of last year, we hired administrative assistant Kathy Howe who is here at MG21 from 8:00-12:00 daily and will staff our front desk. We are really excited to have Kathy, Jessica, Julie and Paul part of the MG21 team.

Other Info:

5k Carbone Cancer Race for Research: MG21 will have a team participating in this race on 10/7/2017. Please see Ian if you or your student is interested.

Breakfast: Once again the district will have a-la-carte breakfast options available for students to purchase from 8:30-8:50 every morning. Students can pay for food out of their district food account.

Summer School: This summer, MG21 once again offered a summer school science class focused on water and food sustainability using our school garden and sampling water from Lake Monona. Students who completed the program earned .25 credits of science.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year. Feel free to call or email us if you have any additional questions.

See you soon,

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