

Hello Burnet Middle School Community,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The 2020-2021 school year is upon us and our entire staff is excited to support you and your student. It has been some time since my last communication with you. My staff and I have been hard at work building, deleting, and rebuilding various school and student schedules with each change that has been thrown our way. I want to thank you for your patience and support as we get ready to launch this new school year in a virtual learning experience. I know you have many questions about what the start of the school year will look like, and I would like to share the following details which should address some of your questions and concerns.

**Technology Distribution:**

If your child already has access to a laptop or desktop computer, it is not mandatory to pick up a district laptop. However, the district device is preferred since it is preloaded with district approved platforms and software. Please refer to the prior email or the school webpage for more information on retrieving a device. In order to participate in virtual instruction, internet access/WiFi will be required. We are aware that some families may not have sufficient internet access at home to support virtual learning. Please reach out to Ms. Sandra Paul ([spaul@twpunionschools.org](mailto:spaul@twpunionschools.org)) if you have concerns about internet access.

Monday, August 31st - 6th Grade from 8:00am to 12:00pm

Tuesday, September 1st - 7th Grade from 8:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesday, September 2nd - 8th Grade from 8:00am to 12:00pm

**Workbook Distribution:**

The shipment of our English Language Arts and Math workbooks have been delayed and will be distributed once we receive them. In the meantime, a digital version of the workbooks will be provided by your student's teacher. All other subjects utilize digital content.

**Student Schedules:**

The planned release for student schedules is September 5th on the Genesis Parent Portal.

**Daily Schedule and Login**

Attendance will be taken daily by the homeroom teacher (8:00am - 8:10am). Homeroom rosters and a Zoom link will be shared with your student by Tuesday, September 8th. An automated call will be sent out daily to those students marked absent from homeroom.

Daily class attendance will be recorded in Genesis and you are encouraged to monitor your students daily class attendance. Entering a virtual classroom late, leaving early, or not showing up at all is treated the same way as if you were in the building. Please ensure your contact information is correct in the Genesis Parent Portal.

The updated Virtual Schedule below will follow a rotating A/B school day schedule. For example, Wednesday, September 9th will be an "A" day and Thursday, September 10th will be a "B" day. The schedule will be announced daily in homeroom and posted on our school webpage.

2020-2021  
Burnet Middle School Virtual Schedule

6th Grade	A	B
8:00 - 8:10	HR	HR
8:15 - 9:10	1	6
9:25 - 10:20	2	7
10:35 - 11:30	3	8
11:30 - 12:30	5/LUNCH	5/LUNCH
12:30 - 1:25	4	9
1:40 - 2:20	Support	Support
7th Grade	A	B
8:00 - 8:10	HR	HR
8:15 - 9:10	1	5
9:25 - 10:20	2	7
10:35 - 11:30	3	8
11:30 - 12:30	6/LUNCH	6/LUNCH
12:30 - 1:25	4	9
1:40 - 2:20	Support	Support
8th Grade	A	B
8:00 - 8:10	HR	HR
8:15 - 9:10	1	5
9:25 - 10:20	2	6
10:35 - 11:30	3	8
11:30 - 12:30	7/LUNCH	7/LUNCH
12:30 - 1:25	4	9
1:40 - 2:20	Support	Support

**Virtual and Online Learning:**

Teachers will be utilizing both synchronous and asynchronous instruction daily during the class periods.

Synchronous learning: Students are meeting online live with their teachers.

Asynchronous learning: Students engage in independent work such as writing assignments, reading, researching, or projects.

We are recommending that students keep their cameras on during Google Meet and Zoom sessions for better engagement, accountability, putting a face to name, and to increase socialization with peers. Please let your teachers know if keeping your camera on is a problem and why, and your teachers will work with you. **Please refer to the attached Burnet Middle School Online Video Protocol for more information.**

### **Grab and Go Lunch:**

Grab and Go lunch will be provided throughout the district. Locations and times will be provided in the coming days. If qualified, please visit [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) to apply for lunch assistance.

### **School Supplies:**

Your student's teachers will let them know what school supplies are needed for each class when virtual learning begins. We do not want to add any additional burden to our families at this time concerning supplies.

### **Student Support**

#### **Grade 6**

Vice Principal - Mr. Paterno ([spaterno@twpunionschools.org](mailto:spaterno@twpunionschools.org))

School Counselor - Ms. Regenye ([hregenye@twpunionschools.org](mailto:hregenye@twpunionschools.org))

#### **Grade 7**

Vice Principal - Ms. Calderone ([gcalderone@twpunionschools.org](mailto:gcalderone@twpunionschools.org))

School Counselor - Ms. Hoffman ([phoffman@twpunionschools.org](mailto:phoffman@twpunionschools.org))

#### **Grade 8**

Vice Principal - Ms. Drayton ([sdrayton@twpunionschools.org](mailto:sdrayton@twpunionschools.org))

School Counselor - Ms. Henderson ([lhenderson@twpunionschools.org](mailto:lhenderson@twpunionschools.org))

#### **Grade 6,7,8**

Student Assistance Counselor - Ms. Colandrea ([tcolandrea@twpunionschools.org](mailto:tcolandrea@twpunionschools.org))

Please expect to receive additional communication in the days ahead about the start of school.

**Don't forget to review the attached BMS Remote Learning FAQ sheet and BMS Online Video Protocols attachments.** We appreciate your patience and support during this unprecedented time.

Remember, we are all in this new virtual learning adventure together. We can not wait to connect with your student and our Burnet family to begin our school year!

If I can provide any additional support or answer any other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David Shaw  
Principal  
Burnet Middle School