



# STILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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August 10, 2021

Hello Bulldog families,

Only 9 more days! Please be sure to review the following information to ensure our Bulldogs are ready for the 2021-22 School Year.

❖ **Middle School Information from August 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

- Middle School Students will NOT be using lockers to begin the school year. Students will be able to use backpacks to carry their Chromebook and other necessary supplies. Please have students bring their Chromebooks, a notebook and a writing utensil on the first day. Teachers will be discussing when they should bring in the other supplies on the Supply list. (Be sure you have charged your Chromebook!!)
- No PE Uniforms this school year: The physical education department at Still Middle School is excited to welcome you back to school! Students will have three quarters of PE and one quarter of health. During their quarters of PE, they will have PE every day. Students will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of healthy lifestyle activities that will promote, encourage and reinforce positive health habits. Our main emphasis is on participation and learning to enjoy movement.

In order to stay within the social distancing guidelines of the state and the district, students will NOT be required to dress for PE. However, to safely participate in movement-based activities, students are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate footwear such as gym shoes that tie or velcro AND will stay securely on their feet as well as clothing they can easily move around in. Locker rooms will not be available for student use.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Still Middle School PE Department.

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- Masks will be required while on school grounds and while on district transportation.

❖ **Reminder: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade PAWS Orientation Day – Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Students whose last names begin with **A – K** should attend from **8:30 – 11:00 A.M.** and students whose last names begin with **L – Z** should attend from **12:00 – 2:30 P.M.** During this time students will participate in guided tours and planned activities with our PAWS coaches. They will also receive their team assignment, schedule and Chromebook. **This will be a Student Only event.** Parents will drop students off in the front of the building near the flagpole, and students will enter through Door 1. Upon student dismissal, we ask parents to pull up in the front of the building along the curb to collect students at the end of the event.

*\*Please turn in your **Physicals** on this date to the main office if you haven't already done so.*

❖ **Reminder: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bulldogs Walk Your Schedule Day** - We would like to invite all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders into the building on **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.** **Students should attend based on the following schedule to ensure we can have 3 ft distancing between students in the hallways.**

- **3:00 – 3:30**                      **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with Last Name A – F**
- **3:30 – 4:00**                      **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with Last Name G – L**
- **4:00 – 4:30**                      **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with Last Name M – R**
- **4:30 – 5:00**                      **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with Last Name S – Z**

- ❖ **Schedules:** Beginning at approximately 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, families can view student schedules in ParentVue or StudentVue.
- ❖ **Student ID's:** Students will receive their ID on the first day of school. You will NOT need an ID to ride the bus for the first few days.
- ❖ **Required Exams** – All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and any student new to the district must present proof of the required state of Illinois physical examinations and immunizations. If this is not completed, the student will be excluded beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are also required to present proof of an oral health examination completed by a licensed dentist. This will be due prior to May 15, 2022. A vision exam is required of all students enrolling in a public school for the first time. Written proof of having been examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist will be required.
- ❖ **PTA Information** – Thank you to all of the families who have already joined the Still PTA. Your participation is important to us. If you have not already joined the PTA, please do so using the following link: [Join Still MS PTA](#)
- ❖ **Bus Schedule** – Information for bus schedules and details will be available in ParentVue and StudentVue on the Student Information Tab after Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Answers to common transportation questions are on the [District Transportation Page](#). Students should memorize their bus number per the bus schedule. **Numbered cards are placed in the passenger side window next to the door to identify the bus number.** Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned and should be at the assigned stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.



- Still Middle School students should **show their student ID** before boarding the bus. (Drivers will begin checking ID's on September 8, 2021)
- Students will receive their ID's the first week of school and may purchase a new ID for \$4.00 if they lose or damage theirs.

If you have any questions or concerns about transportation issues for Still Middle School please contact Assistant Principal, Mr. Carlin at 630-375-3900 or [mark\\_carlin@ipsd.org](mailto:mark_carlin@ipsd.org)

- ❖ **Traffic Patterns** – All students arriving or leaving by car will be dropped off and picked up at the front of the building. In order to ensure safety, parents will need to remain in their cars in the drop off lane and students will only be allowed to exit or enter the car on the curb side. Once parents have dropped off or picked up their child, they should then pull into the left lane to pull out of the parking lot. Please be patient and courteous of others in the drop off lane. The outside lane is only for through traffic! It is important to note that the parking lot is only for those who will be parking and walking in or out of the building with their child. **Students will not be allowed to cross from the parking lot to the building without parental assistance.** Finally, the bus drop off is at the back of the building and for safety reasons cars will not be allowed in the bus drop off area – **Please do not drop-off or pick-up your student on Meadowridge Drive.**
  - ❖ **Food Service** – Our food service operation is located in the cafeteria and we will be serving breakfast and lunch this year. Students may purchase a variety of hot and cold entrée menu choices. IPSD 204 uses PushCoin, for the online meal and fee payment system. This system will give students and parents the opportunity to pay for their meals in advance. This can be done by making a payment in the school lunch line with cash or check or online at [pushcoin.com](http://pushcoin.com) using a credit, debit card or eCheck. The District encourages all families to register at no charge at [pushcoin.com](http://pushcoin.com) where you can sign up for automatic alerts and view your child's lunch account. Information on setting up your account is at [PushCoin Parent Sign-up Instructions \(pdf\)](#)
- OrganicLife is the food service provider again this year. OrganicLife meals are based on preparing food from "scratch" using basic ingredients rather than buying prepared meals. The company's philosophy is to combine the highest quality ingredients with chef-driven menus, embrace ecologically sound practices, and advocate for "greens, grains, and all things nutritious." The Chicago-based company strives to deliver restaurant quality meals. Menus for August are online.

*Breakfast- \$1.60*

*Secondary Lunch- \$2.80*

*Students may also bring their own lunch to school.*

- ❖ **2021-22 School Year Food Service Update:** Regulations require Districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to set prices for paid meals at a rate that is more equal with funds brought in from free and reduced-price meal reimbursements. This requirement is known as Paid Lunch Equity (PLE).

For the 2021-22 school year, we will be operating the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued waivers for Districts operating SSO, which allows us to provide meals to all students at no cost. Therefore, all meals are free to every student again this school year. However, students will be charged for any a la carte items taken, such as extra milk (not taken with a meal).

- ❖ **Fee Waivers** – The Board of Education of Indian Prairie School District 204 requires a **separate application** for a waiver of school fees. Therefore, an Application for Fee Waiver needs to be completed. Note, if your child(ren) are DIRECTLY CERTIFIED through the National School Lunch Direct Certification process, student fees will automatically be waived. The application is available at the link below, or you may request it from your school’s office. Note that full payment of instructional fees is expected and due by September 1st unless a payment plan is established. Please use the following link to complete the waiver application or for more information. <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/Subpage.aspx/FeeWaivers>
- ❖ **Address/Phone Number** – Still Middle School is located at 787 Meadowridge Drive, Aurora, IL 60504. Telephone number is: 630-375-3900.
- ❖ **Absence Procedures** – Still Middle School Absence line telephone number is: **630-375-3902**. Please call this number if your student is going to be absent from school or is going to be arriving late.
- ❖ **Early Dismissal Procedures** – If your child needs an early dismissal, please have your student turn a note into the main office the morning of the early dismissal, to obtain an early dismissal pass. This will allow the office staff to have your child waiting for you when you arrive to sign them out. This also helps to prevent disturbing their class to call them down.
- ❖ **Professional Development Wednesdays** – District 204 will continue to have Professional Development Wednesdays. Our middle school students will begin classes at 8:20 A.M. on Wednesdays. Bus schedules will run 20 minutes later than the normal pick-up times.
- ❖ **Athletic Participation** – Any 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> student who plans to try out for a sport **MUST have a current physical on file at school, before tryouts begin**. Please upload into ParentVue, fax or bring your updated physical form to our health office.
- ❖ **Important Calendar Information** – Please mark your calendar regarding the upcoming school events. A calendar of events is also listed on-line at <http://still.ipsd.org>

<b>8/19/21</b>	Classes Begin
<b>8/20/21</b>	Fall Sports Begin
<b>9/06/21</b>	NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
<b>9/07/21</b>	NO SCHOOL- INSTITUTE DAY
<b>9/16/21</b>	Student Picture Day

- ❖ **Yearbooks** – Students will have an opportunity to purchase a yearbook later this school year. The cost of a yearbook is \$20.00 and we will be doing all sales online. We will send reminders during the year as the deadline approaches. Yearbooks will be on sale throughout the first quarter and are typically delivered a few days prior to the end of the school year.
- ❖ **First Day of School** – Students are highly encouraged to ride the bus on the first day of school. Buses will unload in the back of the building. As students arrive, staff members will be available to direct students to designated locations.

*\*Please note: Students in band or orchestra will not need to bring instruments on the first day of school. Music department members will give further directions at a later date.*

We hope this information has been helpful as we prepare for the start of the school year.

See you soon,

*Kimmer Cornish, Principal*

*Mark Carlin, Assistant Principal*

*Yoshakia Oden, Assistant Principal*