

Sadie Halstead Middle School

Encourage, Educate, & Empower Every Day in Every Way

December 16th, 2020

Dear 5th - 8th Grade SHMS Families,

We are thrilled to have our 5th through 8th grade students attending school on a hybrid schedule after winter break! **5th & 6th grade students will continue their same schedules as in November & December.** All 7th & 8th grade students will begin on Monday, January 4, with the Hybrid A/B schedule, Monday - Thursday. **This hybrid schedule will require students to attend on site two days each week** and work the remaining days remotely using workpackets, Canvas, and Zoom to stay on-track with instructional activities throughout the week. **Please see the calendar on the second page of this letter for the A&B groups' hybrid schedule.** **You can find your 7th or 8th grade student's group (either A or B) on their Canvas Dashboard, in a mailing coming later this week, by contacting teachers, or by calling the office.**

- **A Group** will attend on-site every Monday & Tuesday, except for the week with no school on Monday, January 18th. That week, A Group will attend on Tuesday (1/19) and WEDNESDAY (1/20)
- **B Group** will attend on-site every Wednesday & Thursday, except for the week with no school on Monday, January 18th. That week, B group will attend on Thursday (1/21) and FRIDAY (1/22).
- Typically, there will be no students on-site on Fridays (with the exception of B Group scheduled to attend on Friday, 1/22).

Please note: All 5th - 8th grade students on IEPs will attend school two days per week, following A & B Schedules.

You can also review the [letter from Dr. Dave Smith sent December 15th](#), located on our website: newportgriz.com. As you can note in this letter, we are committed to our students' safety. Also, if virus numbers decrease in mid- to late-January, we are looking to increase K-8 students' time on-site so students can attend four days per week.

I want you to be fully aware of a situation that we will likely see. When a teacher becomes ill with COVID-like symptoms or is a close contact AND we do not have staff available to cover their position, an entire classroom of students may need to return to distance learning for up to two weeks. We believe it is better for individual classrooms to return to distance learning than for an entire system to shut down, in the event a classroom teacher has to isolate or quarantine. Although we plan and hope to use staff from within the building to cover such absences, we wanted to make you aware of this possibility given the amount of staff absences due to the health screening process for anyone entering the building.

As your student returns to the building, all of our same processes and procedures will continue such as health screening or attestation tickets signed by parents, physical distancing of 6 feet, and face coverings/masks required to be worn indoors. **Durham will continue to provide transportation for students, and you can expect the same pick up & drop off times. Please call Durham Transportation with any questions: (509) 447-0505.**

Please contact us with any questions or clarifications. We will be checking voicemail periodically throughout the remainder of December, and welcome you to contact us with any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Tony Moser
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**Newport School District
A / B Hybrid Schedule
January 2021**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 4 A Group	January 5 A Group	January 6 B Group	January 7 B Group	
January 11 A Group	January 12 A Group	January 13 B Group	January 14 B Group	
January 18 (No School - MLK DAY)	January 19 A Group	January 20 A Group	January 21 B Group	January 22 B Group
January 25 A Group	January 26 A Group	January 27 B Group	January 28 B Group	