

# Summit Middle School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Summit Families:

After our first week of 5 day in-person learning for students at Summit, I want to share a few observations:

1. We are practicing incredibly stringent cleaning procedures during the day and each evening.
2. Students and staff are wearing masks with almost no exceptions in our building - exceptions are addressed quickly.
3. Monday was like the first day of school for over 50 students. We welcomed back online learners and introduced a number of new students to our district and school. It was also the first day of online learning for 11 students.
4. The parent pick up and drop off line continues to become more efficient.
5. The "Week-at-a-Glance" and preview videos continue to provide guidance to online learners.
6. We are taking contact tracing seriously including spending hours each day pouring over seating charts, interviewing teachers and students, measuring distancing, and ensuring who did or did not wear masks. In the end, we submit this information to the Polk County Health Department and they determine who is quarantined.
7. Students have responded incredibly well to these requirements and necessary adjustments.

We are working hard at Summit to address your concerns, deliver meaningful learning and keep students safe.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 12 (Traditional Format)

- 1:30 to 5:00 PM and 5:30 to 8:00 PM
- Conferences will take place via Zoom by appointment. The conference schedule will be emailed to you in order to sign up.

#### November 13-20 (Flexible Format)

- Conferences will be scheduled by teachers via phone, Zoom, or email. If you wish to conference in a flexible format due to pressing concerns or questions, please contact your base camp teacher.

Please contact our office if you have questions regarding conference set-up at 515-986-0318.

## COUNSELOR CORNER

Summit Middle School administered the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) to students who selected to participate on October 27th and October 29th. This survey assisted parents and students with identifying areas of strengths and difficulties, or areas of challenge, not only in school, but at home and within relationships with adults and peers. Your students results will be mailed home to you so you are aware of the screenings outcomes. If your child has an area of significant concern identified through the screening you would have received a phone call from a JCSD staff member to discuss this with you.



Below is a link to a social care network that we found helpful and wanted to share with our families. You can click on the link below and enter a zip code. The website will generate a list of Polk County resources. You can click on any icon you need help with and find resources including phone numbers. This resource helps to connect families with verified social care providers. Thousands of nonprofits and social care providers serve our communities and this is a helpful tool to navigate through available social services.

<https://www.findhelp.org/>

The first Summit Culture Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5th from 7:35-8:05am in the media center. There is still time to sign up...[Summit Culture Committee Survey](#). Please see Mrs. Brock or Mrs. Heston with any questions.

## USDA FREE MEAL PROGRAM

The USDA has extended the free meal program through the rest of the 2020-2021 school year. Please see link below for more information!



USDA Free Meal Service Extend...

[www.johnstoncsd.org](http://www.johnstoncsd.org)



## SUMMIT HEALTH OFFICE

**6th grade parents**, as you take your students in for 6th grade physicals, please request that your child receive the Tdap and Meningitis vaccines. Both of these vaccines are due by the first day of 7th grade.

## JOHNSTON WRESTLING CLUB

**ATTENTION! SIGN UP FOR THE JOHNSTON WRESTLING CLUB!**

Sign ups are happening now. All K-8 students are welcome. You can learn more about the Johnston Wrestling Club (JWC) at the following link! Practices begin Nov. 16th. Learn more at:

[www.johnstonwrestlingclub.com](http://www.johnstonwrestlingclub.com)

**\*Scholarships are available upon request\***



## UPCOMING CHORUS CONCERTS

**6th and 7th Grade Virtual Chorus Concerts**

6th Grade- December 15th

7th Grade- December 17th

All concerts will be recorded during school day.

Students will wear Johnston colors/attire- purple, gold, black, and/or white.

## MOCK TRIAL

Best of luck to the SMS and JMS students competing in the Middle School Mock Trial Competition on November 11 and 12. Individual students will be competing in their teams via Zoom arguing a civil case, with the all-virtual format being a first.

# ATTENDANCE AT SUMMIT

Please call our Attendance line if your child will be absent from school or arriving late. The phone number is 515-986-0941. This is available 24 hours for you to leave a message.

If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, please send a note to school with them. They will bring their note to the office to be issued a pass to leave at the designated time.

To pick up students early for the 2020/2021 school year, please come to door and ring the bell. We will then send your student out to you for pick up.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### **November 4th**

Dismissal at 11:50

### **November 11th**

Dismissal at 11:50

### **November 12th**

Dismissal at 11:50

Parent Teacher Conferences

1:30-5 via Zoom

5:30-8 via Zoom

### **November 17th**

Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom

### **November 18th**

Dismissal at 11:50

### **November 25-27th**

No School - Holiday Break







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