

Summit Middle School

September Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Summit Families:

Thank you so much for a wonderful first week of hybrid and online learning. Although we had several glitches with login information and courses being loaded, we are now in a very good place with Edmentum. The first few days of hybrid school at Summit have been amazingly successful. I believe students feel welcome, safety protocols are working, and students are adjusting to life at school in this pandemic. A big thank you to all of our staff at Summit for welcoming online learners electronically and hybrid students as they arrived at school on Monday and Thursday.

Just a few requests and messages for both hybrid and online parents and students:

Hybrid:

1. Make sure to bring a water bottle to school as we cannot use drinking fountains
2. Wear your mask on campus and on school transportation at all times
3. Masks are available at the office if students forget a mask
4. Avoid using the north parking lot to drop off or pick up students
5. Complete online portions of work on a weekly basis. Not completing online work is the equivalent of not attending school.
6. Always have iPads charged and ready

Online:

1. Ask your online basecamp teacher any questions you may have regarding learning on Edmentum
2. Contact the school or your basecamp teacher if you still have issues with the courses you are seeing in Edmentum
3. Students or families experiencing technological glitches or navigation concerns should fill out [this form](#). Once submitted, JCSD is able to prioritize concerns that need immediate attention, and highlight those columns in red. This will allow Edmentum to prioritize those items first, within 24 hours. Other items will be addressed within 24-48 hours.
4. Complete online portions of work on a weekly basis. Not completing online work is the equivalent of not attending school.
5. Always have iPads charged and ready for online work

Thank you for your patience during this first week, and I look forward to a September full of learning and enjoyment for your students.

Chris Billings

Counselor Corner

Hello Summit Families!

The school counseling team would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! This year is set to be one like no other and we want to make sure you and students feel comfortable entering the school year. As your student's school counselors at Summit Middle School, our counseling goals are to work with you and your child to ensure a successful middle school experience.

The various contacts with your child will include individual conferences and monthly counselor lessons during the course of the school year. Students may request to visit with their counselor by submitting a confidential counselor referral form using their iPads, sending an email or just stopping by and making an appointment.

School Counselors also help children by...

- Promoting positive attitudes among students towards self, family, peers, and community.
- Assisting students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills, such as health decision making, resolving conflicts, and respecting others.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to identify and remove barriers to learning.
- Supporting students by teaching skills for achieving success.
- Helping students recognize and make the best of their abilities.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups.
- Providing support during personal crisis.
- Orienting new students.

How and Why do Parents Contact the School Counselor?

- Concerns over student achievement
- Family health problems
- New school orientation
- Discussing special needs of their child
- Early discussion of potential crisis
- Family difficulties or concerns that affect school performance
- Social and/or emotional concerns about their student

Below is a contact list of our counseling staff and student assignments:

Lauren Heston, 7th Grade: lauren.gallo-heston@johnston.k12.ia.us

Shannon Brock, 6th Grade: shannon.brock@johnston.k12.ia.us

We look forward to sharing an ongoing relationship that incorporates concerns and suggestions from you and your child to build confidence and ensure a successful school year! Please do not hesitate to

contact the school counseling staff with any questions or concerns. Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!



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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.

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

September 8th

Purple Group B Day

September 9th

Gold Group CORE Day
Dismissal at 11:50

September 10th

Gold Group A Day

September 11th

Gold Group B Day

September 14th

Purple Group A Day

September 15th

Purple Group B Day

September 16th

Purple Group CORE Day
Dismissal at 11:50

September 17th

Gold Group A Day

September 18th

Gold Group B Day

September 21st

Purple Group A Day

September 22nd

Purple Group B Day

September 23rd

Gold Group CORE Day

Dismissal at 11:50

September 24th

Gold Group A Day

September 25th

Gold Group B Day

September 28th

Purple Group A Day

September 29th

Purple Group B Day

September 30th

Purple Group CORE Day

Dismissal at 11:50



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