



SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your children doing well and enjoying the summer. We are busy getting the building ready for the upcoming school year. As we all can attest, COVID -19 has changed our lives these past few months. To begin the year, some families have elected for their child to participate in a hybrid model of instruction that will allow for physical attendance two days per week. Other families have selected the full remote option that will provide students the opportunity to learn remotely. These orientations are intended for all CMS students – both in the hybrid program and full remote program.

In an effort to get students headed in the right direction, we will be holding our annual grade level orientations. At orientation, students will receive their schedule, have their school picture taken, and have the opportunity to tour the building. Traditionally, students also receive their locker number and combination during orientation as well. We have made the decision that students will not be using lockers to start the school year. Therefore we will not distribute locker information at this time. All students will be permitted to carry backpacks this school year.

Please refer to the schedule according to your student's grade level. Students coming in for orientation must be accompanied by an adult. In order to complete the tasks below, please take as much or as little time as needed with your student. Teachers are not available during these orientations. These orientations are intended for both students who will be in the hybrid program as well as full remote learning.

Grade 6: **Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-3 p.m**
Last Name Begins with A—M 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Last Name Begins with N—Z 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Grade 7: **Wednesday, September 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.**
Last Name Begins with A—M 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Last Name Begins with N—Z 12:00-3:00 p.m

Grade 8: **Thursday, September 3, 2019 from 8:00 a.m.- 3 p.m.**
Last Name Begins with A—M 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Last Name Begins with N—Z 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Before you leave:

- 1) Have your picture taken & receive your ID!*
- 2) Tour the building and walk your schedule
- 3) 7th and 8th grade students MUST bring their laptop, bag and charger for inspection

Our Mission is to educate and inspire each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an ever-changing global community.

*All students will have their ID photo taken even if they are not purchasing photos. Flyers to purchase pictures will be available in the cafeteria when you come in for orientation.

ALL STUDENTS will be having their SCHOOL PICTURES TAKEN ON ORIENTATION DAY and will be receiving their ID AT THAT TIME!

Each child at Cosgrove receives a District provided computer. The District offers an insurance plan that is available for families. Parents or guardians of students in all three grades must determine whether or not they want to purchase the protection plan that would allow any damage or repairs to be done at the cost of a deductible. Please go to <https://spencerport.revtrak.net/Laptop-User-Agreement-Protection-Plan/#/list> to read the Acceptable Use Policy and to select the plan for your child. 7th and 8th grade students will be required to bring their laptops, bags and chargers to orientations. 6th grade students who received computers in the spring are required to bring them and chargers to turn in at orientation. 6th grade students will receive their computers during the first week of school.

Please park in the lot near the soccer stadium and enter through door 18. Please proceed to either gym to begin orientation. In gym 1, your child will receive their schedule. There is also demographic information that parents will need to confirm. In gym 2, students will have their ID pictures taken. Once this is complete, you are free to tour the building. Each person entering Cosgrove will need to wear a mask at all times while in the building (except when smiling for a picture).

We are truly entering the 21st Century of teaching and learning. Our goal is provide your child with a blended learning approach that will allow them to experience a wide range of technology based activities, as well as traditional paper and pencil activities. The goal is to engage and maximize the learnings. All students will have access to Schoology, our learning management system. Parents will also be provided access to Schoology so that they may see the assignments, rubrics and even the online discussions or posts that take place within this form of technology. We have done extensive professional development over the past few years and throughout the summer on integrating technology.

Communication continues to be one of my main goals at Cosgrove. I am asking all families to register for the E-News email service. Please register for e-news via the district's website at www.spencerportschools.org. On the home page, click "Subscribe to E-News button." Then complete the brief form and submit. I send an e-news approximately every two weeks that will keep you informed about what is happening at Cosgrove! I have also established an Instagram account for everyone to access as well. Please go to **Cosgrove_Middle_School** and begin to follow our page. Everyone will be able to access Infinite Campus again in September and this is a great way to communicate with teachers, monitor grades and assignments. 6th grade parents will be mailed a password. For more information on Infinite Campus, please call Mrs. Linda Sauter at 349-5324

On our website you will also find a copy of **Cosgrove's General Supply List** to help you get a head start on back-to-school shopping. Enjoy the rest of your summer and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have at 349-5302 or 349-5340.

Sincerely,

Jim Centola

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