



# Menomonie Middle School Newsletter

May/June2019

# Greetings from Principal Boettcher!

#### Mark Your Calendar

May 10: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade **Environmental Site** 

May 13: Orchestra Concert

May 14: 7<sup>th</sup> grade chromebook inspection

May 14: Band Concert

May 16: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Track &

**Field Day** 

May 16: MMS Spring Play

May 21: 8<sup>th</sup> grade

chromebook inspection

**May 22: Retirement Mixer** 

May 23: Choir Concert at HS

May 24: Last day to checkout @ library

May 27: No School

May 28: Poetry Reading @

**Raw Deal** 

May 30: European Fair

May 31: All library materials

June 7: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

– 10am

June 7: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

The 2018-19 school year is almost complete. Planning is well under way for the 2019-20 school year. Please check the MMS website to stay informed about information and the many exciting opportunities next school year.

- 6th grade orientation Aug. 12 and 13
- Student schedule release Aug. 14
- Open house Aug. 29th (Mandatory Day)
- · First day of school Sept. 3rd

I would highly encourage students to get involved in summer school courses or some of the many opportunities the parks and recreation department offers. The public library also offers a number of exciting opportunities for our students during the summer. Encourage your son or daughter to continue reading during the summer. Establishing a reading routine is very important for brain development. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer. We are very excited about all that is happening at MMS next school year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at bart\_boettcher@msd.k12.wi.us or phone (715) 232-1673 ext. 30104.

Attitude + Effort = Success Principal Bart Boettcher



## 5th Grade Parents/Guardians

Parents/Guardians of current 5th graders will be receiving this newsletter in the mail. Please note: Our newsletters are typically found online. We do not mail out newsletters. You can visit our website and sign up to receive newsletters/daily announcements online. More information on that will be available at our 6th Grade/New Student Orientation in August. Please be sure to look through this newsletter for important information for the 2019-20 school year.

We're here to help you! Sometimes it can be confusing to know who to talk to. Here are a few of the main phone numbers and people to talk to.

Main School Number: (715) 232-1673

# Attendance Secretary - Kelly Steinmeyer - ext. 30100

Student will not be at school
Student is leaving school early—appointment
Student has a planned absence—vacation
Have a question about your student's attendance.

#### Nurse's Office - Amanda Eastvold/Judy Olson—ext. 30103

Student is sick and would like to leave school Questions regarding medications and plans

# Food Service - Kari Sisko - (715) 232-2606 ext. 42124

Food Service is located at the High School Questions about lunch accounts

#### Guidance Office - Jason Mountin - ext. 30108

Questions regarding students in Grade 6 and Grade 7 - Silver Side  $\,$ 

#### Guidance Office - Nancy Horner - ext. 30112

Questions regarding students in Grade 7 - Gold Side and Grade 8  $\,$ 

#### Main Office - Tina Liestman-ext. 30111

Have a question about your student's fees—tech, print fee, athletic/club fees, etc. Waiver inquires can also be made.

#### Parent/Family Online Access

Online Family Access is available for all families in the district. To obtain a username and password, contact our district office at (715) 232-1642. Please, for security reasons, do NOT share your parent login with your child. Go to <a href="www.sdmaonline.com">www.sdmaonline.com</a> and click on the *Family Access Login* link on the left side. You can access your child's attendance, grades, fees and lunch balance.

#### Attendance Reminder

Good school attendance is one predicator of academic success. All Menomonie Middle School students are required to be in attendance from 7:35 am to 3:05 pm. Additionally, students are reminded that they have a maximum of 10 school days that can be missed during the school year for personal illness, religious services, and family activities. If a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours, a note from a parent/guardian or that business office needs to be turned into the Attendance Office the morning of your appointment so we can get your student a pass and that it does not count against those 10 days. If your child is absent, please call the Attendance Office.

#### <u>Parents</u>



Sign up to receive daily announcements, newsletters, and other important updates. The link is available on the middle school website.

Go to Parents & Community, then to Parent Tools. You will see a drop down menu listing Daily Announcements. Click on that link. This will take you to the Middle School Announcements page. On the right side is a Subscribe button. Click on that and follow the prompts.

Please remember to update your information, emergency contacts, and fill out permission forms on Skyward Family Access for your student(s). This is important for field trip permission, student and bus code of conduct, video/photographing permission, computer network agreement, health services standing orders, and more. You can also pay online fees for the middle school and sports fees.

### Free and Reduced Lunch



Families who may be experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to apply for the free and reduced lunch program. Guidelines change and family circumstances change as well. Applications are available in the middle school office, as well as the district office. Many times our families are struggling to make "ends meet" and if they are eligible for assistance, it could really help their family. In addition, students who meet free and reduced eligibility are often times eligible for other programs. However, if an application is not submitted, they cannot receive that service. To learn more about eligibility criteria or receive an application, contact the Food Service Office at (715) 232-2606 ext. 42124.

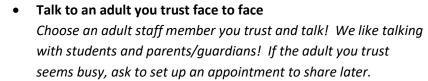


#### MMS Is Tree Nut / Peanut Allergy Aware

Severe allergies related to tree nuts and peanuts and other related food products are on the rise. To protect the health and safety of all students who experience this type of life-threatening allergic reaction to tree nuts, peanuts, and/or products containing trace elements of these nuts- MMS is a tree nut / peanut aware school zone. Students and families are reminded to refrain from the consumption or use of nuts at MMS. Your awareness and cooperation could save a human life!

### MMS IS A BULLY FREE SCHOOL ZONE

Principals, teachers, counselors, and other staff members at Menomonie Middle School are always willing to listen to and consider the ideas, concerns, and needs of our students and parents/guardians. Several options for communication exist:



- Call an Adult You Trust
  Using the telephone to communicate is perfectly OK!
- Write to an Adult You Trust
   If talking face to face or on the telephone is too hard, write a
   message to an adult you trust. Written messages can be
   delivered to an office or classroom. We will respond to you in a
   timely manner.
- Use Our MMS Idea Box
   Written messages can be dropped off in our Idea Boxes located in the middle school hallways. Paper forms are available next to each box.
- Send an Email to an Adult You Trust

  Sending an email to an adult you trust is a safe and easy way to share. We will respond in a timely manner.

All students should feel safe at school! No concern is too small! "Stand up" for yourself and "stand up" for your friends and peers. Together, we can eliminate bullying in our school!



### Do You Have Questions About How to Use "Skyward Family Access"?

If you have questions about how to use our Skyward grading data base "Family Access", you are not alone. Parents/guardians often have questions or difficulty when navigating this site. Do not hesitate to contact our front office for guidance when this occurs. We are ready and willing to assist you. To login to Family Access, go to the Parents & Community to Parent Tools and a drop down menu will come up with Skyward Family Access on it. Click on this option to access Family Access.





All student fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year. Statements are sent out electronically or by mail if your email is not up to date. Please check your student's fee under fee management in Family Access. Fees not paid by the end of the school year will roll over to the next year. If you qualify for free/reduced meals some of your fees may be waived, but paperwork must be filled out. Only current year fees can be waived. Some fees do not apply to the waiver. Please contact Tina at

tina liestman@msd.k12.wi.us or call (715) 232-1673 ext. 30111.



# **8<sup>™</sup> GRADE CELEBRATION!**

We will say a fond farewell to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year at our 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration scheduled for Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Parents and guardians are invited to share the joy and respect of this transitional event! Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria immediately following the ceremony! Students are welcome to go home with their parents/guardians after the ceremony as long as the permission slip has been turned in by the due date.

#### **2019-20 Scheduling Requests**

Student schedules are generated randomly within our Skyward scheduling program. In other words, we do not schedule students one by one. Rather, the program mass-schedules each grade level into pods and classes. However, some compelling or unique circumstances require individual attention. If you have a compelling or unique circumstance you wish for our MMS scheduling team to consider, please submit your information and request to Mr. Mountin via email: jason mountin@msd.k12.wi.us. It is best to submit your request and information by June 1, 2019. Our scheduling team works ambitiously in June, July and August to meet the scheduling needs of all students while balancing class sizes each year.



## <u>6" Grade / New Student Summer Orientation</u>

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

6<sup>TH</sup> grade orientation and new student orientation will be held in August. This is an important informational event for parents/guardians and students. It is one of the first opportunities for families to meet teachers, staff, and administration and begin a partnership to strengthen the capacity for ALL students to learn and achieve at high levels. There is no need to register in advance, just select the date and time that works best for your family calendar and come!

- Monday, August 12 3:00 pm OR 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 13 9:00 am

All orientation sessions will be approximately 1 1/2 hours in duration with time to mingle, explore, and ask questions!

Schedules will be available for pick up on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> for all grade levels.

The office will be open from 7am – 3:30 pm.



## **End of the Year Library Dates:**

Here are some important end of the year dates for the library:

May 24: Last check out day

May 31: All books need to be returned

# 6th Grade Last Day of School

Sixth graders will be traveling to the high school the morning of June 7th to celebrate the last day of school. We will be having fun the pool and fieldhouse as well as having some humorous entertainment by James Wedgewood, ventriloquist. Parents are invited to join us for the ventriloquist and to take your student home following the entertainments. Exact details are still being worked out. Watch for a note that will be sent home in the next couple of weeks explaining our day.



## **Summer Academy 2019**

2019 Program Location: Menomonie High School

Session 1: June 17-20, June 24-27: Monday – Thursday, 8am – 1pm Session 2: July 5-11, July 15-18: Monday – Thursday, 8am – 1pm

Field Trip Fridays: June 21, 28, & July 12, 19

There will be no school the week of July 1 – July 5, 2019

#### Daily Schedule of Approximate Times:

7:30 am Students arrive at Menomonie High School

8:00 – 9:00 am Period 1 9:05 – 10:05 am Period 2 10:10 – 11:10 am Period 3

11:15 am – 1:00 pm Period 4 (Lunch and Learn)

#### **Bus Service**

Bus service is provided at no cost.

A complete bus route is printed in the Summer School Booklet 2019. You may call Menomonie Transportation at 715-235-4995 to inquire about your child's bus assignment.

#### Summer Food Service Program

The summer food service program will continue to offer a FREE breakfast and lunch during all sessions of summer school, Monday through Thursdays at River Heights Elementary and Menomonie High School for students 18 years and younger. Hours: 7:30 – 8:30 am and 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. Fridays – breakfast and a bag lunch is offered at River heights ONLY.





## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### European Fair

Please join us Thursday, May 30th from 3:30 – 5:00 pm as we showcase our European Fair. Students have been working hard to complete their projects. There will be food samples, fun and games. **This is a free event and open to all.** It will be held the middle school gymnasium.



# Music Notes



Thank you for another wonderful year of music-making! As things begin to wrap up, please double check calendars for end of year concerts, and contact music teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Monday, May 13 ~ 6~8 Orchestra Concert in MMS Gym at 7:00pm (6:30 call for students)

Tuesday, May 14 ~ 6~8 Band Concert in MMS Gym at 7:00pm (6:30 call for students)

Thursday, May 23 ~ 6~8 Choir Concert in MHS Auditorium at 7:00pm (6:15 call for students)

## **Keep Math Skills Sharp**

While reading over the summer is important, continuing to work with mathematics is also important. It helps your child maintain the gains they have made in math this year. Having your child engaging in mathematics by cooking, shopping, and other daily activities is important to maintain those skills. This summer students also have access to their Chromebooks, so we are including some websites to encourage summer maintenance of math skills.

Khan Academy/Illustrative Mathematics (companion to our OpenUp Resource)

https://www.khanacademy.org/math/illustrative-math

Challenging math problems:

http://mathtop10.com/

Prodigy:

https://www.prodigygame.com/



IXL

https://www.ixl.com/math/



Have you had an interest in Student Council but haven't joined? Come check it out!

Student Council May meetings are open to anyone to attend. Check us out and see if this organization is right for you.

#### May Meetings

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 am in the library Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 am in the library

Any questions, contact Mr. Haas or Ms. Yonash

## Art Supplies Needed For The 2019-2020 School Year











#### Required Art Materials

#### 6th Grade Students:

Pencils

Scotch Tape

Decorative Tape (Examples: Washi Tape OR Printed Duct Tape)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Ruler

Glue Sticks

Black Sharpie Markers (Fine Point OR Extra Fine Point)

#### 8th Grade Students:

Gel Pens

Scissors

Mask Materials (Examples: Dowels, glitter, puffy paint, ribbon, beads)

#### **Donated Art Materials Needed**

#### Newspaper

**Magazines** 

Cardboard

#### Dear MHS and MMS Parents,

We just want to remind you that we have a partnership with Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) this summer and will be offering several Academies for students, for dual credit. Some are full, but some still have seats available. If your student is interested in one of these open academies, complete an application as soon as possible. Once seats are filled, the sessions are closed and we cannot approve students. If you have any questions, contact the high school and speak with Mr. Ryan Sterry or Mrs. Angela Ruchti (715) 232-2609.

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<u>Intro to Health Information Technology</u> \*for 9th-10th-11th-12th gr students (grade in fall)

<u>Intro to Small Engines, Automobiles & Diesel Trucks</u> \*for 9th-10th-11th-12th gr students (grade in fall)



## 4th Annual Family Fun Night Success

On Tuesday night, March 19, we held a very successful family night here at the Middle School. We had 340 guests enjoy the events of the evening and we say a huge THANK YOU for joining the Middle School staff for a night of fun. Our guests started the evening with a hot dog, chip, and water dinner. They were also able to have a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar for dessert any time during the evening.

Students and their families moved through the building following a rotation of activity stations printed on a "passport". All stations gave away items to those that participated and at the end of the night we had a large prize give away. All 5th - 8th grade students put their passports in a bucket and names were drawn.

Thanks to the Title 1 federal funding our school receives, the meal, dessert, station supplies, giveaways, and prizes were paid for with the monies our building receives for this type of event. We are anticipating continued support for next year so keep your eyes open for the advertisement of our 5th Annual Family Fun Night to take place early next spring.

# **MMS Celebrates Earth Day 2019**

On April 26, Menomonie Middle School students celebrated Earth Week. For the past 15 years the students of MMS have taken part in outdoor service projects which impact the local environment. Some of the highlights from this year: All 6th grade students spent the day at the school forest (Bjornson Environmental Site) learning about nature and taking part in service projects to improve the forest. All 7th grade students spent the afternoon outdoors taking part in clean-up projects at local parks, streams and around the middle school. 8th grade students participated in 9 different projects around Menomonie including: Invasive species removal, rain garden maintenance, a pollinator project, tree planting, bird house construction, trail clearing at Menomin Park, Hoffman Hills and the Red Cedar State Trail. A generous donation of \$2,500 from 3M has made this Earth Day Celebration possible. 3M has supported the MMS Earth Day Celebration for the past 15 years! Thank You!





#### **Health Office**

<u>Medication:</u> Please pick up any medication in the health office on or before the last day of school. Any medication that is not picked up will be discarded. For safety reasons, we do not keep medication stored in the health office during the summer. Students may pick up their medication at the end of the school day. Thank you for your assistance!

Students with health plans will receive a mailing during the summer to update their health concerns. Please help our health services coordinator by updating and completing this information **before** the start of the 2019-2020 school year. If your child has a new or reoccurring health concern, please notify the office at (715) 232-1673 with any updates or current emergency contact numbers.

<u>Lice:</u> There have been cases of head lice in the community. Please check your child's head for nits or live bugs. Please treat your child's head with a head lice product. Contact the health office at (715) 232-1673 if you have any questions.

<u>Immunizations</u>: If you have questions about immunization requirements, please contact the office at (715) 232-1673 ext. 30103. The new requirements affect ALL incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2019-2020 school year. Summer is a great time to schedule an appointment to meet immunization requirements or if your child needs a sports physical. Please contact Dunn County Public Health at 715-232-2388 or your personal health care provider.

If you have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader who will be coming to the Middle School next year, please check your child's shot record and schedule an appointment for immunizations if they are not up-to-date.

#### Does your child need the chickenpox vaccine? Or the Tdap booster?

All students grades K-12 will need either proof of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or proof of immunity for the 2018-2019 school year. Students in grades 6-8 are required to have two (2) doses of varicella. A child is considered compliant with the law if either a vaccination date is provided, or date the child had the chickenpox disease. The vaccine is available at the Dunn County Health Department or you can consult with your primary health care provider. Chickenpox is highly contagious. The vaccine is recommended for young children and older children who have <u>not</u> had the chickenpox disease.

Tdap means adolescent tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine. If your child received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within 5 years of entering the grade in which Tdap is required, your child is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required. **Students in grades 6-8 are required to have a Tdap booster.** 



## **Lost and Found**

Please encourage your child to check the *Lost and Found* tables in both the cafeteria hallway and the locker room. We have a collection of items that will go to a needy organization if they are not claimed before the end of the school year.

## MMS Newsletter is Green!

Our newsletter is posted on the Middle School website and you can receive it via email if you are signed up to receive daily announcements and your email is up to date in Family Access. We do keep a few paper copies in the front office. You may pick one up if you'd like.



## **Larn Money for Our School!**

## **Shoparoo**

Turn your shopping receipts into donations for our school. Just download the Shoparoo app and select the school you want to receive the donation. Just download the Shoparoo ap and start scanning your receipts.

Shop: Shop for any product, at any store

Snap: Take a picture of your receipts

Earn: Shoparoo donates to your school

Where does the donation money come from? Their founders are former teachers and retail executives who have found a novel way of matching schools' need for financial support with major consumer brands' need for market research. When you use the Shoparoo app to raise money for your school, your receipt data along with any answers you provide to optional surveys is made anonymous and summarized in market research reports that brands purchase. All research data remains anonymous, and this enables them to give money back to schools!

# COLLECTION CORNER!

# Thanks for your continued support collecting and bringing in **BOXTOPS** for our school!

The **time** and **effort** you give will help those in **Job Skills class** learn skills for the working world. Plus money for our school - it's a WIN WIN!



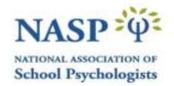


Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs by downloading the <u>Box Tops for Education®Bonus App</u>. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. Also go online to win <u>Bonus Box Tops</u> in one of the many sweepstakes they offer for our school! Plus Boxtops are found on a lot of items in your refrigerator, freezer or pantry and much much more! **Cut them out & bring them in!!** 

Kwik Trip MILK MOOLA program has ended!!

The collection bin is located in the office.

Thanks for your support!



# Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Parents and Educators

If you or someone you know is suicidal, get help immediately via 911, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or the Crisis Text Line (text "HOME" to 741741).

Suicide is preventable. Youth who are contemplating suicide frequently give warning signs. Do not be afraid to ask about suicidal thoughts. Never take warning signs lightly or promise to keep them secret.

### **Risk Factors**



- Hopelessness
- · Non-suicidal self injury (e.g., cutting)
- Mental illness, especially severe depression, but also post traumatic stress, ADHD, and substance abuse
- · History of suicidal thinking and behavior
- Prior suicide among peers or family members
- Interpersonal conflict, family stress/dysfunction
- · Presence of a firearm in the home

## Warning Signs



- Suicidal threats in the form of direct (e.g., "I want to die") and indirect (e.g. "I wish I could go to sleep and not wake up") statements
- Suicide notes, plans, online postings
- Making final arrangements
- Preoccupation with death
- · Giving away prized possessions
- · Talking about death
- Sudden unexplained happiness
- · Increased risk taking
- · Heavy drug/alcohol use

## What to Do



- Remain calm, nonjudgmental and listen.
- Ask directly about suicide (e.g., "Are you thinking about suicide").
- · Focus on your concern for their well-being
- Avoid being accusatory (e.g., don't say, "You aren't going to do anything stupid are you?").
- Reassure them that there is help; they will not feel like this forever.
- Provide constant supervision. Do not leave the youth alone.
- Remove means for self-harm, especially firearms.
- Get help! Never agree to keep suicidal thoughts a secret. Tell an appropriate caregiving adult. Parents should seek help from school or community mental health resources as soon as possible. School staff should take the student to a schoolemployed mental health professional.

## Reminders for Parents



After a school notifies a parent of their child's risk for suicide and provides referral information, parents must:

- Continue to take threats seriously.
   Follow through is important even after the child calms down or informs the parent "they didn't mean it."
- Access school supports. If parents are uncomfortable with following through on referrals, they can give the school psychologist permission to contact the referral agency, provide referral information, and follow up on the visit.
- Maintain communication with school.
   After an intervention, the school will also provide follow-up supports. Your communication will be crucial to ensuring that the school is the safest, most comfortable place possible for your child.



# Vaccines Recommended at Ages 11-12: What Parents Should Know

#### Why does my child need vaccines now?

Vaccines aren't just for babies. Some of the vaccines that babies get can wear off as kids get older. And as kids grow up they may come in contact with different diseases than when they were babies. There are vaccines that can help protect your preteen or teen from these other illnesses.

#### What vaccines does my child need?

#### **Tdap Vaccine**

This vaccine helps protect against three serious diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Preteens should get Tdap at age 11 or 12. If your teen didn't get a Tdap shot as a preteen, ask their doctor or nurse about getting the shot now.

#### Meningococcal Vaccine

Meningococcal conjugate vaccine protects against some of the bacteria that can cause meningitis (swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord) and septicemia (an infection in the blood). Preteens need the first meningococcal shot when they are 11 or 12 years old and a second meningococcal shot at age 16. Teens who got the meningococcal shot when they were 13, 14, or 15 years old should still get a second shot at age 16. Older teens who haven't gotten any meningococcal shots should get one dose as soon as possible.

#### **HPV Vaccine**

Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines help protect both girls and boys from HPV infection and cancer caused by HPV. All preteens need HPV vaccination so they can be protected from HPV infections that cause cancer. HPV vaccination is a series of shots given over several months. Teens and young adults who didn't start or finish the HPV vaccine series also need HPV vaccination. The best way to remember to get your child all of the shots they need is to make an appointment for the remaining shots before you leave the doctor's office or clinic.

#### Flu Vaccine

The annual flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the chances of getting seasonal flu and spreading it to others. Even healthy preteens and teens can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. While all preteens and teens should get a flu vaccine, it's especially important for those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease to get vaccinated. The best time to get the flu vaccine is as soon after it's available in your community, ideally by October. While it's best to be vaccinated before flu begins causing illness in your community, flu vaccination can be beneficial as long as flu viruses are circulating, even in January or later.

#### When should my child be vaccinated?

A good time to get these vaccines is during a yearly health checkup. Your preteen or teen can also get these vaccines at a physical exam required for sports, school, or camp. It's a good idea to ask the doctor or nurse every year if there are any vaccines that your child may need.

#### What else should I know about these vaccines?

These vaccines have all been studied very carefully and are safe. They can cause mild side effects, like soreness or redness in the part of the arm where the shot was given. Some preteens and teens might faint after getting a shot. Sitting or lying down when getting a shot and then for about 15 minutes after the shot, can help prevent fainting. Serious side effects are rare. It is very important to tell the doctor or nurse if your child has any serious allergies, including allergies to yeast, latex, or chicken eggs, before they receive any shots.

#### How can I get help paying for these vaccines?

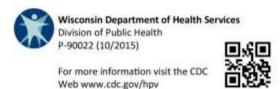
The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger, who are not insured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native. You can find out more about the VFC program by going online to www. cdc.gov and typing VFC in the search box.

#### Where can I learn more?

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about what vaccines they may need. You can also find more information about these vaccines on CDC's Vaccines for Preteens and Teens website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens.

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#### Summer Device Expectations

Students currently in grades 6-11 will have access to their chromebooks over the summer to encourage ongoing educational opportunities. To assist you, the district is providing the following tips for summer Chromebook use:

#### Care

- Store chromebooks in a safe location—avoid heat and direct sunlight, keep away from pets, etc.
- Avoid liquids when using your chromebook drinks, wet swimsuits, towels, etc.
- Chromebooks should remain in their bag to protect them when not in use.

#### Monitoring Activity

- Chromebooks are always filtered by Securly.
- Families can continue to monitor use at home through the Securly portal, by checking the browser history, and/or observing student use.

#### Repairs/Damages

- Chromebooks that need repairs may be brought to the Administrative Service Center between 7:30am
  and 4:00pm Monday Thursday except for holidays. A student tech ticket should be filled out prior to
  dropping off the device, if possible, and is available <a href="here">here</a>. The student does need to be logged into his/her school
  account to access the form. If the student is unable to access his/her account, a computer is available a the district
  office to complete the repair form.
- While devices will be repaired as quickly as possible, replacements/checkouts are not available over the summer.
   Please have students note if they are taking a district summer school course in their repair ticket.
- If there are any fees associated with the repair an invoice will be delivered with the returned device and another
  mailed to the guardian address.
- DO NOT attempt to do repairs on your own. This voids your insurance.
- The annual insurance term runs from July 1 June 30. Insurance may be added for the 2019-2020 school year no sooner than Monday, July 15 by stopping in the MS or HS office to fill out paperwork and pay the \$25 enrollment fee. Enrolling on July 15 will cover any damage between July 1 July 15, 2019. After July 15, 2019 the 2019-2020 insurance will go into effect the day the enrollment fee is paid. This may be the only fee that will be accepted prior to the school's scheduled orientation days and may not be reflected in Skyward until August.
- Repair Questions? Call our technology help desk at 715-232-1642 ext. 11142.