

Aug.-Sept. 2021 Newsletter

Notes From The Superintendent

I hope you have had a safe and healthy summer. The COVID-19 pandemic has subsided somewhat, but variants continue to spread especially amongst the unvaccinated. The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education have announced recommendations for re-opening schools this fall. In response to these recommendations, we will recommend but not require wearing of masks to start the year. In addition, we will continue social distancing, conduct daily temperature checks, limiting outside visitors, continue enhanced sanitation procedures, and encourage hand washing. If pandemic conditions worsen and positivity rates increase we may increase mitigation requirements.

As of this writing we are planning to reopen school Friday, August 20, 2021, with in person instruction for all students. There will NOT be a remote learning option offered this school year. We plan to conduct a normal school year however, we will monitor conditions closely and if circumstances warrant enhanced mitigations, we will do so. The safety of our students and staff is paramount in our decision making.

Back to school meetings for every grade level will be conducted August 10-12. A schedule of these meetings is included in this newsletter. The purpose of these meetings will be to explain rules, procedures, and expectations. In addition, students will meet their teachers, visit their classrooms, and drop off school supplies they have purchased. We will also distribute laptops to students in grades 7-12 during these meetings. These will be important meetings so please make every effort to attend.

Our District custodial staff members: Mr. Kyle Leech, Mrs. Theresa Pidde, Mr. Jeremy Diehl, Mr. Murphy Baldwin, Mr. Ray Alexander, and Mr. Cade Schave are doing an excellent job in maintaining the school grounds and preparing both buildings for the new school year! Rooms have been painted, new flooring installed, repairs completed, floors waxed, and a thorough cleaning has been completed. Milledgeville School is in the best condition it has been in 40 years.

A student's success in school is influenced by their own effort and by the interest and cooperation of parents with the school. The primary reason students fail is because they do not complete their work. Help your child get off to a good start by monitoring their homework completion and checking their work on a regular basis. Regarding discipline concerns or academic/grade issues the school needs parental support when dealing with your student. If you hear your child talk disparagingly about school or education stop them immediately and demand that they respect the institution. Students listen to their parents and if they know you expect them to work hard, do their work, show respect, and have a positive attitude they are far more likely to do so when at school. Finally, I encourage parents to work cooperatively with the school when problems or conflicts arise. Working together we can be far more successful in resolving problems. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or if you wish to arrange a conference, please phone your student's school:

Chadwick-Milledgeville Elementary K-6 at 225-7143
Chadwick-Milledgeville Jr. /Sr. High at 225-7141
Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399 District Office at 225-5839

We wish to remind parents that the school building is not open before 8:00 A.M, at which time school employees will enable students to enter through the various doors. Students or parents arriving after 8:15 A.M. need to enter through the following buzzer release door: Milledgeville School – North rear main entrance from the parking lot (large orange facia). All exterior doors are locked from the outside on a permanent basis during the school day to enhance safety and security.

Our school news will again be presented on the last Wednesday of each month through an insert in the Prairie Advocate Newspaper. We hope you will save the insert for reference to the lunch menu and for reference to activity dates throughout each month. Thanks to the efforts of our District Secretary Mrs. Jody Mertz, much of our school district news is also posted on the District's website: www.dist399.net.

Welcome back to school. Working together this will be a great year!

Sincerely,
Tim J. Schurman, Superintendent

Counselor's Corner

If any student needs to change something in their schedule, there will be an opportunity to do so during the first 3 days of school. Please understand if you are in an elective course that you do not wish to be in, we can look at alternatives. However, sometimes the schedule is limited and you may have to choose between two electives you want to take. Juniors and Seniors - The first date to take the ACT test this fall is September 11, 2021. You can register at www.actstudent.org. The deadline for registration is August 6, 2021. Any senior that is going to a college or university and has not taken the ACT, please do so during this test date.

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1:1 Laptop Distribution for Junior High & High School

All Junior High and High School students will be issued a laptop computer, for use at home and school. This district initiative provides students equal access to a valuable learning tool which they can utilize at all times. Every student will have access to the Internet through these computers, which will be equipped with a filter to help prevent access to inappropriate websites. Students will not be allowed to use a family or

personally owned laptop at school. Only a District-owned laptop is permitted for use at school and on the District network.

The laptops issued to students will remain District property. As with all materials issued to students by the District, the student is responsible for the care of the laptop. In the event equipment is lost or stolen the student/parent must immediately notify the Technology Director and immediately file a report with the Police Department. If technical issues arise, students must notify their instructor immediately. If the problem cannot be resolved, students will be referred to the Technology Director who will arrange for repairs.

These laptop computers will be issued to the students at the Back to School Grade Level Meetings mentioned in the following news article.

Back to School Grade Level Meetings/Laptop Distribution

Back to School Grade Level Meetings will be held at Milledgeville School. Laptop distribution for grades 7-12 will also take place during these meetings. Please refer to the schedule below for the date and time that corresponds to your student. Students and parents will receive a welcome presentation from district administration where policies, procedures, and expectations will be reviewed. Then parents and students will report to their homeroom to meet their teacher, receive a presentation on classroom procedures, communication procedures, expectations, and to drop off school supplies. Please attend these important meetings!

August 10th

- **Kindergarten big gym 6:00 P.M.**
- **1st grade small gym 6:00 P.M.**
- **2nd grade big gym 6:30 P.M.**
- **3rd grade small gym 6:30 P.M.**
- **4th grade big gym 7:00 P.M.**
- **5th grade small gym 7:00 P.M.**

August 11th

- **6th -8th grade big gym 6:30 P.M.**

August 12th

- **Freshman Orientation MHS Library 6:00 P.M.**
- **Sophomores-Seniors big gym 7:00 P.M.**

Back to School Notice for 2021-2022 School Year

The first day of student attendance for students, Grades K-12, will be Friday, August 20, beginning at **8:10 a.m.** and dismissing at **2:05 p.m.** The buses will be running. Students K-6 who walk home will be dismissed at 2:05 p.m. Buses will depart at 2:10 p.m.

The hot lunch program will begin on Friday, August 20. Breakfast and Lunch for Grades K-12 will be FREE for the 2021-22 school year. Please note, “extras” and additional milks MUST be paid for by the student. Milk - \$.40, Ala Carte - \$1.25.

The parent call-in program will be in operation again this year. Parents are asked to call the school office at #815-225-7141 before 8:15 a.m. to report the reason that their child is unable to attend school that day. Parents may also leave a message on the answering machine. The school will attempt to contact the parent at home or work by 10 a.m. if the parent has not notified the school of the student’s absence that day.

All physical examinations and required immunization records must be on file in the school by Friday, August 27, for all students entering grades K, 6, and 9. (The 9th grade physical exam will also satisfy the requirement for a sports physical.) Please see articles in this newsletter pertaining to physical and dental examinations and required immunizations.

Sports physicals are required of students who will be competing in sports or participating in cheerleading or Spirit Squad. The physical must be on file before the student will be allowed to practice in the activity.

Student insurance from Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company will be available. Forms for insurance will be available when students register. Checks for insurance are to be made payable to First Agency. Costs for the “standard” insurance are:

- PreK-8 School Time: \$23
- 9-12 School Time: \$46
- PreK-12 for 24 Hours: \$125
- Football 9-12: \$162

Additional packages for “deluxe” coverage are also available.

Physical education uniforms are required of all boys and girls in grades 6-12. PE uniforms may be purchased during registration hours. Those unable to purchase their uniforms on these dates may make arrangements to purchase uniforms through Marty Stage by calling 225-7200.

Combination locks: Both boys and girls in grades 7-12 are required to rent a combination lock for their PE lockers. If the lock is not returned at the end of the year, a \$7 fee will be assessed.

Registration For 2021-2022 School Year

All K-12 registration will be done at the **Milledgeville School**. Parents may register any time that is convenient on **Wednesday, July 28th between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Forms are available for download on our District Website. We hope everyone took advantage of the online registration process through Teacher Ease, which makes the final step of registration much simpler and faster!

We do ask that new families register their student(s) on **Thursday, August 5th, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at the District Office, located on the 1st floor of the Milledgeville School. If you are not able to attend at that time, please call #815-225-5839 to schedule an appointment.

Checks for fees should be made payable to Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399.

Grades K-12 Registration Fees:

- Grades K-12 Instructional Materials Fee: \$50
- Grades K-12 Technology Fee: \$25
- Grades K-5 Class Party Fee: \$2
- Grades K-3 Milk: \$60 per year
- Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6: \$35 Supply Fee
- Grades K-6th 1:1 Initiative Fee: \$25
- Grades 7th -12th 1:1 Initiative Fee: \$50
- Grades 6-12 Laptop Insurance (optional): \$60
- Grades 7-12 Locker/Lock Rental: \$2 per lock
- JH Athletics Fee: \$20 per sport + Transportation \$10 per sport/activity
- HS Athletics Fee: \$30 per sport + Transportation \$10 per sport/activity
- Band Instrument Rental: \$5/semester for drums and \$15/semester for all other instruments
- Driver Education: \$100
- HS Lab Fees for each of the following: \$15
 - Agriculture – each class
 - Art – each class
 - Business – each accounting, computers class
 - FACS (Intro to Textiles & Fashion, Advanced Textiles & Fashion, Intro to Foods, Foods I, Foods II, Singles Living)
 - Science – each class
- HS Yearbook (optional): \$50

Parents of all Kindergarten students, if enrolled for the first time, are to bring a copy of their social security card, a certified county birth certificate, physical, immunizations, dental, and lead screening forms. Please see related articles regarding immunization sites and lead screening sites and physical, immunization, vision and dental requirements. To enter Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2021. Kindergarten students will attend school all day every day.

Waiver of Student Fees

The School Board has established fees and charges to fund certain school activities. School fees may include, but are not limited to: required textbooks and instructional materials; charges and deposits for use of school property; charges for field trips; charges for uniforms or equipment; charges to participate in extracurricular activities; charges for supplies of particular classes; graduation fees; school record fees; and driver's education fees.

The Board recognizes that some students will be unable to pay these fees; however, students shall not be denied educational services or academic credit due to the inability or unwillingness of parent(s) or guardians(s) to pay fees and charges.

Students whose parents are unable to afford student fees may receive a waiver of fees; however, these students are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment.

At the beginning of each school year, the school district's waiver of school fees policy will be published in the District newsletter. A fee waiver application form shall be available at each building office.

A student shall be eligible for a waiver of a fee when at least one of the following prerequisites is met:

1. The student is currently receiving aid under Article IV of the Illinois Public Aid Code (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).
2. The student is currently eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals pursuant to Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 122, Para. 712.1 et seq.

Additional consideration for fee waiver will be given where emergency situations exist. The parent or guardian shall submit evidence of eligibility for waiver of the student's fees. The Superintendent will notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) as to whether the fee waiver request has been granted or denied. A denied request shall state the reason.

Illinois Physical and Immunization Requirements

Complete physicals are required for students entering preschool, kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades. Sports physicals are required for all school sponsored athletic activities.

****Check with your doctor to ensure all immunizations are up-to-date for your child's age.**

Dental Examinations:

Dental examinations are now required for students entering Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 6, and Grade 9.

Vision Examinations:

Evidence of a vision examination is now required for students entering kindergarten and for students entering an Illinois school for the first time.

Schedule Doctor Appointments NOW!

Students who do not show proof of all required physical and immunization requirements by Friday, October 15, 2021, will be ineligible to attend school until the information is received by the school.

Attn: Jr. High Volleyball Players & Parents

Practice will begin on August 12th at 8:00 am in the Chadwick gym. Please make sure you have your physical, insurance forms or waivers, and fees paid. You must have all of these in order to practice. 7th graders and any 8th grader that hasn't played before will

need to bring \$20 on the first day of practice in order to get a Streaks shirt that will be worn at games. We will practice from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19. Practice will be after school on the 20th.

Annual Athletic Boosters
HOG ROAST & VOLLEYBALL/FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE
August 21, 2021 · 4:00 – 6:00 pm

At the Football Concession Stand - weather permitting

High School Volleyball Scrimmage – 6:00-6:30 PM

Spirit Squad Introductions on the Football Field – 6:45 PM
with High School Football Scrimmage to follow.

*Everyone is invited to come out and help support our
athletes and enjoy some good food.*

Carley Classic- July 31st!

The 5th Annual Carley Ann Classic will take place Saturday, July 31st at the Milledgeville High School. Co-Ed Sand Volleyball Tournament and Bags Tournament Registration is due July 30th. All proceeds fund scholarships and other contribution opportunities throughout the community in memory of Carley.

School Vision Screening Notification

Vision screening by the school nurse will be done at school, as mandated, for the following children during the 2021-2022 school year: preschool, kindergarten, second, eighth, special education, teacher/parent referrals, and students new to the district. Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor (as required for Kindergarten).

Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening at school if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months and that evaluation is on file at the school. This screening is not an option. If a vision examination report is not on file at the school; your child in the mandated grade will be screened.

School Reach Automated Telephone Contact System

When the administration decides to close school, dismiss early, or wants to provide an important reminder to parents we will execute a School Reach call. When a School Reach call is made a recorded message will be sent to the contact numbers you provide the school district during registration. Please make sure that the contact numbers we have for your family are accurate and up to date. Warning: In the case of school closing you will receive phone call notification very early in the morning i.e. 5:00 A.M. If this is not acceptable notify in writing the office secretary in the building your child attends that you would like to be removed from the School Reach telephone notification program.

Pesticide Application Notification

In accordance with the District's integrated pest management program, pesticide will only be used when necessary. If pesticides are needed at either the Chadwick or Milledgeville School, they will be applied the first Thursday of every month between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Those with questions may contact the superintendent at 684-5191, Ext. 223.

Supply Lists for Elementary, Junior High School, and High School

*** All Students K-12 must have 5 Reusable Cloth Face Masks***

Kindergarten

- Large plastic Pencil Box without a handle*(this box needs to be large enough to fit 24 crayons, 16 markers, 12 pencils, 2 erasers, 2 dry erase markers, 2 glue sticks and a sock, needs to be no smaller than 11x7x3)
- Crayola **Classic** Broad & Fine Line Markers*
- 2 packs Crayola Broad Markers – **Original, Bold, Tropical, or Fluorescent** (for Art Room)
- Crayola washable watercolor paint set (for Art)
- Paint Shirt - oversized t-shirt in Ziploc bag labeled with student's name (for art)*
- 2 fine-point black dry erase markers*
- 24 pack Crayola crayons*
- 2 two-pocket portfolios (coated, so they will stand) – **Not Plastic!**
- 6 large glue sticks or 12 small
- 1 big container of Clorox/disinfectant wipes
- 1 Family Sized Kleenex box
- Book bag (large enough to hold folder & shoes/jacket)*
- 1 big roll paper towel
- 1" solid colored, hard covered 3-ring binder with pockets and a slip cover on the front
- 1 old sock to use as a marker eraser*
- Ear buds & a small plastic container to store ear buds that your child can open independently*
- * Name on each item marked with *. (On every pencil, crayon & marker!)

1st Grade Please shop for the exact brand stated. Label all supplies with student's name.

- 1 set Fine tip Crayola Markers **Classic** Colors
- Fiskars Scissors (pointed)
- Crayola Crayons (Box of 24) in a case
- 1 set colored pencils – in a case
- Art box (8 1/2 x 5) for pencils, eraser, scissors, dry erase marker and glue
- Headphones (**not ear buds**)
- 1 folder
- 1 subject wide rule spiral notebook
- 6 Elmer's glue sticks (3 for class & 3 for Art)
- 1 Elmer's glue in a bottle – not washable (for Art)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 36-#2 pencils (Sharpened)
- 2 family-size Kleenex
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (Gallon, Sandwich or Snack size)
- 2 large container of Clorox wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 pack of Large Expo dry erase markers
- 1 Ream of White copy paper

Paint Shirt - oversized t-shirt in Ziploc bag labeled with student's name (for Art)
Gently used art box filled with gently used supplies: 3 pencils, eraser, sharpener, Crayola markers, colored pencils, and scissors. (for Art)

2nd Grade *Put child's name on all items. Please get exact brands & sizes listed.

Headphones (**not ear buds**)
Clorox Wipes - 35 count
2 Family-size Kleenex
2 rolls paper towels
Crayola Crayons -1 box of 48
4 Glue Sticks
Elmer's Glue in a bottle 4 oz.
1 box of Ziploc Freezer Bags (Sandwich or Quart size)
1 ream of white copier paper
Fiskars Scissors, medium size (not small or adult)
Art box
Pencils (20-sharpened) No. 2
2 Big Pink Erasers
8 Basic Colored Crayola Markers
Spiral Notebook (with lines)
2 two-pocket folders
2-pack LARGE Expo Dry Erase Markers
3 black Sharpies (for Art)
Paint Shirt - oversized t-shirt in Ziploc bag labeled with student's name (for Art)
Gently used art box filled with gently used supplies: 3 pencils, eraser, sharpener, Crayola markers, colored pencils, and scissors. (for Art)

3rd Grade

2 Family-Sized Kleenex
1 Pair of Earbuds OR Headphones
Paint Shirt - oversized t-shirt in Ziploc bag labeled with student's name (for Art)
** Teachers buy School & Art Class supplies for students. **Cost is \$35 to be paid at registration.**

4th Grade - *Mechanical Pencils are not allowed in 4th Grade. Pencils will be provided.*

1 Folder, 3-prong style (color of your choice) for music class
2 Family-Sized Kleenex
Ear Buds or Headphones
** Teachers buy School & Art Class supplies for students. **Cost is \$35 to be paid at registration.**

5th Grade

2 Family-Sized Kleenex
2 Rolls of Paper Towels
** Teachers buy School & Art Class supplies for students. **Cost is \$35 to be paid at registration.**

6th Grade

2 Family-Sized Kleenex
Backpack (must be able to store laptop w/padded liner)
** Teachers buy School & Art Class supplies for students. **Cost is \$35 to be paid at registration.**

Chadwick Junior High School Grades 7-8

Backpack (must be able to store laptop w/padded liner)

Earbuds/Headphones

USB Mouse & USB Flash Drive (optional)

General writing supplies

One box of tissues for homeroom.

One 1-inch three ring binder for Science Class

One two-pocket folder for Language Arts Class

1 marbled-colored wide-ruled journal 9 ¾ x 7 ½ (no spirals)

Assignment Books are provided by the school.

For Art Classroom Supply:

7th Grade – 4 pkg Ziplock Bags (gallon & any size)

1 box tissues

8th Grade – Colored Sharpie Set

JH P.E.: Gym Shoes w/non-marking soles for indoor use only.

Uniforms can be purchased from Bill-Mart T's during registration or call #225-7200

Milledgeville High School Grades 9-12

Backpack (must be able to store laptop w/padded liner)

Earbuds/Headphones