



MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OFFICE

*Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent*

July 23, 2021

Moshannon Valley Students, Staff, and Families,

As we are past the halfway point in the month of July, preparations for the new school year are underway. In our continued efforts to provide families with information about the upcoming school year and be transparent about the possible changes based on current guidance from the Department of Health, Department of Education, and Center for Disease Control, the District wanted to provide the following updates and schedule items:

**Kindergarten Orientation**

- Friday, August 20 from 12:30-2:30 at the elementary school. Parents/Guardians should report from 2:00-2:30 for the information session and to pick up their students at the end of the orientation.

**Back-to-School Night**

- **Now Held on Monday, August 23 from 5:00-7:00 pm at both the high school and elementary school.** Additional details on Back-to-School night will be sent out closer to the date.
- Grade 7 families and students should report to the Auditorium by 5:00 pm to begin orientation.
- Students and families in grades 8-12 can pick up schedules in the High School Main Office Lobby beginning at 5:00 pm.
- Everyone is welcome to tour the building, check out the new eSports Gaming Lab, and take an opportunity to meet and talk with your teachers.

**Meet the Knights & Damsels**

- Tuesday, August 17 from **6:00-7:00 pm** at the Football Field
  - JH & Varsity Cheerleaders, Marching Band, JH & Varsity Soccer, JH & Varsity Football, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Cross Country

**Bus Information**

- Schedules will be coming in early August, but it is of significant importance to pass along that the Department of Education sent notice on July 5, that ***“under a Federal order issued in January 2021, the CDC requires face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when on public transportation - this includes on school buses operated by public and private school systems.”*** We anticipate additional guidance closer to the start of school, but wanted families aware of the current requirements.

**Continued Mitigation Practices**

Several mitigation practices from the past school year will remain in effect until further notice. Those include:

- Building cleaning and custodial staff schedules will continue with additional focus on times students are in the building and focus on all common areas and surfaces.
- Temperature Screening will remain in effect at both buildings and students with a fever will have to return home similar to last year.

### **Athletics**

- PIAA Physicals will be offered in the district on August 9, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the high school nurse's office. The cost is \$10.00 and must be paid in cash.
- Based on current guidance from PDE and DOH, spectators will be permitted at all athletic contests.

### **Free/Reduced Lunch Applications**

- The District will continue to participate in the SSO program, which provides one free breakfast and one free lunch to each student. However, families still need to submit and complete the free and reduced meal application to be eligible for other benefits such as the P-EBT program and to ensure their status carries over properly into the 22-23 school year. If applications are not submitted, students default back to paid status. This does not apply to families with Direct Certification status.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the building principals or building main offices.

I want to conclude by saying that we expect numerous changes to guidance regarding student vaccinations, masking, athletics, and extra-curricular activities as the start of school gets closer. We will continue to update families, students, and staff members as new information is provided to us. Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

John W. Zesiger, Ed.D.