



# MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent*

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Moshannon Valley Families, Students, and Staff,

The new school year is upon us, and I wanted to provide some important information. The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Highlights for the opening of school are listed below.

## **Masking at Moshannon Valley**

Masking is ***mandatory on all school buses***, including athletic and extra-curricular trips without exception.

The CDC and the PA Departments of Health and Education recommend that all students and staff members wear masks at all times. The ***District will also recommend*** to all staff, students and their families that they should wear a mask at all times, while inside on school property, but ***at this time it is not a mandate***.

***All students are required to bring a mask to school daily.*** Masks may be worn during small group instruction, partner work or any time students will not be able to be socially distant for an extended period of time and as directed by their classroom teacher or administration.

All staff members who are in direct contact with students and may be closer than 6 feet for an extended period of time will be required to wear a mask.

Finally, the District may make any changes to the masking policy as circumstances dictate, including the institution of a mandatory masking policy.

## **Visitors to School Buildings**

At this time, Moshannon Valley is limiting outside visitors to both the elementary and high school buildings during the academic school day. All visitors must be pre-approved by the Building Principal or Superintendent, and masks should be worn by all outside visitors while in the buildings.

## **Athletic Spectators**

At this time, Moshannon Valley is permitting spectators for both outside and inside athletic events. Masks are not required for outdoor activities, but may be required for indoor activities depending on COVID-19 case counts in the county and community. All spectators to inside events should have a mask with them at all times in case the masks are required.

*Working Together to Ensure Every Student Succeeds*

### **Back-to-School Night**

- Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at both the high school and elementary school.
- High School
  - 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.
- Elementary School
  - Families and students should report directly to their student's homeroom, and all are welcome to visit the newly renovated cafeteria to meet with several organizations.

### **Private Transportation**

Any students who we be traveling to school using private transportation *cannot arrive prior to 8:05 am at the elementary or 7:45 am at the high school.*

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

The District will continue to participate in the SSO program, which provides one free breakfast and one free lunch daily 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 2022-23 school year. Accurate counting is vital to the District to ensure proper funding and enables certain programs to continue.

We are looking forward to the start of school, and we appreciate your patience as the first few days are always challenging as students, staff, and transportation work through the start of the new school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the building offices or my office.

Welcome back!

Sincerely,



John W. Zesiger, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools