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Dear Cross Community,

We are excited for the start of the upcoming school year. As we welcome students and staff back to campus, we are hoping for a much different school year. One that allows for our well rounded students to showcase their energy, talent, and character. Our Cross Community is made up of students, parents, teachers and everyone working together makes Cross such a tremendous school. I look forward to seeing you at our orientations, celebrations of your children, fine arts events, and athletic events. I hope you were able to spend time with family and recharge after an incredibly challenging year. Although, I enjoyed the slower pace of the summer, I am excited to getting back into the routine of school. Below you will find important information for the upcoming school year.

Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to Cross.

Certified Staff:

Theresa Irwin-Librarian

Auvie Lee– 6th Humanities/RAMS 101

Abigail Gritis-6th Science/7th Science

We still have a vacancy for a Language Arts teacher, if you happen to know of anyone interested in a position, please pass along my contact information.

Classified Staff:

Adam Lalilberte – Special Education Teaching Assistant

Bernadette Machado-Special Education Teaching Assistant

Pamela Hurd-Klett – Special Education Teaching Assistant

COVID Expectations/Changes

The Governor of Arizona signed a budget earlier this summer that includes many provisions that will affect schools and school funding throughout the state. One such provision has an immediate effect. It prohibits

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counties, cities, towns, schools and school districts from requiring students or staff to wear face coverings during school hours and on school property. It applies as of July 1, 2021.

While this decision means that students and staff are no longer required to wear masks in the Amphitheater School District, we recommend that anyone who has not been vaccinated continue to wear a face covering as recommended by health officials. Masks will continue to be optional for anyone who wants to wear one.

Over the next few weeks, school administrators will be meeting with district leaders to determine the next steps and procedures for the upcoming school year. As soon as those details are available, we will provide them.

Bell Schedule

The entire Amphi school district has gone through some changes with start and end times. Attached is a copy of our new bell schedule. Please note that our early out day will be on Wednesday this year.

The first day of school will be **Thursday, August 5th** and here are our hours:

8:10 a.m. – The first bell rings for students to report to their 1st period class.

8:15 a.m. – Class Begins/Morning announcements

3:25 p.m. – Students are dismissed from school. (On Wednesdays students are dismissed at **1:25 p.m.**)

Reminders

- New Office Hours, **7:45-3:45**(Starting August 2nd)
- Students should not be dropped off before **7:45 a.m.** and need to be picked up **by 3:45 p.m.**
- **Parent Drop-off and Pick-up:** Please use the loop in front of the school for drop-off/pick-up. Another option is to use the church parking lots across the street, if you choose this option, make sure your child uses the crosswalk. Places to avoid are the bus loop, the side of the road, and the parking lot in front of the school. It is our goal to safely and efficiently manage the large amount of traffic at those key times.

Site Council

Interested parents and community members are invited to join the Cross Middle School Site Council for the 2021-2022 school year. The role of the Cross Middle School Site Council is to develop, monitor, and assist in the implementation of the School Improvement Plan and budget as related to the priorities of the school. The Site Council is looked to for community input and solution-building ideas to help guide the direction of the school. The Site Council is kept abreast of current educational issues and trends.

Site Council members participate in a series of meetings throughout the year. The meetings are held four times a year, dates/time to be determined based on participant availability.

If you are interested in serving on the Cross Middle School Site Council for the 2021-2022 school year or have any additional questions, please contact me: cgutierrez@amphi.com

Summer Walk Through / Orientation

Summer Walk Through / Orientation is for students who have **already turned in a completed registration packet**. During this time, students will have photos taken for their student ID, receive their class schedule, athletic information, and pay any necessary fees. We offer a special W.E.B. Welcome Program for all NEW incoming students. This program is guided by 8th grade student leaders as mentors.

Please plan to attend the following Walk Through Orientation dates:

6th grade	Tuesday July 27 th	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7th grade	Wednesday, July 28 th	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
8th grade	Thursday, July 29 th	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

***parents should attend with their child**

NEW student Welcome Program, Friday July 30th:

6th grade-W.E.B. Orientation program, **student only** function

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Lunch to follow orientation. Parents are invited to attend the lunch at 12:00 p.m.

7th and 8th graders NEW to Cross-W.E.B. program, **student only**

- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Snacks and refreshments will follow. Parents are invited for refreshments after.

Please make sure your child attends the Walk-Through Orientation (important information enclosed) so that they can pick up their schedule and have their ID picture taken. We look forward to seeing everyone in the next couple of weeks and sharing another positive, productive school year together.

Sincerely,



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