

Good Afternoon Rams!

I have quite a few updates for in this communication. Here you go, let's finish the year strong.

AZM2

Next week is the AZM2(formerly AZMERIT) testing. We will be testing on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week. Please have your children at school and on time those days. Even though school letter grades are not being used this year, we are still held to testing 95% of our enrollment. More importantly this data can be used in planning for the upcoming school year. Thank you for helping us make the best out of a difficult situation.

Date	Test	Grade Levels
April 6	Writing	6 th -8 th
April 8	R1 & M1	6 th -8 th
April 9	R2 & M2	6 th -8 th
April 11-15	Make-ups	6 th -8 th
April 26/27	AZSCI Field Test	8 th Only

Temps

After returning to full in-person learning, we were not required to take temperatures. At Cross we are committed to providing a safe and orderly environment for your children and we continued the practice, we were one of a few schools that continued to do so. We were able to manage the process, but at this point need to have our security personnel and administration present for supervision throughout campus. We are confident with your diligence we should be able safely operate without that practice. Please make sure to have your children complete the following procedure at home.

COVID-19 Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19⁸:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Student Responsibility for Daily Health Screens at Home

Students are responsible to conduct a daily health screen at home before coming to school. Parents are asked to assist their younger children with this responsibility. Students must answer the following questions every day at home before leaving for school:

Fever of 100.0 degrees or higher	YES or NO
Subjective fever (felt feverish) chills/shaking	YES or NO
New or worsening cough	YES or NO
Shortness of breath	YES or NO
Sore throat/muscle or body aches/headache	YES or NO
Diarrhea/nausea/vomiting	YES or NO
Loss of taste or smell or rash	YES or NO

If you answer “YES” to any of the symptoms listed above, students should stay home. Do not come to a school building until the symptoms resolve. Please see the below section entitled “Protocols When A

Promotion

Good news for 8th grade families! We are moving forward with a traditional format for promotion. It will be outside, maintain distancing as much as possible and have a limited guest capacity. The ceremony will be on Thursday, May 20 @ 7:00 a.m. 8th grade parents be on the lookout for communication regarding the details.

Other Events

We are currently in the process of working through the details of other school events and how we safely bring back them in current circumstances. We know that school is just more than the daily schedule and are working to bring as much extra-curricular/other events back as permitted.

Athletics

Right now our guidance is that for outdoor sports, each athlete is allowed 4 guests. For indoor sports, at Cross, because our limited seating capacity we only have the ability to have 2 guests per athlete. There is a meeting this Thursday, to discuss additional procedures and expectations. You will likely get that information directly from your coaches. Games begin the week of April 12th.

Water Bottles/Masks/ID's

- The temperatures are rising and our water fountains are still currently disabled. Please make sure and send your child with their own water bottle each day. We hope to have our additional bottle filler installed in the coming weeks.
- Masks are still required for students/parents while on campus. Most students have been doing extremely well with the mask requirement. Please continue to reinforce this mitigation strategy with your children.
- All students must have their I.D. visible while they are on campus. This is a district expectation at all middle schools and is a key function of maintaining student safety. Thank you for helping your student remember their I. D.

Wishing you well,

Mr. Gutierrez