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TIMBERWOLF TIMES

A Special Note from the Principal

Greetings D.C. Everest Middle School Families!

It is that time when summer school classes have ended, and the cleaning crew has swarmed the building that we are indeed approaching the start of a new school year. Although summer has moved on at what feels like a faster than average pace, I am excited about the opportunities that come with a fresh start to new learning each year. I anticipate your child is also getting excited to see friends, see and hear about the progress on the new additional gym space and figure out what House they will be in to embrace their learning for 2021-22.

As a parent, I am sure you have many wonders about what to expect for your child's middle school experience for 2021-22. Please take time to look through all the information provided in this newsletter, as it will give you everything you will need to know for your child to have a successful middle school experience.

I look forward to working with all of you this school year. As always, if you have questions or wish to discuss your child, please do not hesitate to contact me or any one of the great staff members to gain more insight. I want to, in advance, thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us and want to assure you that we are fully committed to making your child's middle school journey a wonderful experience.

In Partnership,

Gina Lehman Principal

2021-2022 Parent-Student Authorizations

D.C. Everest School District will be sending each family an electronic version of the annual authorizations and permission approvals required for the 2021-2022 school year. Please look for information in the email that you have on file with DC Everest Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Items that will need approvals will be for students and parents/guardians:

- **Guidelines for Educational Uses of Technology** Follow the link to read before student and parent/guardian approves online. https://tinyurl.com/5f348csw
- **Rights and Responsibilities of the Student** Follow the link to read before student and parent/guardian approves online. https://www.dce.k12.wi.us/domain/824
- · Handbook The Student/Parent handbook will be available on the school website as well as print copies in the office
- Field Trip Permission
- · Permission for Medical Treatment
- Fundraiser Permission for Students under 12
- Parent in Military

Communication is Key

Communication is key for students and families at DCEMS and we have MANY ways to stay in touch. Our website is a great starting point with links to important calendars and contact information, as well as Parent Portal, Canvas and Facebook!



The DCE Middle School website is a great place to start for all things Middle School! There you will find all the important calendars, links to other resources like Infinite Campus and Canvas as well as staff contact information so you can email or call your student's team of teachers. You will also find morning announcements that are heard by students every morning at 7:20a as well as email links to the attendance office, health room and student services.





Use the Parent Portal to update your address, phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact information, etc. This is the main route of communication for the MS principals and where we get our information for mailings and calls home for any reason. It is also where you will find final report cards at the semester and end of the year.





Canvas is the Learning Management System (LMS) used by all K-12 teachers and students in the DC Everest School District. Canvas enables students keep track of daily work, due dates, missing work, resources, and grades. This is an incredible resource for students to stay up to date on lessons and assignments if/when they are absent. Students and parents each have individual logins and separate apps to check work and communicate. **Please note that quarter grades, semester grades and final grades are posted on the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus.**





"Like" us on Facebook and follow all the fun things going on at DCEMS! FB is kept up to date regularly with pictures of fun class activities, dress-up days, fun nights and any other more "social" aspects of the MS. We also update FB with meetings, or even cancellation notices. Look for our Timberwolf logo and like the "official" page!



Parent Portals - Canvas & Infinite Campus

Differences between CANVAS & INFINITE CAMPUS

There are two main areas, as a parent, you will access information. The most basic way to describe their use is to describe who is responsible for updating them. CANVAS is updated by each teacher so you will get classroom and content specific information from it. INFINITE CAMPUS is updated by non-teaching staff (other than posting grades) so the information is not about specific classrooms.





Classroom Grades
Assignments/Assignment grades
Homework/Class Calendar
Daily Lessons
Helpful Classroom Links
Specific Teacher Communication

Student Demographics
Attendance Records
Paying Fees
Child's Schedule
Report Card Grades
School-Wide Communication

CANVAS will automatically add 2021-2022 courses, calendars, & assignments once school begins and courses are published. If you are new to the D.C. Everest District and do not have a Canvas Parent account, please download the Canvas Parent App or go to dec.instructure.com and create a Parent Account by clicking "Parent of a Canvas User." Once school begins, your child will have a pairing code for you to connect to their courses. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mrs. Miller at 715-241-9700 x 2024.

If you do not have an INFINITE CAMPUS parent portal account or have forgotten your login information please email PortalAccount@dce.k12.wi.us with the details to get help or call 715-359-4221 x 1397. While you are in the parent portal, please make sure you check your Household Information and Family Members to verify the information is correct, as this is how we communicate with families.

This and other information can also be found on our school website at https://www.dce.k12.wi.us/middle school







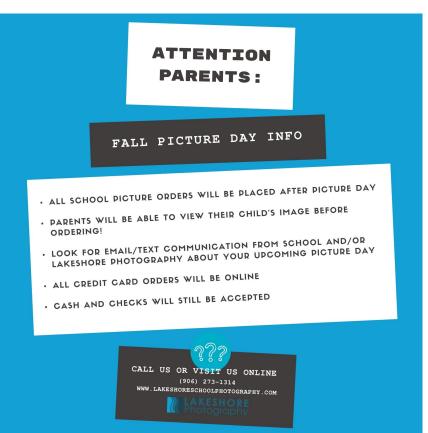
On August 23, 2021 all 6th grade students are invited to spend a day learning about Middle School life! At the beginning of July, parents of incoming 6th graders should have received an email with a link to register for 6th grade Bridge to Middle School.

Bridge to Middle School will be 8:30a-2:30p and will include lunch, pictures for ID badges & the yearbook and a day full of team-building activities! Our all-school open house, open to 6th & 7th graders and their parents, will follow. At Open House on the 23rd, parents will be able to pick up their student, tour the building and meet the teachers that are part of your student's team. You will also be able to pay registration fees and purchase a yearbook if you haven't already done so online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have not already signed your child up for 6th grade Bridge to Middle School as you still have time! Please contact Mrs. Rennie at drennie@dce.k12.wi.us or Mrs. Angeloni at fangeloni@dce.k12.wi.us.

Open House/Picture Day

Monday, August 23rd - 2:30 pm-6:00 pm

Please plan on attending Open House/Picture day on 8/23/21. Both parents and students are welcome. At Open House/Picture Day, students will receive their schedules, names of teachers, and locker combinations. You will also be able to pay registration fees, order an optional yearbook, add money to your lunch accounts and tour the building. ID/Yearbook pictures will be taken by Lakeshore School Photography during "Bridge to Middle School" for 6th graders AND during Open House for 7th graders. An additional Picture Day/ Schedule pick-up day is scheduled on Aug. 24th from 8a-2p for those who aren't able to attend the open house. Photo packages will be available online after picture day and are completely optional. All students should have their pictures taken for their ID badge and yearbook whether you buy pictures or not.



Save Time! Pay Online!

Skip the "Fees" line at Open Houses and pay your \$20 registration fee and order your yearbook (optional) through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal! Just log in and go to the "Payments" section to pay with a credit card.

NO ATHLETIC FEES for Grades 6-8 for the 21-22 school year (equipment fees may apply)

2021-22 D.C. Everest Middle School Calendar-SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Date	Event	Time					
August 16-19, 2021	Strings Jumpstart (1st yr playing) & Kickstart (2nd yr playing)	J-9:00a-9:55a K-10:00-10:55a					
August 18th-20th	Band Jumpstart (1st year playing an instrument)	8:30a-3:00p					
August 23, 2021	Bridge to MS - All 6th graders	8:30a - 2:30p					
August 23, 2021	Open House & Picture Day-all teachers will be present	2:30p - 6:00p					
August 23rd-25th	Band Kickstart (2nd year playing an instrument)	8:30a-1:00p					
August 24, 2021	Picture Day/Schedule Pickup (if not able to attend open house)	8:00a - 2:00p					
September 1, 2021	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	7:20-2:32 p.m.					
September 6, 2021	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day						
September 14, 2021	Fundraiser Kick-off						
October 28, 2021	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL					
October 29, 2021	NO SCHOOL						
November 5, 2021	First Quarter Ends						
November 4, 2021	Fundraiser Pick up	5:00-7:30 p.m.					
November 8, 2021	Teacher Workday	NO SCHOOL					
November 11, 2021	Parent/Teacher Conferences*	3:00-7:30 p.m.					
November 17, 2021	Parent/Teacher Conferences*	3:00-7:30 p.m.					
November 24-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Recess	NO SCHOOL					
Dec. 23-Dec. 31, 2021	Winter Recess	NO SCHOOL					
January 3, 2022	Return from Winter Recess	Back to School					
January 14, 2022	Second Quarter Ends	See Parent Portal for Quarter grades					
January 17, 2022	Teacher Workday	NO SCHOOL					
January 25, 2022	5th Grade Parent Meetings	5:30p					
February 18, 2022	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL					
February 24, 2022	Parent/Teacher Conferences*	3:00p-7:30 p.m.					
March 3, 2022	Parent/Teacher Conferences*	3:00p-7:30 p.m.					
March 17, 2022	Third Quarter Ends	See Parent Portal for Quarter grades					
March 18, 2022	Teacher Workday	NO SCHOOL					
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*Conferences can be virtual, phone conference or in-person

Please check out our website at www.dce.k12.wi.us/middleschool for other calendars such as DCE District Calendar, club meetings, field trips and concerts

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No School for DCE

First & Last Days of School

Last day of quarter or semester

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:30p

DCEMS 6th & 7th Grade Supply List

The D.C. Everest School District will be supplying basic school supplies for families for the 2021-2022 school year. The only items that need to be provided by families are listed below.

Items Provided By Families:Backpack- (no wheels)

- Pencil bag or box to hold writing utensils within their backpacks
- Tennis shoes and comfortable clothes encouraged each day for outside exercise & physical education class
- OPTIONAL: Folder holder for organization of folders and notebooks

Students will receive their school supplies the first week of school.

Students are given a planner to use each year. They should take the responsibility to update the planner daily in each class with current and upcoming assignments and completed assignments.

Locker Measurements: LOWER section: 49.5" tall x 10.25" wide UPPER section: 8.75" tall x 10.25" deep x 12" wide

Interested in Visiting or Volunteering at the MS?

Volunteers and visitors to the Middle School will be admitted on a limited and invitation-only basis in 2021-2022. Parents/Guardians dropping off items for a student or picking up a student for a pre-planned appointment will be met at the front door after contact is made with the office using the doorbell to the left of the doors.

This year all D.C. Everest Schools will be utilizing Volunteer Tracker to manage volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering at DCEMS, please register with Volunteer Tracker to be notified of opportunities to help out in classrooms or for special activities or field trips.

More information on registering to volunteer will be made available at the Middle School Open House on August 23rd from 2:30p-6:00p.

For more information related to volunteer opportunities and/or protocols please contact Jennifer Golbach, D.C. Everest Volunteer Coordinator at (715)359-6561, extension 4326 or email jgolbach@dce.k12.wi.us

The Basics for Middle School Success

School begins at 7:20 a.m. School doors open at 7:00 a.m. All students arriving to campus prior to 7:00 a.m. must wait at the front door to be let in the building by a staff member at 7:00 a.m. Students report directly to their first period class and must be seated and ready to begin the instructional day when announcements begin at 7:20 a.m. Students arriving to class after 7:20 a.m. are considered tardy and must sign in through the main office. Students are dismissed at 2:32 p.m. each day. Students must be picked up by no later than 2:45 p.m. Boys and Girls Club membership is available (\$20 per year) after school until 6:30 p.m. Please pick up information and registration forms and make payment at Open House or in the main office for Boys & Girls Club.

Attendance Matters!

If you know your child will be missing any or all of a school day due to an appointment or trip, please send them with a note to the office when they get to school. The office will give them a "Permit to Leave School" pass on paper or on their iPad and the teachers will release them from class at the time designated on the pass. Your student will check out in the office and meet you outside.

If the absence will be more than 5 days, a pre-approved absence request form will be given to the student when they bring in the note, for each of their teachers to sign. The student is then responsible for the homework that the teacher gives them on the form when they return. If they are absent more than 10 days in a year, a doctor's note will be required for ANY further absences.

The attendance line is available 24/7, please leave a message or send an email if the office is closed.

715-241-9700 x 1 or email mid-attendance@dce.k12.wi.us

Messages to Students

Messages to students will be delivered during lunch times. Only in cases of extreme emergency will a student be paged during class time. Messages called in after 1:30 pm are not guaranteed to reach your student before the end of the school day. Your understanding and cooperation regarding this policy is greatly appreciated.

If a student contacts a parent/guardian to have something brought to them, it is the STUDENT'S responsibility to come to the office and check the drop-off table between classes. Students will not be called out of class unless it is for an iPad or eyeglasses pick up.

Cell Phone & Personal Devices

Student use of electronic communication devices, including but not limited to cell phones, personal tablets or other devices, on school premises are subject to restricted use during the school day. Students may use their personal device

before the start of school and after school.

The use may not in any way:

- 1. Disrupt the educational process for themselves or others
- 2. Endanger the health or safety of the student or others
- 3. Infringe upon the rights of others at school
- 4. Involve illegal or prohibited conduct
- 5. Cause them to be tardy to class

Progress Reports & Parent Updates

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and reduce expenses, several years ago we began distributing progress reports and parent updates primarily through electronic means. For convenience and efficiency, an electronic version of parent updates and all grades will be available electronically. Final Semester (end-of-the-year) report cards are mailed home. Each quarter, report cards will be available on Infinite Campus. *If you do not have internet access* or would prefer paper in addition to email updates, please contact the Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Angeloni at 715-241-9700 x 2021, or email fangeloni@dce.k12.wi.us. In addition, up-to-date progress grades, homework and assignments due can always be found on the CANVAS portal.

Student Records-Directory Information

According to <u>Board Policy</u> 8330-Student Records, parents/guardians can request that their student(s) be put on the "no directory data" list at any DC Everest School. This request ensures that personally identifiable information about student is not published. In the DCEMS setting, it means that your student can not be photographed individually and identified. Class and House activities can not include pictures of your student where he/she would be individually identified by face or name. This also applies to picture in our yearbook, our digital monitors or any type of digital project or picture that could be made public on our website and/or Facebook or other social media sites. Please call the Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Angeloni, to confirm or change your student's status or if you have further questions. 715-241-9700 x 2021 fangeloni@dce.k12.wi.us.

Technology Monitoring Through Gaggle

The district has a content monitoring service called Gaggle. Gaggle Safety Management combines technology with expert Safety Representatives, who review content 24/7 to assure students are safe. Gaggle identifies inappropriate words and images in Google Apps and Office 365 for education, student issued district servers, accounts and devices. Trained professionals then apply consistent, school- or district-approved policies for positive intervention, alerting school officials if there is an imminent threat to a student. Administration is made aware and handles each incident case by case.

What is a "House" Anyway?

Houses are our school's way of providing smaller learning communities for students. We have six houses (6D, 6C, 6E, 7D, 7C, 7E) at D.C. Everest Middle School. Each house is comprised of six teachers: Math, Science, Social Studies, English, Language Arts, and Learning Strategist. These teams work together with the same group of 130-140 students. This team of teachers has the opportunity to meet regularly to support the learning of their particular "House" of students. They have the chance to connect with students in a different way while being able to provide increased knowledge about the specific needs of individual students. Each House has its own "feel" to it that personalizes the middle school experience for our students.

House Schedules

House period schedules are listed on page 6. Our schedules for individual Houses (6D, 6C, 6E, 7D, 7C, 7E) allow less congested hallways and our lunch room serves two houses at a time. We also require all students, after eating to go outside and get some fresh air and rejuvenate for their afternoon of learning. <u>All students</u> will go outside and it is their responsibility to dress appropriately.



Be Prepared for Recess

All students will be sent outdoors at lunch recess. Students need to be responsible for making sure they wear appropriate clothing for going outside each day.

40 degrees and above (with wind chill) = student discretion
20-40 degrees (with wind chill) = coat or sweatshirt & long pants
Recommend NO SHORTS until temps are above 32 degrees
0-20 degrees (with wind chill) = full winter gear including hat & gloves

Free Breakfast and Lunch for ALL Students

School breakfast and lunch is free for the 2021-2022 school year. There is a charge for extra or ala carte items such as desserts or extra entrees. Find menus online under Parent Resources! www.dce.k12.wi.us/middleschool

W.I.N. (What I Need)

WIN is the time during the school day for students to engage in targeted instruction and enrichment. Students needing additional support in reading and math or emotional/behavioral support outside of the normal class period may also have that provided during their WIN time. The missing assignments are also posted on our WIN doc. You will receive an email to your designated email (listed in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal) if your child is placed on the WIN doc. You may also ask your student to show you their WIN doc at anytime. Students who do not have missing work or an intervention/enrichment during WIN time, will use their WIN time as a study hall. If they have no homework to complete during WIN we will ask students to participate in silent reading of their choice.

Social-Emotional Learning (S.E.L.)

Social-emotional learning is a process in which students acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Social-emotional learning will be implemented in all curricular areas as well as in all settings within the Middle School Timberwolf community. Below table shows the learning targets we will focus on at a Middle School Timberwolf Community.

Self-awareness	reness Enables students to recognize the impact of emotions and thoughts on behavior. It includes assessing strengths and weaknesses accurately, leading to a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism.						
Self-management	Is the ability to regulate emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.						
Social awareness	Develops perspective about, and empathy for others; an understanding of social and ethical norms for behavior; and a recognition of resources for support from family, home, and community.						
Relationship skills	Are needed to establish and maintain healthy connections. They include communicating clearly, listening actively, and cooperating, as well as resisting inappropriate social pressure, negotiating conflict constructively, and seeking and offering help.						
Responsible decision- making	Makes possible constructive and respectful choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, and a realistic evaluation of outcomes in a given situation.						



Marathon County Crime Stoppers

Campus Crime Stoppers

Campus Crime Stoppers is a program in which students can assist local law enforcement agencies to keep our schools and community safe. Students can report anonymous tips in the following ways:

- To an adult at the Middle School
- By submitting a tip to the P3Tips app (Public-Police-Private Sector =P3)
- · Visiting www.marathoncountycrimestoppers.org
- Calling 877-409-8777



Student Drop-off and Pick up Instructions

Middle School doors open to students at 7:00 am There is no supervision for students before this time.

The safety of our students is an absolute top priority. Drop-off at the beginning of the day (and pick up at the end) are key moments when safety is a priority. Your awareness of, and cooperation with, these procedures are essential to us making drop-off a safe and smooth experience for all involved. Morning drop off is between 7:00 a.m.-7:15 a.m. The right lane is for drop-off; the left lane is for exiting. Drop-off happens only at areas with curb and sidewalk. Please use the entire sidewalk area, not just the area directly in front of the main entrance. Once safely loaded/unloaded, please signal and merge to the left lane to exit the lot. The left lane is to be used to exit after you have dropped off/picked up your student. Please see the map below for a picture of the drop-off/pick up area.



2021-2022 Academic Year Planning- F.A.Q.

The D.C. Everest District is currently planning for the 2021-2022 school year with the aim of returning all students to five days of in-person instruction each week following a normal school calendar. We realize families have questions concerning what next year will look like. We have done our best to answer these questions below based on the information we have at this time.

- **Q: Will masks be required?** As of June 5, 2021, masks will not be required indoors, but will be recommended for non-vaccinated individuals. Masks outdoors will be recommended, not required, when social distancing cannot be maintained for those not vaccinated. Athletics will continue to follow WVC/WIAA regulations. The district's COVID protocols are subject to change based on guidance from federal, state, and local health officials. Any revisions made to our COVID protocols will be shared with families.
- **Q. Will students have to quarantine when ill?** Yes, students will quarantine per guidance from local, state and federal health officials. The District will continue to follow its established COVID protocols and will update those protocols as needed. Any revisions made to our COVID protocols will be shared with families.
- **Q. Will physical distancing be in place?** The district will follow physical distancing guidelines to the best of our ability. The district will continue to follow its established COVID protocols and will update those protocols as needed based on guidance from federal, state and local health officials. Any revisions made to our COVID protocols will be shared with families.
- **Q.** If my student is fully vaccinated, will he/she have to isolate at home if identified as a close contact to someone with COVID? If your student is fully vaccinated (an individual is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after having received the second of two doses or the first of a one-dose COVID vaccine) and is not symptomatic, your student can continue to attend in-person school. If the student develops symptoms, the student would then have to quarantine at home.
- **Q. Will visitors and volunteers be allowed in buildings?** Volunteers and visitors will be admitted on a limited and invitation-only basis
- **Q. Will we have soft start/end times?** No. All schools will return to their standard set start and end times for all students.
- **Q. Will students be able to complete remote lessons if they are quarantined/ill at home?** Yes. Teachers will continue to ensure lessons and materials are available for students online who must remain at home, and will provide support as needed.
- **Q. Will parent-teacher conferences be held in-person or virtually?** Schools will offer parents the opportunity to participate in conferences in-person or virtually.
- **Q. Will Boys and Girls Club be available?** Yes, the district will host Boys and Girls Club activities.
- **Q. Will music and world languages be held in person?** Yes, music and world languages courses will be held in person.
- **Q.** How will transportation work? We encourage families to utilize our bus service, if that is their preference. All windows on the bus will be cracked to optimize air flow.
- **Q.** Will secondary students be able to attend after school club, extracurricular/co-curricular activities? During the past academic year, our secondary schools were able to offer a selection of after school activities. The schools plan to offer all such club, extracurricular/co-curricular, and athletic activities next year, assuming we can do so while maintaining a healthy learning environment.
- **Q. Will students take field trips?** We hope to start the school year with as many opportunities as we can allow. We have high confidence that local field trips will be able to be offered safely. Trips with more complex travel involved may require adjustments and/or alternatives.

Health Room Information

Students in need of any medical care should report to the health room with permission of a staff member. The health assistant, with input from the student, will determine if a parent/guardian will be contacted or should pick the student up from school, depending on the illness of the students. **Students who feel they need to go home due to an illness must allow the health assistant to make initial contact with the parent**. A student should not make initial contact with a parent to be picked up from school for medical reasons. This includes texting. This practice ensures quality medical care for our students and accurate attendance of all our students.

On occasion, your student may need to take medication during school hours. An adult needs to transport the medication to school in the <u>original container</u> with a completed and signed medication form prior to the first dose. A physician signature is required for all prescription medication or if the dose exceeds the package directions on an over-the-counter medication. State law requires medication administered in school to be FDA approved. Students are not able to transport medication to school unless it is for rescue purposes. Rescue medication can be self-carried with a completed and signed action plan. Examples of rescue medication are inhalers, glucagon or epinephrine devices. To find medication forms online, please go to the Middle School website under the Parent Resources area. Please remember to update the health office if your student has any changes in their health condition. Adults may bring medications to the Open House in August. If you have any questions about medications or health-related issues, please call Mrs. Zibton at 715-241-9700 x 2 or email at rzibton@dce.k12.wi.us.

Immunization Requirements

The Wisconsin state immunization requirements for the **2021-2022** school year are listed below. **Students need the listed vaccinations by September 1, 2021.**

WISCONSIN STATE LAW (HSS 144.03) REQUIREMENTS - Number of Doses

Age/Grade	DTaP/DTP	Polio	MMR	Hepatitis B	Varicella	Tdap
Pre K - 4K	4	3	1	3	1	-
Grades K - 5	4	4	2	3	2	-
Grades 6 - 12	4	4	2	3	2	1

<u>DTP/DtaP/DT Vaccine:</u> Your child must have received one dose *after* the 4th birthday. IF your child received all four doses before the 4th birthday, a 5th dose *is required* before Kindergarten.

Tdap Vaccine: One dose of the vaccine is required for students in grades 6 through 12

If your child received the Td/Tdap vaccine within 5 years of entering grades 6-122 the vaccine is not required. Tdap vaccine protects your child from pertussis or whooping cough.

MMR Vaccine: Two doses are required for students in grades K through 12. Your child must have received the 1st dose of MMR vaccine on or after the first birthday and the 2nd dose before starting kindergarten.

<u>Varicella or Chickenpox Vaccine</u>: Two doses OR a history of chickenpox is required grades K through 12. If your child had chickenpox, see step two on the waiver form. *No vaccination needed. Tell the school health assistant that your child had chickenpox and the year.*

Hepatitis B: Three doses are required for all students grades K through 12.

Waivers: Parents have the option to decline any and/or all immunizations based on personal, religious and/or health reasons. If you choose *not* to immunize your child, check the appropriate waiver (Step 4) and sign the form. Immunization waiver form is on the District website at **www.dce.k12.wi.us** —-> Programs and Services—-> Health Services.

What do parents need to do?

Call your student's medical provider if you are unsure that their immunizations are up to date Schedule appointments to receive the immunization needed

Sign a waiver indicating what vaccines you do not want your student to have

Report the dates of immunizations and/or history of chickenpox to the school health assistant

Please contact Raquel Zibton, MS Health Assistant at 715-241-9700 extension 2 with questions.

Meningococcal Disease: Protect Your Child

Public health authorities recommend that teenagers and college-bound students be immunized against a potentially fatal bacterial infection called meningococcal disease, a type of meningitis.

Meningococcal disease refers to any illness caused by bacteria called Neisseria meningitidis, also known as meningococcus [muh-ning-goh-KOK-us]. These illnesses are often severe and can be deadly. They include infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (bacteremia or septicemia).

These bacteria spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions like spit (e.g., by living in close quarters, kissing). Doctors treat meningococcal disease with antibiotics, but quick medical attention is extremely important. Keeping up to date with recommended vaccines is the best defense against meningococcal disease.

Keeping up-to-date with recommended immunizations is the best defense against meningococcal disease. There are several vaccines that protect against the different types of N. meningitidis bacteria. Three vaccines protect against four of the five types (A, C, Y, and W-135). The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends children get their first dose of meningococcal vaccine when they are between 11 and 12 years and get a boozer dose when they are 16 years of age. Two vaccines protect against the fifth type of N. meningitidis bacteria, strain B. The ACIP recommends this vaccine be given to people aged 16-23 years. The ideal age to vaccinate is between 16 and 18 years, to provide protection when individuals are at greatest risk of getting meningococcal disease. If a teenager missed getting the vaccine altogether, they should ask their healthcare provider about getting it before graduation, especially if they are about to move into a college dorm or military barracks.

About Meningococcal Disease

There are multiple serogroups of Neisseria meningitidis. Serogroups B, C, and Y cause the majority of disease in the United States. Serogroup W and nongroupable strains cause a small portion of disease. Meningococcal disease is often misdiagnosed as something less serious because early symptoms are similar to common viral illnesses. Symptoms of meningococcal disease may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, confusion, exhaustion and/or a rash. The disease can progress rapidly and can cause death or permanent disability within 48 hours of initial symptoms.

Rates of meningococcal disease have been declining in the United States since the late 1990s. In 2017, there were about 350 total cases of meningococcal disease reported (incidence rate of 0.11 cases per 100,000 persons). Anyone can get meningococcal disease, but rates of disease are highest in children younger than 1 year old, with a second peak in adolescence. Among adolescents and young adults, those 16 through 23 years old have the highest rates of meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease is spread through direct contact with respiratory and/or oral secretions from infected persons (for example, kissing or sharing drinking containers). It can develop and spread quickly throughout the body, so early diagnosis and treatment are very important. Even with immediate treatment, the disease can kill an otherwise healthy young person within hours of first symptoms. Of those who survive, up to 20 percent may endure permanent disabilities, including brain damage, deafness and limb amputations.

Lifestyle factors common among teenagers, college students and military personnel are believed to put them at increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease. These lifestyle factors include crowded living situations (for example, dormitories, sleep-away camps), active or passive smoking and irregular sleeping habits. Teens should avoid sharing eating utensils and drinking out of the same container, since infections may spread through this type of close contact.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, vaccine information, and public health resources visit the following web sites.

A Department of Health Services Meningococcal Disease Fact Sheet available at: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/P-42072.htm

- *National Association of School Nurse, Voices of Meningitis: http://www.voicesofmeningitis.org/
- Meningitis Foundation of America, https://www.musa.org/
- National Meningitis Association, http://www.nmaus.org/

Student Accident Insurance

Families have the ability to purchase a student accident insurance policy for as little as \$37 per year. The D.C. Everest Area School District does not provide health insurance or accident insurance for injuries that take place on school property or school functions. If you have interest in purchasing a policy, please view the following web link: http://www.1stAgency.com When you arrive at the website, select the state, then scroll down and you will see D. C. Everest. Click on "Purchase Coverage" under D.C. Everest and view plans available for purchase. If you do not have access to the internet, and you have interest in buying this insurance, please work with your school's front office and they will provide you with a computer that will allow you to enroll.



2021 Fall Athletic Information

Gr. 6-8 Girls Swimming

Practices are held at the Senior High pool after school. Each swimmer will need to bring \$55 (check or cash) made out to DCE by Thurs. 8/19. The fee covers a team suit, team cap & team t-shirt. Contact Coach Roskopf with questions kroskopf@dce.k12.wi.us or 715-846-2039. Summer practice start date will be communicated to those registered as soon as it is determined.

Gr. 6-8 Cross Country (Co-ed)

Practice begins 8/30 from 3p-4:45p at the Junior High. MS students will ride their assigned bus to JH and get off for practice. Students need running shorts/clothing and appropriate running shoes. All meet & season info will be posted on the CC Canvas page. Coach Jo Bailey jbailey@dce.k12.wi.us or 715-359-6561x4429.

Gr. 7-9 Girls Volleyball

Practice starts 8/18 and runs every day (no practice 8/23) from 9a-11a. After school starts, practices will run 2:32p-4:30p. If you have questions please contact Coach Prust mprust@dce.k12.wi.us

Gr. 7-8 Boys Soccer

Practice begins 8/23 at the Middle School Soccer Fields 3:15p-5:00p. Soccer camp July 26-30th. Go to https://www.eysoccer.org/ for more information and registration on camp. Questions? Contact Coach Hanson at chansen@dce.k12.wi.us

Gr. 7-9 Football

First day of practice/equipment handout Monday, Aug. 16th 3:00-5:00p. JH Football camp is 7/27/21 & Strength & Conditioning goes on all summer. Contact Coach Lehrke at 715-574-2556 or elehrke@dce.k12.wi.us.

WIAA Physical Examinations

If your physical is dated:

- Before 3/31/2020 you will need a new physical please fill out physical form, signed by your doctor and parent – submit to online Rschool website or bring to main office.
- 4/1/2020 3/31/2021 you will need to submit an alternate year form submit to online Rschool website or bring to main office.
- 4/1/2021 please fill out physical form, signed by your doctor and parent
 submit to online Rschool website or bring to main office.

Contact Information

All sports-related questions should be directed to the MS/JH Athletic Director Mr. Heller or Mrs. Schultz the Athletic Secretary. They will be able to help answer any questions, verify your physical date and receive any paper forms you may have

Mr. Heller: 715-359-0511 x3402 <u>cheller@dce.k12.wi.us</u> **Mrs. Schultz:** 715-359-0511 x3048 sschultz@dce.k12.wi.us

Fall Sports Registration is all online after July 14th!

https://dceverestar.rschooltoday.com/

- · Register online
- Upload current physical or alternate card
- No athletic fee for MS students, but equipment fees may apply.

Physicals MUST be on file at the Junior High School before your athlete can practice. NO EXCEPTIONS

Practice Start Dates

Volleyball-7th gr Girls 8/18

Soccer-7th gr Boys 8/23

Swimming- 6th/7th gr Girls-TBD

Cross Country- 6th/7th gr, 8/30

Football- 7th gr. Camp 7/27

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Return Service Requested

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of: