

CARTHAGE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

District 317

Dear CMS Families,

Beginning Tuesday, February 16, 2021, Carthage Middle School's dismissal time will be 2:15 pm. With this change, we will now be having Physical Education and Music/Band in-person. Please see below for important information regarding this change. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs. Gunning (rgunning@cesd317.org) or Mr. Knicl (sknicl@cesd317.org). As always, feel free to call the school (217-357-3914). Thank you!

5-8th Grade P.E.:

Students will NOT be dressing out or using the locker rooms for PE. Students MUST bring or wear tennis shoes for PE. We will not be using lockers, so be prepared to store tennis shoes in your bookbag. Mrs. Gunning also encourages students to bring deodorant to keep in their bags too.

5th grade Music:

With the new schedule music and P.E. are scheduled at the same time. Mr. Knicl and Mrs. Gunning have decided that the classes will be split into different groups. Students will be split into A groups and B groups to meet every other day. A groups will meet for music on Mondays and Wednesdays and B groups will meet for music on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Friday the groups will alternate. This will be the plan into the end of the third quarter. Mr. Knicl and Mrs. Gunning will share with students and parents which group students are in in the near future.

In the fourth quarter it will be any students who are interested in band or choir who will meet during certain days of the week. More to come later about the fourth quarter at a later date.

6-8th Grade Band:

The new schedule is starting this Tuesday and it means some positive changes for the 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade band class. If you saw my [video](#) already, you know that we will be meeting in person and trying to play instruments within our limitations of COVID restrictions. Our time slot is before school from **7:40-8:00 AM** in the new band room (it's by the gym stage). We know this new schedule will present its own challenges, but please do your best to be here each of your scheduled days by 7:40. You will only have to be there three days a week at most.

SCHEDULE

Monday- Full band

Tuesday- Woodwinds

Wednesday- Brass

Thursday- Percussion

Friday- Full band

Mr. Knicl will try his best to be there by **7:30** each day so you can start setting up early if you get there before 7:40. Mr. Knicl will collect your COVID-19 verification form and take temperatures/symptom checks upon

students entering the building. There is an outside door on the south side of the main building that Mr. Kniel will prop open to let you in alongside the building. It is the door between the cafeteria exit and Mr. Klein Jr.'s door if you're standing outside. You probably walk by this door every time you go around for a mask break. The easiest way to get there is to be dropped off in the alley and walk through that tiny gap between buildings. Please let Mr. Kniel know in an [email](#) with any questions you have, and Mr. Kniel will do his best to accommodate you. We start Tuesday 2/16/2021 with woodwinds so find your instruments and reeds, please!

Thank you for patience and understanding during this time of transition. We look forward to getting back to a more 'normal' schedule. If you have further questions, please contact one of the individuals below.

Thank you!

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