



Greetings to our DMS Community!

### **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> (Day A)**

- The school day begins at 7:35 a.m. and ends at 2:25 p.m.
- The office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Students do not need to bring their band instruments or PE clothing on the first day of school
- Students are welcome to bring their iPads on the first day of school if they kept it over the summer
- Our food service provider offers hot or cold breakfast items daily if your student is interested

### **DRESS FOR THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

Below is the language from the student handbook regarding student dress at school. Our ultimate goal is to maintain a safe and respectful environment for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact the office for questions about expectations for student dress at DMS.

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Students should dress in a manner that supports a safe and respectful climate of learning for all members of the learning community. Clothing needs to be:

- Free of anything containing conveying obscene, racist, discriminatory, or violent messages.
- Free from anything promoting or advertising alcohol, illicit drug, tobacco, or any illegal substances.
- Consistent with what is typically worn in an educational setting, including shirts, bottoms, and shoes.
- Supportive of your safety and the safety of others.

Fashion changes often. Therefore, a general rule to follow is to wear clothing that would typically be worn in a casual, yet professional, setting. What is worn to the movies, mall, or pool, would not always be appropriate for school. School administrators and counselors welcome students to meet with them and discuss if they would like guidance and support in making appropriate clothing decisions.

Items not needed for the classroom need to be kept in the student's locker during the school day.

DMS administration may make the determination that a student's dress is not appropriate for the school environment. In this event, efforts will be made to allow the student to fix the issue and minimize time out of class.

### **NUTRISLICE**

Chartwells, our food service provider, has wonderful information pertaining to school lunch menus that students and families can view. It includes daily menus, serving size, caloric value, nutritional information, and known allergens. [These menus can be accessed at this LINK.](#) In addition, we have pushed out the Nutrislice app to Self Service on each student's iPad. You can view the icon for that app below.





## **DID YOU MISS SCHEDULE/PICTURE DAY?**

If you have not picked-up your schedule please stop into the office anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 pm (Monday through Friday) to avoid waiting in line and being late for class on the first day of school. Our office will be closed on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **IPAD LOAN AGREEMENT 2018-2019**

[Please click HERE to view the information regarding the iPad Loan Agreement.](#) If you completed the agreement last spring so that your student could keep the iPad over the summer you do not need to complete it again.

We are unable to issue iPads to students who have not completed the entire process. After our initial deployment to our student body, we will review new enrollees once each morning and distribute iPads. We encourage you to complete this process prior to September 4. **We encourage you to do that soon so as not to delay your student receiving their iPad.** After our initial handout of iPads on September 5<sup>th</sup>, remaining iPads will be distributed the day after the loan agreement has been completed.

## **FAMILY WEB ACCESS & SCHOLOGY**

FWA (Family Web Access) allows parents to access information for grades, attendance and information to student progress.

Schoology helps parents communicate with their student's team of teachers, access assignments, projects and much more. We encourage every family at Dodge Middle School to have both accounts to fully support your student in their learning.

[Please click HERE to learn more or contact our office at 651-460-1500 with any questions you may have.](#)

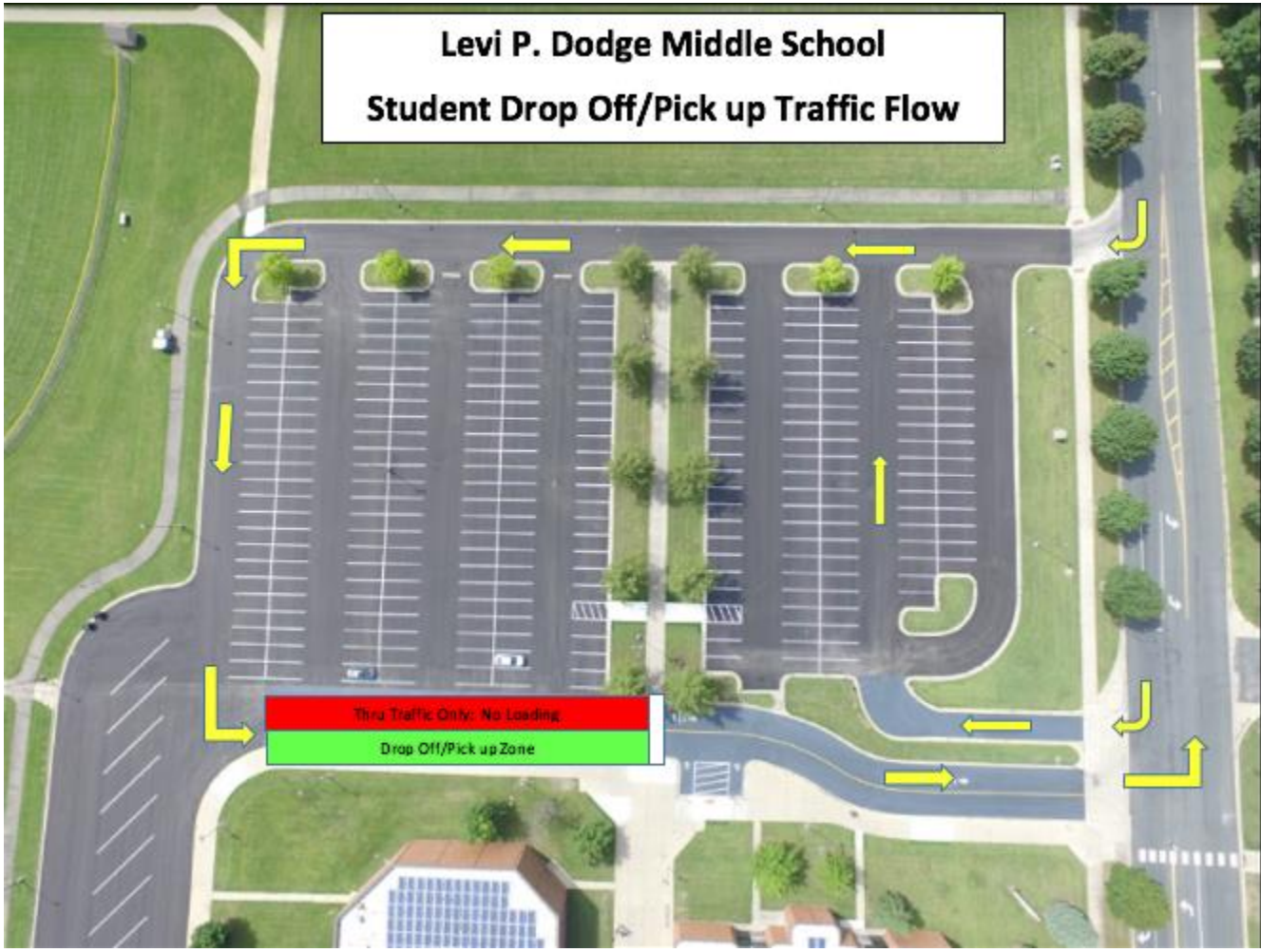
## **STUDENT DROP OFF, PICK UP, AND TRAFFIC FLOW**

With close to 900 students and staff that come to Dodge Middle School every day it takes the concerted and consistent efforts of everyone to ensure a safe experience. The image below indicates the flow of traffic that all visitors need to follow when dropping off or picking up your student before/after school.

You can also view a fascinating VIDEO of our traffic flow by clicking [HERE](#).

Additional items:

- Students dropped off after 7:35 a.m. or picked up during the day need to do so at the Main Entrance
- The speed limit on 208<sup>th</sup> street is 20 M.P.H. from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- The speed limit in the parking lot is 10 M.P.H.



We had a great week with staff getting ready to welcome over 800 students to Dodge Middle School this coming Tuesday! We are excited for a great year and hope you are too. Please know that you can call upon any of us to help support your student's experience!

Have a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend!

Chris Bussmann, Principal