

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MOC-FV CSD

September

2021

## Special Points of Interest:

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## Start of the School Year

The school year is underway, and we have had a wonderful start! Thank you to everyone that attended our Orientation Night. Our hope is that we provided you with information to help you and your student feel comfortable with the start of the school year. Our middle school enrollment is very similar to what it was last year. Our current enrollment breakdown is:

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 104 students*

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 120 students*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 137 students*

*Total – 361 students*

Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Fall Sports have begun practices and we are looking forward to the start of competitions. Our numbers for Fall Sports have been wonderful. It is great to see so many students choose to participate in the various Fall activities. Our numbers for Fall activities are:

*Middle School Cross Country – 45 students*

*Middle School Football – 54 students*

*Middle School Volleyball – 70 students*

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – 51 students*

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – 48 students*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – 48 students*

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir – 47 students*

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir – 49 students*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir – 45 students*

*Middle School Orchestra – 40 students*

I am also aware that we have a lot of students that are active in various activities outside of what our school offers. Being active and connected to activities and school is a great way for our students to learn how to manage time, interact with others, prioritize, and learn to be efficient with their time. Research has shown us that students that are connected to school have better grades, a better sense of self-worth and confidence and are better able to handle the stresses of life.

## Pick Up and Drop Off

The beginning and end of school can be a hectic time for students and/or parents. Please use caution when dropping off your student and picking them up. As a reminder, the bus loading zone (on the north side of the school) is a one way only zone from 7:45-8:05am and from 3:15-3:45pm. This is done in order to keep kids safe and prevent "cross traffic" as we load and unload kids from the buses. Thanks for using caution during this time.

## Switch to the Schedule

We will be running a 1:15pm early dismissal on Thursday, September 2. Friday, September 3 will be a "regular" schedule for school. We will have NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 6.

## Stay Informed

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Middle Schoolers are notorious for giving the simplest answer possible. How was school? "Fine". How did your test go? "Good". Etc. As a parent there are a few ways that you can stay informed if your student is not giving you the information you may be looking for. A lot of the resources can be found on our school webpage [www.mocfv.org](http://www.mocfv.org) -> Schools -> Middle School. There you can find a lot of resources including:

**Homework Assignments:** (Purple Button "Assignments") It will go by day of the week (M-F) and by Grade level (8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>). If students did not write down their assignment in their planner, this is a great place to look.

**Daily Announcements:** (Purple Button "Announcements") Various information will be posted in our announcements. Announcements are read to the students during Homeroom

**Weekly Bulletin:** (Purple Button "Bulletin") This is a weekly snapshot of what is going on at the MS and throughout the district: games, schedule changes, etc. In addition, there are "upcoming events" that are posted that give you an idea of what is coming up in the next month.

**Newsletter:** (Purple Button "Newsletter") This is a monthly newsletter (starting in October) where teachers will provide information about what is going on in their classroom. I will also provide some general information and reminders in the newsletter as well.

**Staff Directory:** (Purple Button (right hand side) "Staff Directory") This provides you with the email address for your student's teachers.

**Sports/Activities Schedules:** On the very top of the webpage (purple banner) there is a link for the Daily Calendar. This link takes you to the Siouxland Conference page for MOC-FV. Here you can access schedules, bus leave times, and links for livestreamed events. In addition to these "buttons", there is information on the right hand side of our webpage. There is the district calendar, lunch menu, etc.

If you have not signed up for a Parent Portal account, please do so. This account allows you to see how your student is doing in the classroom. Assignments, tests, etc. are posted in the parent portal and you can also track your student's attendance and lunch account balance. If you have not set up an account already and are interested in getting one, please contact Mr. Ryan Noteboom (district technology coordinator) at: [rnoteboom@mocfv.org](mailto:rnoteboom@mocfv.org). He can get this set up for you and walk you through this process.

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## Middle School Fundraiser

Once again, the Middle School will be conducting the discount card fundraiser for our school. This fundraiser is our main fundraiser for the school year and covers the cost of various school activities such as party nights, pizza parties, field trips, activity days and covers prizes and acknowledgements for the PBIS system. Students are encouraged to sell these cards. The school makes a profit from each card sold. The percentage that we make per card is based on the total number of cards that we are able to sell. Prizes are given to students when they reach a certain level of cards sold. The winning STAR group from each grade level will win a Pizza Lunch.

We will begin our Fundraiser on Friday, September 3. During our fundraiser, we will have check-ins where students can bring in their money and report the number that they have sold. Check-ins will be on September 7, 9, 14. Our fundraiser will end on Thursday, September 16.

Thanks in advance for your help with this fundraiser.

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## Picture Day

We plan to take school pictures on Thursday, September 9. Students will be given a paper order form a few days before pictures and Mrs. Van Es will email out a link to order pictures online, if you would rather do it that way. Every student will be required to take a picture, even if they do not choose to order any. We use the pictures for student database information and yearbook information.

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1:15pm Early Dismissal	3 9:3am Adrenaline Fundraiser Assembly	4
5	6 No School	7 Fundraiser Chk-In #1	8	9 Picture Day Fundraiser Chk-In #2 4:15pm FB vs Sergeant Bluff-Luton 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A) 4:15pm VB vs Sibley-Ocheyedan 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)	10 1:15pm Early Dismissal	11 9:00am MS CC @Holstein Country Club
12	13 4:00pm VB vs Sergeant Bluff-Luton 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)	14 Fundraiser Chk-In #3 Qrt.1 3 Week gr. Check 4:15pm FB vs LeMars 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H) 4:30pm MS CC @Sunrise Pointe	15	16 Fundraiser Ends 4:15pm VB vs Sheldon 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A)	17 1:15pm Early Dismissal 1:00pm Fundraiser Assembly	18
Makerspace						
Benchmark/Diagnostic Testing Week						
19	20 4:15pm VB vs Sioux Center 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)	21 4:15pm FB vs Central Lyon 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A) 4:30pm MS CC @Sheldon Rise Fest	22 Autumn Begins	23 4:15pm VB vs LeMars 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A)	24 1:15pm Early Dismissal	25
26	27	28 End Exploratory Cycle 1 4:15pm FB vs Sioux Center 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)	29 Start Exploratory Cycle 2	30 6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Iowa Youth Survey :15pm VB @ MOC-FV 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)		

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:15pm Early Dismissal	2
3	4 4:15pm VB vs Boyden 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A)	5 Qrt. 1 6 Week Chk. 4:00pm MS CC @Cherokee 4:15pm FB vs Sheldon 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A) 4:15pm VB vs LeMars 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)	6	7	8 1:15pm Early Dismissal	9
Homecoming Week						
10	11 4:15pm VB vs Sioux Center 7 <sup>th</sup> (H) 8 <sup>th</sup> (A)	12 4:00pm MS CC @ Dordt College 4:15pm FB vs West Lyon 7 <sup>th</sup> (A) 8 <sup>th</sup> (H)	13	14	15 1:15pm Early Dismissal 4:00pm MS CC @Landsmeer Golf Club	16
17	18	19 7:00pm MS Band, Orch., Chorus Concert @ MS	20 MS Orchetra Festival @ LeMars	21	22 End 1 <sup>st</sup> Qrt. 1:15pm Early Dismissal	23
24	25 MS Boys BB Begins 4:00pm-8:00pm PT Conferences	26	27	28 4:00pm-8:00pm PT Conferences	29 1:15pm Early Dismissal	30
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