



OSPREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support with our Covid-19 protocols during this school year. Our students are doing a great job with our Covid-19 routines. As Superintendent Minor recently shared, the district will begin offering an optional [Covid testing program](#) for staff and students as an additional layer of protection at the end of September. Please also see page 2 of this newsletter with information from our Nurse, Josie Lang.

Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

Classes will continue to spend time outside throughout the school year. Please make sure your child comes to school for the changing Vermont weather conditions.

In the month of September, Vermont schools practice two types of safety drills - an evacuation (fire) drill and a "Clear the Halls" (lockdown) drill. We always announce our first drills to staff and students ahead of time so everyone can prepare for our practice. Our first fire drill will be held this week and our clear the halls drill will be held the week of September 22nd.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during both arrival and dismissal. To help our arrival process be as safe and efficient as possible, if you are dropping off your child, please pull all the way forward and let your child off on the right side of your vehicle.

Please share your child's dismissal plans before 2:00 PM, so that our office staff has enough time to process the change and communicate with your child's teacher.

Finally, I am pleased to announce Mr. Mast and Mrs. Towle are excited to offer 5th grade band and chorus again this year. Sign ups will be open through September 27th. Please click on the link below for sign up information.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Important Dates

9/16 Claussen's Fundraiser Form Due

9/27 Picture Day

9/29 Early Release Day

10/8 Professional Development Day,
No School

10/11 No School

10/14 October PTA Meeting



MBS Band/Chorus
Sign-Up
Information

NURSE JOSIE

With an increase of covid in the Colchester community, it's important that you keep your child home from school if they are sick with any symptoms. Current guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and pediatric healthcare officials advises a covid test for any symptom that lasts longer than 24 hours.

Consider testing earlier than 24 hours if your child has any of these symptoms: fever, cough, runny nose, headache, or loss of taste or smell as these are the most common symptoms seen in children with covid.

If your child experiences allergy symptoms that are the same as covid symptoms, a test is recommended during this time of increased circulation of the virus in our community.

Testing can be done through your pediatrician, or through a VDH popup site. Please keep your child home until test results are received and you've notified the nurse. See the 'Return to School Following Illness' information for families.

Thanks for helping to keep MBS safe and healthy and keeping our classrooms open for in-person learning!

Current pediatric symptoms of Covid-19:

- **Fever (100.4 or higher)**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of Breath**
- **Runny Nose**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Loss of Taste or Smell**
- **Nausea/Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle Aches**
- **Headache**

PLEASE STAY HOME
IF YOU ARE SICK

By sending your student to school,
you are certifying that they are well
and not displaying any symptoms.

 COLCHESTER
SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit colchestervt.gov/recreation for more info on youth programs, adult programs and the youth basketball league! The fall brochure covers the months of September, October, November and December and will be updated as more programs are added. For any questions call our office at 802-264-5640.

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FUNDRAISER ALERT

Return by Thursday, September 16, 2021

Claussen's Fall Flowers: MBS makes a portion of the sales including if you buy a gift card! Your student was given an order form to bring home today with more details. Some of the things we were able to help fund for the students and teachers last year were:

Snowman craft, extra outdoor supplies, the lucky day carnival, teacher appreciation week surprises, and field days (including the blow up rentals)

[Click here for the printable order form](#)

