

# Cowboy Courier

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Hello CMS Families! It is hard to believe we are gearing up to start this new school year. I hope you have had a wonderful summer and squeeze every ounce of fun you can during these final days. We plan to have an amazing year together. Our campus leadership team met this week to discuss greeting our students and kicking off the academic year, and the energy was incredible. We are ready to get our students back! This Courier has several notes that might be of interest to you. They are quick reminders for you in hopes of answering questions you might have right now. I will send additional information as the start of school gets closer, but I hope this helps today.

If you are new to CMS, welcome!! We can't wait to meet your family. We know you will love being a Cockrill Cowboy!

See you soon!  
Dr. Epperson

## **Stay connected to CMS**

We would love to have every family follow us on our Facebook page and Twitter. There are always great things happening at CMS you will want to know about.

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## BACK to SCHOOL Night

We look forward to welcoming you back on **August 16<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-6:30. To help with traffic flow and parking, we encourage families with last names A-L to attend from 4:30-5:30 and last names M-Z to attend from 5:30-6:30. You do NOT bring school supplies to this event. Save them for the first day of school.

In addition to meeting your teachers and walking through your schedule, PTO will be available to sell 16-17 memberships and spirit wear, newly designed school planners will be available (first come, first serve), Durham bus services will be available to help with bus route information, and you can buy your 16-17 yearbook. We will also have collection locations for your proof of residence that night as well. It's a big night!

**Class schedules will be available to print in HAC on August 12<sup>th</sup> so bring that with you to save time that evening.**



Every student must update registration for the new school year in the Home Access Center (HAC). You should have received an automated email with instructions, but if you don't remember your HAC login information please contact Mari Dominguez at 469-302-7900 or [mdominguez@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:mdominguez@mckinneyisd.net) for assistance. If you need computer access, the office is open Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 and we are happy to help.

Every family will submit a **proof of residency** at back to school night or on the first day of school. This must be a utility bill with your name and home address. A cell phone bill doesn't qualify as proof of residence. Please clearly write your child's name and grade level on the bill.



The school supply list is attached to this email so you can print at home. Some supplies will be collected and others will be placed in lockers so bring supplies the first day and the teachers will help organize them each period throughout the day. If your child needs to bring supplies over a couple of days, that is fine.



Every student will receive an application for free and reduced breakfast and lunch on the first day of school. Please return those applications to the school for processing. No photocopies of the application can be accepted. All students who were on the free and reduced program last year will automatically receive benefits from the same status as the previous school year. This grace period lasts 30 days, meaning that students who do not have a 2016-2017 application will no longer receive benefits after **Tuesday, October 4, 2016.**

Parents can also apply online at [www.mckinneyisd.schoollunchapp.com](http://www.mckinneyisd.schoollunchapp.com), starting August 11, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the free and reduced information please contact the food service office at 469-302-2263.



School begins at 8:45 each morning and the front doors open at 8:15.  
6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students go to the gyms to wait for dismissal to classrooms.  
8<sup>th</sup> graders go to the cafeteria to wait for dismissal to classrooms.  
Breakfast is served until 8:30 each day.

We have a 7 period day. We serve 3 lunches (A, B, and C)

A Lunch 11:35-12:05

B Lunch 12:30-1:00

C Lunch 1:25-1:55

6<sup>th</sup> graders have lunch together in A lunch.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have either B or C lunch, which will be indicated on their schedules.

\*If you choose to drop off lunch at any time, please remember that you may only bring lunch for your own child. We can't allow pizzas or other items with the intent to share with friends.

Parents are welcome at lunch any time. Bring your picture ID and check in at the front office.

School dismisses at 3:45. Students must know their bus number the first day. Students must leave campus when school is dismissed unless they are staying for a school sponsored club or activity.

Your student will need proof of the following immunizations to attend school for the 2016-2017 school year:

- •Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis-containing vaccine (unless a booster dose received within the past five years)
- •Meningococcal vaccine (one dose)
- •Varicella vaccine (two doses received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- •MMR vaccine (two doses received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- •Hepatitis A (two doses received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)

The vaccines listed above are required in addition to those required by earlier laws. A signed statement of varicella disease will count towards the varicella requirement. **It is necessary for your child to be in compliance before the start of school. You must have proof of current immunizations for your student to attend class.**

Collin County Health Care Clinic offers low-cost or free immunizations for Medicaid, CHIPs, American Indian or Alaskan native, uninsured or underinsured (no vaccine, capped coverage or select vaccine insurance coverage). The clinics are at the times and locations listed below: Collin County Health Care 825 North McDonald Street Monday- Friday 7:30am-11:00am and 1:00 pm-4:00pm

Health Screenings will be done at Cockrill Middle School during the first semester of school. Texas State Law requires that the following screening tests be done:

<b>Vision and Hearing</b>	All 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students All Special Education students All students new to McKinney
<b>Scoliosis</b>	All 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students
<b>Acanthosis Nigricans</b>	All 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students

These screenings help us to identify possible health problems that could interfere with your child's success at school.

Scoliosis screenings will be done by the campus nurse or any MISD employee certified by TDH for spinal screenings. These screenings require that the student remove his/her shirt only. These screenings will take place in an area that insures privacy. Boys and girls will be screened separately.

If your child takes medications during the school day, the nurse will be accepting medication before school starts August 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 8:30-3:30. Please don't send students to school with medication. They must be dropped off by a parent so we get a consent form.

# DRESS CODE

<http://www.mckinneyisd.net/parents/dress-code/>

Please review the dress code prior to school starting. Fun summer hair color, length of shorts and muscle shirts are the most frequent issues this time of year. If students are not in dress code, they will be asked to call you for a change of clothes, so make sure they do a wardrobe check before school starts.



Lockers are often a hot topic for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. All lockers are assigned on the first day of school and students are taken in small groups during the day to practice. No worries or stress necessary!



- All carpool traffic goes through the front drive of the building.
- Please read signs and pull up to the end of the building when dropping off.
- There is no carpool in the back drive. This is designated for buses only.
- Be patient with one another to start the year. Our first priority is student safety, not speed, but carpool generally works quickly once the students and parent learn the routine.
- We discourage traffic pick-up in the parking lot because it is not safe for students to cross through parking lot traffic.
- Only use designated crosswalk at all times to cross traffic.
- The city has designated “no right turn on red” at the light where you leave carpool. This is in effect at all times and it is monitored by McKinney Police frequently.
- Cell phone use is prohibited in school zones, including the carpool lane.
- Ask your child to be looking for you so we can keep cars moving.



Use this link to access Durham Bus Services and route information.

<http://www.mckinneyisd.net/departments/transportation/routes/>