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September 4, 2020

Dear Valley Park Families:

Thank you for your continued support of our students and educators during week two of distance learning. Each day our teachers are continuing to develop the best possible curriculum and delivery of instruction in this distanced environment and building off feedback and lessons learned from the previous days and weeks. It is energizing to watch our students and staff growing together in their confidence and making daily alterations to improve teaching and learning. I want to also thank you for continuing to support your students at home and for the sacrifices you have made. Our daily attendance has been tremendous, our student engagement is strong and it is evident that we are all committed to doing what's best for our students. Our district faculty and staff have dedicated our efforts to support continuous improvement in our distance learning offerings while continuously planning for a pathway to return to in-person instruction in all of our buildings later this fall. Let's continue to work together to prosper as a school community as we navigate this learning experience.

Have a great extended weekend,

Dr. Tim Dilg
Superintendent

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS:

LABOR DAY

The Valley Park School District offices and operations and all schools will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Meal service will not be provided on Monday. Virtual Learning will resume for students on Tuesday, September 8th and Meal Service will resume on Wednesday, September 9th.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Student activities will be able to start meeting virtually on Monday, September 14, 2020. More information on specific dates and times for each club will be sent by your moderators/sponsors as we get closer to that date.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM OPEN HOUSE

The Technology Team will host an **"Open House" Zoom** meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020 from 7-8pm. Topics will cover resources available for assistance, how to navigate Student Portal, help with logging in and using Teams and Google Classroom, basic assistance with Zoom, basic troubleshooting of device issues, and how to request assistance if needed with access and devices.



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USDA FOOD WAIVER

The USDA announced this week they would extend the waiver to allow districts to serve free meals to students as funding allows. We are eagerly awaiting news from our state government and Department of Education on how we can access the waiver. Until we receive guidance and approval, curbside breakfast and lunch offerings are available for purchase every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in front of the Field House. Meals include two complete breakfasts and lunches. Meals will be charged, at pick up time, according to your eligibility status of the Free & Reduced Meal Program, or they will be full price. Meal Prices, Menus, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications can be found by visiting this [page](#).

CHAMPIONS CHURCH--FREE FOOD & HOME ESSENTIAL BOXES

Champions Church and the non-profit TWIGS program will provide **FREE** food and home essential boxes for all Valley Park families every Friday throughout distance learning. Pickup time is 10:30-12:00 outside the field house entrance. Boxes will include food staples such as bread, peanut butter, flour, and milk, and other home essentials such as laundry detergent, shampoo, etc. to support our Valley Park Families.

VIRTUAL STRENGTH & CONDITIONING SESSIONS

In an effort to help our students get active during distance learning, we will be offering virtual strength & conditioning sessions twice each week to high school students. Each session will be limited to 24 students and focuses on teaching 5 movement patterns that form the foundation of all exercise and athletics: Upper Body Push, Upper Body Pull, Hip Hinge, Squat, & Isometric Core. These sessions are designed to help everyone from those new to strength training to those who have previously done it before. We'll emphasize bodyweight exercises and core work that can be done without going to a gym. These sessions will take place live but virtually via Zoom with Coach Hamilton every Tuesday & Thursday from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm starting on September 15, 2020. If you are interested in joining these sessions, [please click on this link](#) and fill out the form.

WIRELESS HOTSPOTS

We are pleased to announce that a limited number of WIFI Hotspots are available to provide connectivity to households demonstrating an economic need who do not currently have internet available for their student(s) at home. Hot Spots will be on loan from the VPSD and must be returned in good working condition. To request a hotspot, please contact Dr. Tad Savage, Assistant Superintendent at tsavage@vp.k12.mo.us .

WIRELESS EXPANSION

External wireless antennas have been installed on district buildings so that families who need internet access can access the district's secured WiFi from the school parking lot during evenings and weekends on district-provided devices. The wireless expansion was completed this week and connectivity is live for those needing access.



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ZOOM MEETINGS--LIVE STREAMING & RECORDING

As we prepare to enter week three of distance learning, here are some important reminders about virtual classes:

- Your student's virtual classrooms (Zoom or Google) may be live-streamed to other students in the class.
- Your student's virtual classroom may be recorded so it can be viewed by students who could not participate in the live instruction.
- The District has implemented procedures to protect the privacy and confidentiality of students during live-stream classes and recorded classes.
 - These procedures include password protection to enter the live-streamed instruction and posting the links to live instruction and recordings on our password-protected Student Information System (Infinite Campus).

Parents and guardians have been a tremendous support to our students during their first two weeks of distance learning and our program would not be as successful as it has been without your support. As we move into week 3 of distance learning here are a few important reminders for parents and guardians supporting the work of their students:

- Recording a virtual class on your personal device (cell phone, laptop, video recorder, etc) is strictly prohibited. The School district predominantly serves minors and we must adhere to a number of confidentiality laws, as such, [Board Policy KKB](#) still applies to any audio and visual recording of district personnel or students.
- All persons in the home must avoid discussing what you may observe during each classroom session, especially any observation that may implicate privacy or confidentiality concerns of individual students.

Thank you for your support and understanding and for working with us to provide virtual learning opportunities in a secure format that protects student privacy to the greatest extent possible.