Greetings Carman-Ainsworth Middle School Families,

The first day of school for students has been set for **Tuesday, September 8th**. Carman-Ainsworth school district has decided to begin the school year virtually for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The hope is that at some point during the year Covid-19 will prove manageable enough to return to school utilizing a hybrid model under strict safety precautions. This transition could come in as little as a few weeks or (worst case scenario) not at all for the 2020 – 2021 school year. It will all depend on data.

To assist you and your student in preparing for learning this school year I am providing you some preliminary expectations for learning for students and some (hopefully) helpful direction. As a student you are expected to adhere to the following virtual learning expectations:

* **Students are to work every class period/everyday**
	+ **Teachers will be providing Zoom meetings**
	+ **Teachers will be providing classwork via Google Classroom**
	+ **Teachers will be available during your assigned class period for assistance**
* **Students are expected to submit work by/on the due date assigned by teacher**
* **Students will follow a set bell schedule from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM**
	+ **Students not present during appropriate class periods may be marked absent**
* **Assist in 2-way communication with teacher**
	+ **Students are expected to communicate with their teacher(s) daily**
		- **Zoom/REMIND/Text Message/Email/Google Classroom/etc.**
* **Follow appropriate dress code**
	+ **If you are in a Zoom meeting student code of conduct (handbook) dress code must be followed**
* **Follow CAMS code of conduct**
	+ **All Carman Ainsworth Middle School code of conduct is expected to be followed**
	+ **Failure to do so will result in appropriate consequences**

School is not optional as it was in the spring. Students will be held accountable for these expectations through grading procedures, attendance procedures, and student code of conduct procedures.

We will NOT be “watering down” the curriculum. The expectation is that we start the school year virtually just as we would start it face to face in regards to instruction. Take some time to familiarize yourself with your teachers and the ROCKS expectations.

**HOW TO ACCESS YOUR TEACHER’S GOOGLE CLASSROOM:**

* Look up your student’s schedule on **Student Vue**
* Go to each individual teacher webpage
	+ - Go to Carman.k12.mi.us
		- Select Carman Ainsworth middle school from the “SELECT A SCHOOL” dropdown box
		- Click on the “ALL STAFF” link on the Carman Ainsworth Middle School website.
		- Here you will find links/codes to each teacher’s Google Classroom
* Follow directions outlined in each teacher’s Google Classroom

Most student schedules should be available on StudentVue by Monday, September 31st, and teachers will begin communicating with student during this same week.

**BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE THAT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW DURING THE DISTANCE LEARNING TIME:**

**VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE***(Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday)*

1st hour 8:00 – 8:55
2nd hour 9:00 – 9:55
3rd hour 10:00 – 10:55

**6th GRADE 11:00 – 11:30 LUNCH
11:30 – 12:00 Homework help**

**7th GRADE 11:00 – 11:15 homework help
11:15 – 11:45 LUNCH
11:45 – 12:00 Homework help**

**8th Grade 11:00 – 11:30 Homework help
11:30 – 12:00 LUNCH**

4th hour 12:05 – 1:00
5th hour 1:05 – 2:00
6th hour 2:05 – 3:00

**VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE** *(1/2 Day Wednesdays)*

1st hour 8:00 – 8:30
2nd hour 8:35 – 9:00
3rd hour 9:05 – 9:35
**Homework help 9:35-9:50**4th hour 9:50 – 10:20
5th hour 10:25 – 10:55
6th hour 11:00 – 11:30

I understand that these are difficult times, but I want everyone to know that the middle school has been working diligently to create and provide a positive and productive learning environment for your student. We are here to answer questions, provide assurances, and help you and your child each step of the way as you navigate with us through these uncertain times. Let’s hope that we get back to normal sooner rather than later. You may always contact me at tchapman@carmanainsworth.org or call the main office at 591-6257.

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