

Middle School Newsblatt

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November 6, 2020

This week Governor Walz extended and amended his executive order on education for the 20-21 school year. In his address to schools, Walz stated, “I recognize and commend the tremendous sacrifices and hard work undertaken by all our students, families, educators, staff, and school leaders to make this school year possible”. TCGIS Middle School teachers continue to practice servant leadership as directed by this year’s safe learning plan through the Department of Education. The state is recognizing the difficult job we are asking teachers and families to do, and I would like to echo the Governor’s sentiment by saying that the work our teachers, educational assistants and our TCGIS families are doing is tremendous. Danke sehr, TCGIS community. Gemeinsam sind wir stark.

~Elizabeth Zehnpfennig, Middle School Dean





November's Middle School Schedule

Reminder that for the month of November our schedule is as follows:

Grades:	5	6	7-8
Nov 2-6	Distance Learning	Distance Learning	Distance Learning
Nov 9-13	Distance Learning*	Distance Learning*	Distance Learning*
Nov 16-20	Distance Learning*	Distance Learning*	Distance Learning*
Nov 23-27	No School Conferences PD Thanksgiving	No School Conferences PD Thanksgiving	No School Conferences PD Thanksgiving

****Families that have been contacted for Support Weeks will send students for the week of November 9-13th and the following week will be determined by next Thursday's COVID numbers .**

8th Grade Parents

DSD I Family Information Night: The DSD I is the final and official language assessment at the end of our students German language journey. The DSD I info night will provide comprehensive information around the DSD I, the timeline and alternatives. Mark your calendars for 6:30 pm on the evening of Thursday, **November 12th** to attend for more information. Here's the [link](#) that will also be emailed to 8th grade families.



Odds and Ends

6th graders usually travel to **Concordia Language Villages** in Spring. We are still looking at the possibility of making this happen. 5th grade teacher, Emily Albers, is working with CLV to see what our options are. Stay tuned for more information.

Distance Learning Support

Differentiation is a best practice in good teaching. Students learn things in different ways and at different paces. In Distance Learning, this can be more pronounced. Our teachers are teaching basics and standards, trying to get to the heart of all the lessons they are used to delivering in traditional school. Some of our students may need extra work to fill their school day. Let me remind you of the German Enrichment Website that is being constantly updated and added to. If your kids says they are done with their school work and need something to do, we suggest you send them there. It's a great dose of German to assist with our immersion goals. And I highly recommend checking out the Herr Dahl videos!

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[TCGIS German Enrichment Website](#)