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Dear Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! We are well rested and looking forward to a productive and rewarding year. We understand that this school year will be very different than any other, but we want to let you know that we are here to support you and your child throughout the school year. Our school community, along with all Milwaukee Public Schools, will begin the school year with virtual learning on September 1, 2020. August 26th and August 27th will be our Open House and Grab & Go Event to pick up your child's Chromebook and necessary materials to be successful. Enclosed will be a supply list for families that want to get the best back to school prices before our anticipated student return to the building.

We are ready for virtual learning! Our skilled and devoted staff are already planning and preparing for your child's return. We are adapting and strengthening our practices, investing in the technology required to provide a quality online academic experience, and working with teachers and school staff to be more effective and active online instructors.

It is important to note that although the school year will start with virtual learning for all students, it will look very different from the online learning that took place at the end of last school year. Attendance will be taken daily, and students are expected to be present 95% of instructional days. All students will be graded based on the Wisconsin and Common Core State Standards. There will be no pass/fail grades.

As we return to school, the support and involvement of parents and families will be critical to our students' success. Our school and district want you to be prepared and ready for this transition to virtual learning. The district has created a series of how-to tutorials that will get you set up and ready for virtual learning. You can access all the videos by visiting our [Family Tutorials](#) page on the MPS home page under the title "NEW School Reopening".

To help us with an efficient Chromebook distribution process on August 26th and 27th, it is critical that a parent/guardian email me ASAP at graberj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us with the number of Chromebooks needed (one per student) for your family. Please provide each child's first and last name and grade level in your email. Due to the complexity of this task, I will communicate via email so please use a consistent email and continue to check your email regularly.

We know you will have questions, and our school community will be prepared to receive your input and provide detailed answers to any concerns you may have this school year. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Grazie,

Janine Cano Graber, Principal and the Victory Staff

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Important Information...

- The first day of school is Tuesday, September 1st, 2020. Our School day is 9:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. Actual schedules will be sent home for families to see required daily expectations at “Grab & Go” Event.
- The school office is open for **phone calls/email responses from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** during the month of August. The building is CLOSED to public during the pandemic. If you have questions, concerns, etc. please contact the main office at (414) 304-6700 or email us at 387@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
- PLEASE “OPT IN” FOR TEXT MESSAGES!!!! As we have reported, the district transitioned to School Messenger to send text messages to families with the latest updates, safety alerts, school closures and more. Families MUST send a text message to 67587 to connect to the new system. In the message, send a Y or YES to ensure you will receive important school and district texts.
- CHROMEBOOKS & SCHOOL MATERIALS: All families will be given an opportunity to pick up Chromebooks and other school materials on Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27 (please see flyer). It is very important all students receive a Chromebook or have a personal computer or tablet to meet the required virtual learning expectations.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Students will need some materials for their work at home expectations as well as supplies for when they do return to the actual school building. We are aware that the “Back to School Sales” are currently underway and therefore getting supplies now is essential when there are great deals available. See attached Supply list.
 - All students require a Chromebook (may be picked up from school)
 - Headphones/ ear buds for completing work expectations

We will have some Art supplies available at school during the Chromebook pick up days

- **Home/School Communication:**
Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion School has a weekly newsletter called “Notes from the Principal”. This newsletter, which is published every Wednesday includes many important dates, activities, and general district & school information. It will be sent home via email to all families, PLEASE make sure you have your current email on file with the school office, so you receive this very important weekly communication.
- **Parent Involvement:**
Our P.T.O and our School Engagement Council will both be meeting virtually during the Phrase 1 Virtual School Reopening. Please watch for more information regarding these meetings. We encourage and welcome all families to be a part of these two very import functions of our school.

We will continue to send out more information over the next few weeks as we prepare things for the new school year. We want all families to know that our staff at Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion School are here to support you during the Virtual Learning Phase of the MPS Reopening Plan.

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