August 7, 2020

Hello HMS Families,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with the most current and accurate information about Homer Middle School to assist you in making decisions that will be best for your family.

**Schedule**- HMS will have an alternating block schedule. Students will attend periods 1, 3, 5 on one day and 2, 4, 6 the next day. This will reduce the number of transitions during the school day.

**Lunch-** HMS will have a 7th grade lunch and an 8th grade lunch. Students will also have a 7th grade enrichment and an 8th grade enrichment period.

**Music-** HMS has decided to remove music (band/choir) from every student’s schedule. It is our hope to return to our traditional schedule.

**Student Schedules**- Schedules will be mailed to students on Friday, August 14th. These will include student locker number and combination.

**Management Protocols-** HMS staff will be creating protocols on Wednesday, August 12th that will specifically address transitions, lunch, enrichment, arrival/dismissal, and classroom materials. (Drafts for these protocols have been created).

**Technology-** HMS will distribute/check out devices for students. At this time, we believe we will have enough devices for every student.

**Athletics-** KPBSD will follow the ASAA protocols for athletics to include practices, contests and travel. Cross Country Running and Soccer practice will start on Tuesday, August 25.

**Remote Learning-** Remote Learning offers students to be taught and assessed by certified teachers at HMS and engaged with their peers. At this time, students who choose to participate in 100% Remote Learning at HMS will follow their class schedule and participate synchronously (live) with their classmates via Zoom. Students will be required to complete the same assignments, projects and assessments as students in the classroom. HMS staff will be discussing specifics about Remote Learning on Wednesday, August 12th.

Please know, your child’s health and safety is of our utmost concern. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss specifics for your child. You can call me at 907-235-5701 or via email at kdendurent@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.

Sincerely,

Kari Dendurent, Principal