

Scales Mound CUSD #211 Home of the Hornets

“Small School Dreaming Big!”

August 10, 2020

Dear Parents, caregivers, guardians, students, and staff,

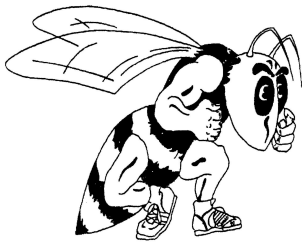
Welcome back to Scales Mound School for the 2021 school year. This is a very difficult time for all of our students, families, and community members as we navigate through the COVID-19 Pandemic. I hope you all are staying safe and healthy and are as excited about getting back to in-person learning as I am.

In-person learning is important for helping our students learn, grow, and succeed. We will take extra precautions and additional safety measures to mitigate the chance of students and staff getting the virus while learning in our classrooms. We realize that there is some anxiety with learning in-person so that is the reason we will be offering remote learning to any family who chooses not to participate in-person. During the week of July 27, we sent out a survey to determine how many students would utilize remote learning. If you did not complete that survey and would like to use remote learning, please contact us by Monday, August 17, 2020.

Our staff has been working hard to prepare the building for in-person learning. This summer we have been doing extra cleaning, preparing the cafeteria and hallways for social distancing, and preparing classrooms for the safe return of our students. We will do all we can to help keep our students and staff as safe as possible this fall. However, it will take the efforts of all students, staff, and visitors to help make a difference in the Scales Mound School District.

Here are some of the changes you will see as part of SY 2021:

1. Anyone entering the building will need to complete a health screening and have a temperature check. The self-certification form can be found in our quick links section on the new Scales Mound CUSD #211 web page.
2. As required by the Illinois Department of Health and Illinois State Board of Education, anyone entering the building must have a face covering. Staff will often use outside space to allow additional social distance space so students can remove their masks.
3. As required by the Illinois Department of Health and Illinois State Board of Education, we will not be allowed to have gatherings of over fifty (50) individuals in one room at any one time. Groups may gather in groups of 50 if they are outside and at least 30 feet apart.
4. Parents choosing remote learning must complete the Remote Learning Agreement before August 19, 2020.



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5. Due to Project 2021’s construction, all students will be coming in through doors on the west side of the building. Elementary students will enter near the library entrance, junior high students will enter near the main office, and high school students will enter by the main gym.
6. Parking on the west side of the building along Main St. is restricted to staff only. Students will need to park on the side streets.
7. Extracurricular activities will look different this year with volleyball and possibly football being moved to the spring. Since our students are residents of Illinois, we must follow the guidance of the Governor, Illinois State Board of Education, and Illinois Department of Health when making decisions regarding the start of extracurricular seasons and our students’ participation.

By this time you should have received the “Revised Scales Mound Transition Plan for SY 2021” and those who have chosen remote learning should have received the “Remote Learning Handbook for SY 2021” and parent agreement. Please read through these documents carefully and if you have any questions contact either Dr. Wiederholt or Dr. Caron.

Once again we would like to welcome you all back to school. We are hopeful that at some point this year we will have some semblance of normalcy, but right now we will just have to band together and do everything we can to support our students. *We believe our district is the heart of our community where pride, family, and tradition beat strong.* That is one of our belief statements and it is more true today than ever.

Take care, stay healthy, and we will see you either in-person or remotely on August 19, 2020.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Caron
Superintendent/PK-2 Principal

Dr. Matt Wiederholt
Grade 3-12 Principal