



Adams Update October 23, 2020

Welcome Ms. Shaune, 3rd Grade Teacher

Next in our new teacher introductions is face-to-face 3rd grade teacher **Ms. Shaune**. Ms. Shaune grew up in Port Huron, and is in her first year teaching. A University of Michigan graduate (Go Blue!), she has degrees in English and Communications, with a Master's in Educational Studies. She loves the outdoors and even ran from a bear while hiking the North Country Trail! Welcome to Adams, Ms. Shaune!



Friday, October 30

Our first priority this school year is keeping all students, staff, and families as safe as possible, and then maintaining our ability to keep face-to-face classes safely operating as long as possible. Halloween will obviously look very different at Adams this year. Keeping that in mind, we do have new guidelines regarding outfits and what will happen next Friday, October 30.

Teachers may choose to have students in costume OR have black/orange spirit day, or Halloween gear day. If the class is wearing costumes, guidelines are:

1. Costumes are to be worn all day long (no changing at school)
2. No costume/plastic masks (yes, it's ironic, of course—please continue to wear cloth masks/face shields)
3. Normal rules are in place regarding no weapons, no super scary/gory costumes, etc.
4. Students must be able to sit at their desks wearing the costume
5. Students will wear the costumes in class, eating, on the playground, at gym class, and so on. Costumes will likely not be in the same condition when students come home, as when they go to school. Please keep that in mind when you plan.

New School Breakfast/Lunch Guidelines

As you have heard before, there is no charge for breakfast/lunch this school year. Other important information for you about the food program:

- Milk, by itself, is a \$.60 charge. The full meal is free.
- Starting Monday, district wide, students will no longer be able to charge for milk (they need to pay for the milk, or take the whole meal for free)

Parking Lot Procedures

As we transition to colder temperatures, there are times that the drop-off line in the morning has become very slow. In order to keep everyone safe, and to keep the line moving, please:

- Ensure students have their backpacks and material ready as you enter the parking lot
- If you are ready to drop off when you enter the parking lot, pull all the way forward
- Drop off on the passenger side, so students exit directly to the sidewalk
- If your child is not ready, then pull into a parking spot, help them pack up, and then walk them to the sidewalk.

Interested in Transitioning from the Virtual Academy to Face-to-Face Instruction?

If your child is in the Virtual Academy, and you want to transition to face-to-face instruction for the second semester, in November you will be able to sign up for that change. All requests for this transition will be granted. The deadline to sign up will be November 23rd. Please watch for further updates from the Superintendent.

Successful Lock-Down Drill on Tuesday

Tuesday we had our first Lock-Down Drill of the school year, and everything went well. Similar to our Tornado Drill last week, we talked through scenarios and the steps that students would take to keep safe. In the interest of keeping everyone socially distant, we had the discussions but did not gather students closely together.

PTO Update

Please review the attached PTO Update to see our PTO calendar, ways to get involved, and our current fundraising opportunities. Include in this week's update:

- Fun activities for next weekend
- **Adams Spirit Wear Store** is open online! Check it out!
- The next PTO meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, November 9
- The Virtual Book Fair is **November 13 – 26**

Adams Fall Virtual Book Fair

Our book fair is going online this year with a Virtual Fair! For the 2 weeks of **November 13 - 26**, discover new books that will ship home in time for the winter break. Our fair will feature a virtual fair walk-through so you and your kids can experience the magic of the school shopping experience: browse titles by grade, meet popular authors, and much more. Bonus: Each purchase supports our school directly. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Repeat from earlier: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are available this year in virtual or face-to-face formats. For the health and safety of all involved, we encourage families to participate in the virtual conferences if at all possible. Teachers will schedule face-to-face conferences as needed, with a priority for students with heightened need. Our teachers will be available for conferences at the regularly scheduled conference times on November 11, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., but may also schedule conferences at other times through the month of November. Be on the lookout for more information from your child's teacher soon.

Photo retake order forms for Virtual Academy students are available for pick up in the lobby.

Upcoming Events

Tues, November 3

Mon, November 9

Wed, November 11

Election Day/PD Day; No School for Students

PTO Meeting (Virtual) 7:00pm

Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1/2 Day for Students – 11:51 Dismissal

We had a great week here at Adams, and we look forward to seeing you and your students again next week. Have a good weekend!

Educationally yours,

Scott Cochran

Principal