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Dear VVMS Families,

Welcome to the 22-23 school year! It has been a great start, and we are so happy to be partners with you in your child's education. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback. We want to hear from you! Please see below for some important information, including information about our Welcome Back to School Family Fun Event tomorrow.

In Community,
Courtney & John

Welcome Back Family Fun Event Tomorrow, August 26!

Please join us for a Welcome Back to School Family event tomorrow, August 26. The event will run from 3:00 PM to about 6:00 PM at VVMS. If you are able to join us at 3:00, please do so! If not, come any time you are able. We will have games, pizza (beginning around 4:00), and raffle prizes, including a new apple watch to raffle off and gift cards. You must be present to win. All family members are invited. Come have fun and meet some of our school staff!

Important New Cell Phone Policy

We have a no cell phone policy that we are strictly enforcing on campus this year. Cell phones are distracting to student's learning, so they will not be allowed for any reason, except during lunch. If your student has a cell phone, airpods, or other electronic device out, we will take the device and return it at the end of the day. In short, our policy is that if we see a cell phone or other electronic device out, we will hold onto the device until the end of the day. Students have been doing well with this policy, but we need your support. We ask that if you need to get a hold of your student for any reason, you call the front office. We will pull the student from class, if they need to talk with you or we will ensure they get any message. Thank you for your partnership in this.

Upcoming Parent Coffee Chat

Next Wednesday, we will be having our first family coffee chat for our Spanish speaking families. This meeting will be in Spanish, and we will be setting up an English meeting soon. We will have donuts and coffee and the meeting will begin at 10:00. Hope to see you there!

Monkeypox Information

While monkeypox can infect anyone, the recent cases in 2022 have almost all exclusively occurred among adults. At this point in time, SF Department of Public Health (SFPDH) believes that the risk of monkeypox in schools, childcare, and youth programs is currently low.

Back to School Immunizations

SFUSD is partnering with the San Francisco Department of Health (SFPDH) to provide immunization clinics on Aug. 22-27. **A free meal will be provided to anyone who attends the clinic for back-to-school or COVID-19 vaccines!** This includes all members of a family who attend with a child.

Aug. 22-26, 5-7 p.m.

- **Location:** Zuckerberg San Francisco General, 1001 Potrero Ave., Main Building 5, 6th floor, 6M
- **Appointments:** No appointments, walk-in only
- **Eligibility:** Open to all San Francisco residents who are children regardless of insurance or medical home. No requirement to be an SFHN patient.

- **Vaccines:** All vaccines required for school entry will be available. COVID vaccine will also be available.
- **Bring** Any vaccination records you have for your child. No ID is necessary for caregivers or children.

Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Location:** Southeast Health Center, 2401 Keith St. (Bayview/Hunter's Point)
- **Appointments:** No appointments, walk-in only
- **Eligibility:** Open to all San Francisco residents who are children regardless of insurance or medical home. No requirement to be an SFHN patient.
- **Vaccines:** All vaccines required for school entry will be available. COVID vaccine will also be available.
- **Bring** Any vaccination records you have for your child. No ID is necessary for caregivers or children.

What To Do If Your Student is Sick OR Tests Positive for COVID 19?

There are no new updates to our COVID safety policies and procedures for the upcoming school year. Masks will be strongly recommended, but not required for students or staff at VVMS, per SFUSD and public health guidelines. If your student is sick or tests positive for COVID 19, please contact the front office at **415-469-4590** immediately. Do NOT contact any of your child's teachers. It is important we are aware of any COVID-related illness for tracking and attendance purposes.

ParentVue

ParentVue is how you can access important information about your child's education in SFUSD. **If you need help with signing up for ParentVue, please contact Julie Lam (lamj2@sfusd.edu) or Adriana Pereira (pereiraa@sfusd.edu).** They can help and also provide you with an activation key. Visit sfusd.edu/parentvue for more information.

Reminder - No Ordering Food Via Apps to School Campus

We do NOT allow food deliveries to campus. If you want your child to have special food for lunch, please send them to school with the food. You may also bring food for them during lunch time. If you bring food for your child, please drop it off at the front office, and we will call for your student to come pick it up during their lunch hour. **Also, we are not allowing parents to use food delivery apps to order food for their child. It causes too much confusion.** If food is delivered from a delivery app, we will not allow them to have the food, and we will notify you. We have food every day in our cafeteria that each student can eat for no charge.

