

September 13, 2020

Good evening Charger Families,

This is Melissa Baird, Principal of Inverness Middle School, sharing important information with you in our *Weekly News Flash!*

We had another great week at IMS and our Chargers are doing well! You can monitor your student's progress in both Canvas and Skyward; however, please note that Skyward is the official platform for attendance, grades, and transcripts. Additionally, we published our *IMS September Newsletter* last week. Please utilize this link to access the *IMS September Newsletter*: https://ims.citruschools.org/ims_information/i_m_s_newsletter

Fall athletics began on September 8th with Football, Volleyball, and Golf! This week Cross Country begins on September 15th from 2:30pm-4:30pm and Cheerleading tryouts are September 15th-18th from 2:45pm-4:30pm. As a reminder, our IMS Athletic/Physical Packet must be completed in full and approved before students can participate. Athletic games and competitions are right around the corner and in the coming days we will be sharing more information about the spectator experience. You can find updated athletic information on our website using this link: <https://ims.citruschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=739049&pageId=837090>

Don't forget that students must bring their iPads to school fully charged, each and every day. Also, iPad insurance is available for purchase and the final date to purchase the insurance is September 30th. Please use this link to access the iPad insurance information: <https://www.citruschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=21889121>

Superintendent Himmel recently requested and received approval from the Florida Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services Office to allow the Citrus County School District to operate under the Summer Food Service Program through December 18, 2020. This program will begin on Monday, September 14th. Under the Summer Food Service Program, all children 18 years old and younger may receive FREE Breakfast and Lunch.

Students are still doing a great job with wearing their masks, practicing social distancing, as well as the other guidelines in place to promote a safe and healthy environment for all. However, if your child has symptoms of COVID-19 and/or has a COVID-19 test result pending, please keep your child home until the negative test result is received. As a reminder, parents should keep children at home if they are not feeling well.

We are looking forward to another fantastic week at IMS! Please know that I am available via phone or email, and continue to be so very appreciative of the positive partnership that we have with our families. Have a wonderful week and stay tuned for your next *Weekly News Flash* on Sunday, September 20th.

Thank you,
Mrs. Baird

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