

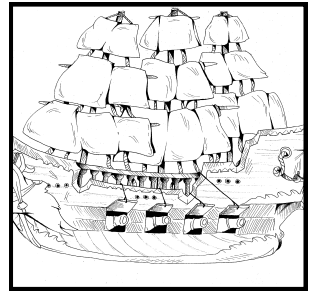
CALICO ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A WORKING DOCUMENT TO BEGIN A NEW YEAR WITH A NEW OUTLOOK!



Welcome to a wonderful and exciting school year! We hope this newsletter will give you a brief guideline to changes in the upcoming year.

We have several faculty members we would like to welcome to our Pirate family. Patrick Drennan (health, PE, girl's basketball, and PeeWee basketball—high school building), Holly Gilbee (music, choir, and band—Ms. Gilbee will be splitting her time between the high school and elementary buildings), Kass Woody (5th-6th grade literacy/social studies), and Kimberly Morehead (2nd grade teacher). Leisha McCoy is moving into the librarian position at the elementary building. Zeke Sanders is moving to the high school to teach history and driver's education (semester course—students wishing to take this course must be in grades 9-12, and upperclassmen will be given first priority.) This class will also enable the driver to received a discount on auto insurance. LaDonna Franks will be the full time counselor at the elementary and Stephanie King will be the full time counselor at the high school.

COVID 19—DISTRICT GUIDELINES

The school district will follow the CDC guidelines at all times, and that will mean this document changes frequently or daily. Please use it as a guideline and call or email the school for clarifications. The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education has declared that school begins no earlier than August 24 and no later than August 27. Our first day of class for students will be on August 24. *If you have not returned the survey that was sent out electronically, please do so at your earliest convenience.* All students have a choice to learn “virtually” with their teacher or “blended,” which is a model that will utilize both home and school settings. The term “AMI” (alternative methods of instruction) no longer exists. If we are again sent home, students will have the ability to pick up from where they were learning in the classroom and move it to their home environment. The entire faculty, staff, and administration have worked very hard to make these transitions seamless for all involved. We understand that change is scary, but we are PIRATES, and we are FAMILY! We will work through each situation together!

2020-2021 UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR

In-service days will be determined by principals using rules and regulations set forth by the ADE and State Board of Education. It may be required of teachers to attend days prior to August 24th .

August 24		First Day of School/Late Registration
September 7		Labor Day (No School)
October 14	37 days	1st Quarter Ends (37 days)
October 22		Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 23		Teacher In-service – No Students
November 25-27		Thanksgiving Holidays
December 17, 18		Semester Tests
December 18	43 days	2nd Quarter Ends (80 days)
December 21 – January 1		Christmas Holidays
January 4		First Day of 2nd Semester
* January 18		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 4		Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 5		Teacher In-service – No Students
* February 15		President's Day
March 12	47 days	3rd Quarter Ends (127 days)
March 22-26		Spring Break
* April 2		Good Friday
May 24, 25		Snow Day #4, 5
May 31		Memorial Day
June 1-2		Semester Tests
June 2	51 days	4th Quarter Ends (178 days total)
178 School Days		37 days – 1 st Quarter
10 Teacher In-service		43 days – 2 nd Quarter
2 Parent/Teacher Conferences		47 days – 3 rd Quarter
190 Teacher Contract Days		51 days – 4 th Quarter

5 AMI Days – AMI days will be used under the advisement of Mr. Skidmore, Superintendent, and the Administration

*5 Snow Days

*Additional missed days due to inclement weather will be added under the advisement of Mr. Skidmore, Superintendent, and the Administration

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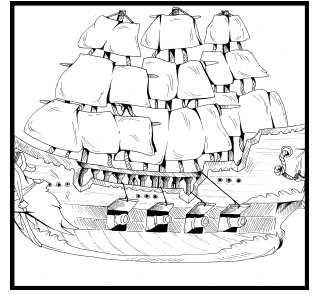
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HIGH SCHOOL NEED TO KNOW



Some of our big changes include the bell schedule and the testing schedule. Going forward **ALL STUDENTS WILL TAKE CUMULATIVE SEMESTER EXAMS REGARDLESS OF ABSENTEES**. Semester test exemptions do not exist; therefore, it is imperative that you stay home if you are sick. Students may not enter the building before 7:30 am, and there will be only two entries into the building. Students may enter the building at the main entrance in front or the rear entrance where the busses load and unload. Before entering the building, each person's temperature will be checked. Anyone with a fever of **100.4** will be isolated and allowed to call home immediately.

All students will be issued three face masks on the first day of school. If they are lost or misplaced, there will be monetary fee for more masks. Face masks should be worn in the hallways at all times. If social distancing is not possible in the classroom, students and faculty should wear facemasks. If social distancing is possible, the teacher has the discretion to enforce face masks or allow for removal. Students should wear a face mask on the school bus. They may sit together if they are family, but they are not allowed to sit together if they do not live in the same household.

Upon entering the school, students who eat breakfast may go to the cafeteria. There will be no self serve in the cafeteria, and seating is marked to abide by the state's law of social distancing. Students who do not eat breakfast, must go straight to their first period class. There will be no socializing in the hallways or waiting on the first bell. Teachers and students have the same rules. Visitors will NOT be allowed on campus unless they are there by appointment or emergency.

Each classroom will have a sanitizing station, and water fountains have been retro-fitted for water filling. You may bring your own plastic bottles. In addition to the sanitizing stations, the district has purchased five disinfecting foggers to use each day. Two will be at the high school, another two at the elementary, and one will be used for the busses.

Each student will be issued a Chromebook for the year. It will be checked out in his / her name, and the responsibility and care lies with the student. Contracts will be sent home in the beginning of the year packets.

The high school now has 4 minutes between classes. Please note the updated bell schedule below.

1st Lunch Group		2nd Lunch Group	
1st Period:	8:00-8:45 am	1st Period:	8:00-8:45 am
2nd Period:	8:49-9:34 am	2nd Period:	8:49-9:34 am
3rd Period:	9:38-10:23 am	3rd Period:	9:38-10:23 am
4th Period:	10:27-11:12 am	4th Period:	10:27-11:12 am
ADVISORY	1:16-11:36 am	ADVISORY	1:16-11:36 am
5th Period:		5th Period:	11:40-12:25 pm
1st Lunch:	1:36-12:06 pm	2nd Lunch:	12:25-12:55 pm
6th Period:		6th Period:	12:59-1:44 pm
5th Period:	2:10-12:55 pm	7th Period:	1:48-2:33 pm
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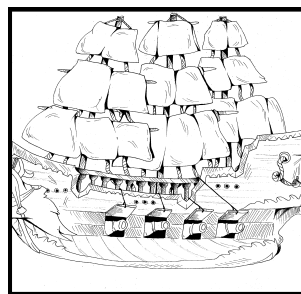
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BLENDING LEARNING VS VIRTUAL LEARNING

On-site students will participate in blended learning, which allows us to PIVOT to virtual learning if there is another quarantine order. Document cameras are set up in the classes so students can participate in the course at the time of the course.



Calico Rock School is providing students with Chromebooks at the beginning of the year. Three internet access points are available in town: one on each campus and one on Main Street. Testing will occur as scheduled this year.

OPEN HOUSE—BOTH CAMPUSES

Open house for both campuses will be on August 18 from 4:00 –6:30 pm. This will be a drive through only Open House. Students will meet their teachers, but there will be no visitors allowed in the either building that evening.

ELEMENTARY NEED TO KNOW

While both buildings will abide by all CDC guidelines to ensure social distancing with a quality education, the following will be specific to the elementary buildings.

Teachers must be on campus and in their rooms by 7:30 am each day. There will be three entrances into the building. Students in kindergarten and 1st grade will enter and exit through the kindergarten doors. Students in grades 2-4 will utilize the doors nearest to the big tree; and students in grades 5-6 will enter and exit the building through the main entrance by the office. Teachers must also enter and exit through these doors, and there will be a duty rotation for faculty and staff to check temperatures. Any student or adult with a temperature of **100.4** will be isolated and allowed to call home immediately. There will be no gathering on the playground in the morning hours.

Upon entering the school, students who eat breakfast may go to the cafeteria. There will be no self serve in the cafeteria, and seating is marked to abide by the state's law of social distancing. Breakfast and lunch seats will be assigned, and students should wear masks until they are through the line and seated at their table. Students who do not eat breakfast must go straight to their assigned classroom. During lunch, students will be dismissed by table to enter the lines for end of lunch dismissal. All hallways will be directional, and rooms will be wiped down before students arrive. Clear partition dividers will be issued to every student to use at his/her desk or station. Teachers and students have the same rules. Visitors will NOT be allowed on campus unless they are there by appointment or emergency.

Students will be issued three face masks at the beginning of the year. Face shields will also be made available to any student who wishes to wear one rather than a face mask. Masks will be worn by all employees unless social distancing can be achieved or a note from a healthcare provider exempts them from wearing one. All students will wear masks on the bus, in the hallways, during bathroom breaks, in the lunchroom, and in the classroom until everyone is seated.

Neither students nor teachers will be allowed to share supplies this year, and social distancing must be maintained in the hallways and in the classrooms. There will be at least three floor tiles between each student desk.

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All students will also be issued a lanyard to keep up with their facemask.