**Have questions…..we have answers!**

1. **How will parents know what homework, grades and expectations are to support kiddos at home?**

Answer:

Parent communication is highly encouraged! The best way for a parent to contact a teacher directly is by email, Remind, and Google Hangout. Each teacher’s email is available on the student’s FOCUS portal and can also be found within the course syllabus. In addition, the course syllabus will outline the expectations for homework, grades, and classroom performance required for successful course completion.

1. **When will we know what classes they have?**

Answer:

 Parents and students will obtain the student’s individual class schedule at orientation and via FOCUS approximately one week prior to the start of school. During orientation, parents will be able to walk students to each class with a mock bell schedule.

1. **Is the bus coming at the same time as last year?**

Answer:

The transportation routes usually post to the district’s transportation website the week before school starts (<https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Page/2975>). If you should need a bus stop modified or added, please contact the transportation department directly at 225-0127.

1. **Are the children limited in bathroom breaks?**

Answer:

 Restrooms are accessible before school and during class changes. Each teacher has a hall pass students will be able to use for emergency restroom breaks.

1. **Does the middle school has a morning news crew?**

Answer:

 Currently YMS does not have a Morning News Crew, announcements are delivered in the classroom after the first bell.

1. **What sports are available to students?**

Answer:

 Students are encouraged to participate in our athletic program. Please visit our athletic webpage at <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/domain/873> for information on what sports are offered and forms required to participate.

1. **I don’t have FOCUS access.**

Answer:

 FOCUS access can be obtained once the school year begins by contacting Mrs. Miller, Data Entry Operator at 225-5116 or via email at millerka@nassau.k12.fl.us.

1. **I would like to know dress code information before orientation.**

Answer:

**DRESS CODE**

Clothing and accessories are required to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and good taste. Students are expected to be modestly dressed and groomed. Students who fail to comply with dress code policy will be assigned lunch detention and will be required to change clothing before returning to class.

**Dress Code Requirements:**

1. Students shall wear shoes at all times. Closed toed shoes are recommended for safety reasons. Athletic shoes are required for P.E.

2. Students’ pants shall be worn at the waist and pants may not have holes three inches or higher above the knee. Undergarments should not be exposed. Form fitting pants such as yoga pants or leggings should have appropriate coverage.

3. Students shall be permitted to wear shorts. Short or extremely tight shorts or skirts

are not appropriate. Shorts/skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the knee.

4. All students shall wear full coverage shirts or blouses reaching the armpit area. Shirts

must cover midriff area and may not have spaghetti or thin straps less than 3 inches wide.

Undergarments should not be exposed.

5. Clothing displaying profanity or inappropriate material may not be worn at school.

6. Potentially dangerous jewelry and bandannas are prohibited.

7. Masks, face paint, disguises, and costumes are prohibited. This is not to include masks

designed for safety during a pandemic.

8. No head coverings, including, but not limited to: caps, hats, or hoods shall be worn

inside the school buildings.

9. Students are required to wear a PE uniform when participating in gym.

10. Pajamas and slippers are not acceptable school attire.

\*\*Please note dress code must be followed on special event or dress up days unless explicitly approved by the Principal. \*\*

**Please refer to Nassau County Code of Conduct for a more extensive explanation of the Dress Code.**

1. **How do I go about 504 plan meetings?**

Answer:

 If your child has a 504 or IEP, you will be notified of the annual review meeting well in advance. If you should have any questions or concerns about your student in reference to a 504 or IEP, please contact your guidance counselor for further information.

1. **Will they have lockers? And can they buy locks from the school?**

Answer:

 Locks are available for rent during PE to house personal belongings.

1. **Clubs offered after school i.e. the arts?**

Answer:

 Clubs will be available throughout the school year. Please continue to monitor the school website for clubs offered in the Fall.

1. **How do you assign computers during the normal school year?**

Answer:

 Chromebooks and chargers are individually assigned to students during the first few days of school. Students are expected to come to school daily with their charged device.

1. **Where do we store lunch bags if he brings lunchbox?**

Answer:

 All lunchboxes will be stored throughout the school day in the student’s

 backpack or carried by the student.

1. **Do they have to change for gym class?**

 Answer:

 Students will be required to dress out for gym class. They may purchase

 shorts and shirts through the PE department (see the school webpage for further

 details); however, purchase of a uniform is not required. The uniform consists of

 black shorts and green shirt with no logo, but the Yulee Hornet.

1. **Does their money for lunches from elementary school transfer over?**

Answer:

 Yes, all funds left in your student’s lunch account from any school within the district will transfer to his or her account at YMS.

1. **Do you have advanced math classes for 6th graders?**

Answer:

 All students are placed into ELA and Math courses based off of their end-of-the-year STAR and FSA results.

1. **Will the core classes review 5th grade fundamentals since the kids essentially missed the last quarter of 5th grade before introducing 6th grade materials?**

Answer:

 All core classes in each grade level will provide a review during the first nine weeks of the school year. Our teachers have spent several hours collaborating to revamp the curriculum map for all core subjects during the upcoming school year.