



*Do we have to wear masks? How will we maintain social distance in a classroom? What will lunch look like? What if.....* Rest assured that for every question you've considered, there have been three more realized and weighed. We are blessed to have a Board and Superintendent who will continue to make decisions that put the best interest of our children at the forefront. Be sure to keep up-to-date by frequently checking the Dade County School website as well as the DMS website and by following us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dade.middle.9> . Regarding the return to school, there is even a section for Frequently Asked Questions.

Items of Interest:

- **Plan for 2020-21:** Dade is offering two options, which are fully explained on our website. Follow the links: <https://www.dadecountyschools.org/Page/3431>
- A **Virtual Open House** will be coming soon. We are very aware that our 6 graders may feel nervous, and we want them to be able to “see” the school. As you know, we have had a summer full of construction. As soon as the building is clear and clean, we will be able to film. Look for that coming your way soon.
- See this link for our **Enhanced Safety Measures:** [Link](#) .
- **Athletics:** By law, all Georgia school athletes must have a completed physical on file before they may participate in any activity. Some doctor’s offices have the old form in their system, which cannot be used. The newest form can be found on our website. DMS Cheer tryouts will be July 21st from 8am to 12pm at DCHS. Email Ms. Smith at [ashliesmith@dadecs.org](mailto:ashliesmith@dadecs.org) for more information. DMS Softball will be holding tryouts August 3rd-5th. Email Coach Lyons at [davidlyons@dadecs.org](mailto:davidlyons@dadecs.org). DMS Volleyball tryouts will be held on Monday, August 3rd-5th from 3:00-5:00pm at the Dade Elementary School gym. Email Coach Blevins at [sarahblevins@dadecs.org](mailto:sarahblevins@dadecs.org) if you have any questions. Information about official DMS Cross Country and Football practice will be coming soon.
- Our updated **Student Handbook** is now posted on our website under “Information for Parents.”
- **Schedules:** Student schedules will be made available by August 6. Continue to check our facebook page and website.
- We are excited to offer 4 new **leadership opportunities** for students; Student Ambassadors, Student Council, and Growing Leaders and Principal’s Advisory Board.
  - Ambassadors will be students who greet visitors and who escort transfer students around DMS their first day of enrollment. Each grade level will nominate 3 students for this opportunity.
  - Student Council representatives and officers will be voted upon by the student body. Student Council members will volunteer at school events and will represent the voice of the student body in decision making for the school.
  - We will host a **Growing Leaders Seminar** for DMS leaders. The purpose will be to introduce growing leaders to such topics as our local government, professional communication, building a portfolio, and soft skills. There will be an application process for those who would like to attend.

**Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!** [michellebeeler@dadecs.org](mailto:michellebeeler@dadecs.org).