



**November 20, 2020**

**7th Grade Black House of Leadership- IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Due to our two additional positive student cases and pending cases, we will be transitioning the following homerooms/cohorts on the Black House of Leadership to digital learning from **Friday, November 20 through Tuesday, November 24** leading into the Thanksgiving Holiday:

- **Mrs. Janeen Saunders' Homeroom/Cohort**
- **Mr. Patrick Dickson's Homeroom/Cohort**

## **CLOSE CONTACT TRACING**

1. **Please keep your student at home if symptomatic.** The guidelines are to stay home for 10 days for COVID-level symptoms. Sometimes just taking one day at home will help parents or physicians determine if the symptoms are actually COVID level or not.
2. **If you are considering giving your child a COVID test or are awaiting the results of a COVID test, please keep your child at home until a determination is made and results are provided.** At this time, we ask that you keep your student at home even if you choose to administer a test to your child without symptoms out of an abundance of caution.
3. **If your child has been in close contact with a person outside of the school environment who is positive, please take action and inform the school and keep your child home for 14 days.** The close contact definition is proximity to an infected person for longer than 15 minutes and less than 6 feet with tracing beginning 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or a positive test. If you know your child is a close contact to an infected person, please take this action even if the Health Department never contacts you to officially identify your child as a close contact. The school will happily accept your parent report of Close Contact and will follow-up by providing digital instruction to your student for the 14-day isolation period.
4. **Immediately inform the school of all positive test results.**

These actions are critical to COVID management at the school and district level. If the “possibly positive” student stays at home until the test results are provided, that eliminates all of those days for close contact tracing because for each positive case, we are required to look back 48 hours to identify close contacts based on the 6 foot/15 minute guidance. Our board policy 6.403 on communicable diseases (<https://tsba.net/maryville-county-board-of-education-policy-manual/#students>) provides directives for “no student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or other individuals shall enter or remain in the regular school setting.” **As with the annual flu, the only chance we have to prevent spread is for sick kids and adults to stay home and for everyone to work as a team on proactive strategies.**

## Mark Your Calendars

**Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - No School - Thanksgiving Holiday**

Please visit our CGIS website at [www.maryville-schools.org/cgis](http://www.maryville-schools.org/cgis) to find information regarding all our activities, clubs, school calendar, classroom information, and more.

### Next Semester Changing Learning Model Deadlines

- The next opportunity to change learning models (Traditional to Digital, or Digital to Traditional) is at the end of this semester at Winter Break. The new schedule will begin January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- The deadline to make the request is **Friday, December 11 at 12:00 pm** email [cheryl.hatcher@maryville-schools.org](mailto:cheryl.hatcher@maryville-schools.org)
- Each parents can only request **one** instructional model change per year for their student.
- When transitioning to a different learning model, student schedules will be adjusted with the possibility that academic teachers and electives may change.
- Each family requesting a move from traditional to digital learning needs to review and read the student digital learning handbook so you fully understand the requirements: [https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1596032616/maryvilleschoolsorg/qkdbilg9zhvveq4nd6hy/MCSDigitalLearningGuidelines-Student\\_29July2020.pdf](https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1596032616/maryvilleschoolsorg/qkdbilg9zhvveq4nd6hy/MCSDigitalLearningGuidelines-Student_29July2020.pdf)



The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! While the Fair will be **exclusively held online** this year, we still plan on making it a fun and joyous experience for our kids. Features include:

- Coulter Grove's own online store, with a large selection of titles, at the right price points
- A Virtual Fair so you can experience the magic of the school shopping experience. Browse titles by grade, meet popular authors, and discover the comfort and joy of our Fair
- Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly (25% back in rewards!)

Save these dates and view our school's Fair site:

**Fair Dates:** November 9<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Online Store:** <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/coultergroveintermediate>

(When the fair starts on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, the link will allow you to shop, with proceeds benefiting our school.)

We can't wait to "see" you at the Fair!

If you have questions, please contact Katie Voyles in the Library at [katie.voyles@maryville-schools.org](mailto:katie.voyles@maryville-schools.org).

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Suicide Prevention Seminar**

QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer-3 simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. The students will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide and how to question, persuade and refer someone for help. It will be age appropriate to students so that they will learn who to turn to for assistance in this situation should it arise. It also follows the B1 information from the Jason Foundation-to Be Aware, Be Able to Identify and Be Prepared to React if this should occur.

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** (Red House students) - Deb Skyler, Ed.S. and Director of Family Resource Center will be training and leading student discussions about suicide prevention. She had been QPR trained and a member of the Blount Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Alliance.

Please contact Debbi Waldroop/McKinley Dalton, *CGIS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselors* at 982-6345 ext. 61909 if you have any questions or concerns.