



## **Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School**

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Incoming MEMS Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School (MEMS) faculty and staff I am happy to welcome you to MEMS. I trust that during your time with us you will find a school that has something for every child. We are proud of the approach we take to providing opportunities for growth in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and in a variety of other areas.

As has been the case with many things this year we are not able to have traditional orientation at this time. While we were unable to have a traditional orientation, we have done our best to provide you with the information you will need for the start of next year. I have included two links for the orientation. [The first link is a basic slide presentation](#) that families/students can click through at their own pace. [The second is a narrated video](#) guiding families through the slide presentation.

Due to this pandemic there is much we do not have answers to. This includes the reopening of schools. The attached presentations describe what is “typical” at MEMS. Please note that elements of this presentation may not be accurate when school begins in September. We are waiting for the specific reopening guidelines, and will be in contact with you as we know more information. To keep up to date on important information regarding the start of next year it is extremely important that you register for the MEMS Virtual Backpack.

Some common questions you may have:

- **Will there be a Chromebook distribution as I’ve heard about in the past?**  
Students will be keeping their Chromebooks from Pine Brook. Starting on June 19th these chromebooks will be remotely deactivated at the conclusion of the school day, unless your child is attending virtual summer school. They will be unusable until the first day of school next year. While this may seem counterintuitive, our goal is to ensure minimal damage to the device over the summer months. We ask that you please support your child in storing their chromebook in a secure location from June 19 until we return to school in September. This will minimize any possible damage to the device. When

your child returns to school in the fall this device will be their device for the remainder of the school year.

- **What about sports physicals?**

We are not sure and need to await further guidance. As soon as we have updates on sports and physicals we will share this information with you. Students must have a physical to play sports.

- **How will I know updates over the summer?**

It is essential this summer to check your email as well as the MEMS website and / or official social media. We will provide information to our families as we know it. Be sure to register for the MEMS Backpack on our website.

We are already preparing for the arrival of our incoming students, and are confident we will have a great year together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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