

# Indian Valley Middle School

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Mifflin County School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to imagine that we are already one month into the new school but here we are at the end of September. I am very pleased as we have had a very good opening to the new school year. The students are settling in to their new schedules as are the teachers. I have a few informational items that I want to share with you:

1. **Excuses**= When your child is absent, please make sure that you send us your excuse with three days of the absence. When writing excuses, please include your child's full name, their grade and homeroom on the excuse. In addition, make sure that the reason for absence is noted because this enables us to code them correctly.
2. **Cold and Flu Season**= As this season approaches I want to do all we can to prevent the spread of germs that cause these. We have all of our desks, door knobs, restrooms, water fountains and nurse's suite disinfected every night. In addition, I have been reminding the students to wash their hands often. I also encourage you to send hand sanitizer with your children so they can use it in class and at their locker. Please make sure it is in its original bottle so we know what it is. Also, if your child is running a fever or has a bad cough, please keep them home.
3. **Family Access**=We have mailed letters to all of our parents/guardians giving you a userid and password. If you did not receive this, please fill out the attached form and bring it in to me so we can have an account set up. You will need your driver's license (or other photo id) and your child's birth certificate. Please don't call the Administration Building to register for this because they will refer you to me anyway.
4. **Safe Homes Pledge**= I just handed out letters and other forms to your child pertaining to the Communities that Care's Safe Home's Pledge initiative. I encourage reading this and signing up, as we seek to provide prevent alcohol and drug use with all of our students.

We continue to work hard at Indian Valley Middle School to provide a quality education to all of our students. We know however, that you play a major role in this. Please call with concerns, questions and suggestions because working together we can educate your children and thereby help them reach their goals.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark A. Crosson  
Principal

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