



FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Sheri Smith

Dear Forrestville Valley Families,

The start to our school year has certainly been unique but we are so happy to have our students back with us! Our priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and staff, and I want to thank you for your cooperation within both in-person and remote learning environments.

**I am happy to report that we will be moving to full instructional day on
Monday, September 14, 2020 as follows:**

Forreston Jr/Sr High School	7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Forreston Grade School	7:50 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.
German Valley Grade School	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Morning Preschool (no change)	8:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

You will notice this release time is 20 minutes earlier than last year and will remain throughout the first semester, or while Illinois remains in Phase 4. Dismissal times were determined through our efforts to maximize instructional time as soon as possible, while following the additional requirements and operations in place due to COVID-19.

High school students will continue to follow a block schedule with A & B days, to allow for smaller cohorts and fewer transitions. Students in grades 6-8 will continue to follow the cohort model with teachers traveling to students. Elementary students will be able to extend their learning and incorporate additional interventions and special periods. Students participating remotely will receive updated zoom schedules or additional information from their class teacher over the next week. Should you wish to make a change to your student's learning environment, please remember you may do so one time during the first quarter. Once the second quarter begins students will remain in the learning environment through the end of the 1st semester.

Lunches will be served for any interested or eligible student, however, ala carte options will not be available for students 6-12 at this time. Students will be allowed to bring in their own lunch if they choose. If you have not yet added payment to your child's skyward lunch account, please do so by utilizing our e-Funds system. Please visit the district website www.fvdistrict221.org where you will find e-Funds in the Quicklinks dropdown menu.

If you need to make a change to your busing schedule, please contact Mrs. Williams in the transportation department at (815) 938-2195 by Friday, September 4th to ensure adequate time to review such change requests.

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, all buildings will continue to restrict visitors from entry. If you need assistance please contact the building office or send an email to fvdistrict221@fvdistrict221.org.

Thank you again for assisting in a smooth transition to our school year. We look forward to returning to our full day scheduled on Monday, September 14th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith