

# RAMTASTIC NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

Nov. 2—volleyball

Nov. 3—football

Nov. 10—football

Nov. 11—Veteran's Day  
Holiday

Nov. 16—football

Nov. 16—volleyball

Nov. 17—Football  
championship game

Nov. 22-27—Thanksgiving  
Break

## Welcome back to school!

Education as we were familiar with has changed dramatically, and so we begin a new school year with a great deal of anticipation, yet trepidation. The faculty and staff of Manor Middle School are eagerly anticipating this instructional year, and we are determined to make this year as normal as possible given the current global pandemic. Some students have returned to face to face instruction, while others work remotely, but all students are part of the Manor family.

Parents have become not only wage earners, but they have become part time teachers which can lead to a great deal of stress for everyone. Focus your energy on helping your children navigate these various methods of instruction while taking time for yourselves to decompress. This is a new frontier for all, but it can be managed if we work together.

As this year continues, remember that communication is the key to your student's success. Please reach out to your child's teachers to discuss class work and student progress. Reach out to find ways to motivate your child to complete schoolwork. Reach out to the school counselors for ways to help your child academically and socially as your children probably are under a great deal of stress as well.

The songwriter, Bob Dylan, wrote the lyrics, "The Times They Are A-Changin'." This is true today more than ever.

# NEW MANOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Manor would like to welcome the following new staff members to our campus. We are so glad that they chose to become a member of the Ram family.

Savannah Carr—Ms. Carr teaches AVID and comes to us from another district.

Karla Cotto-Colon—Ms. Colon teaches Spanish I and is new to education.

Yolanda Jones—Ms. Jones is our new counselor and joins us from Willow Springs Elementary School.

Officer Liendo—Officer Liendo, our safety officer, joins us from another campus.

Carylon Lorenzo—Ms. Lorenzo teaches college and career readiness and joins us from UGMS.

Carolyn Newman—Ms. Newman works in special education and joins us from another district.

Katie Purcell—Ms. Purcell teaches choir and joins us from another district.

Dawn Sanders—Ms. Sanders teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts and joins us from AMMS.

Alison Steed—Ms. Steed teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade science and joins us from Alice Douse Elementary School.

Tabatha Young—Ms. Young joins the special education department from another district.



## Distance Learning Tips for Students:

**Make your day as normal as possible.**

**Stay away from distractions.**

**Read the instructions carefully for all assignments.**

**Ask questions if you do not understand a concept.**

**Keep track of all deadlines.**

**Be patient with yourself.**

**DO NOT get behind.**

**Motivate yourself to finish all work.**

## INTERNET SAFETY REMINDERS FOR ALL LEARNERS

Have your child work near you to help monitor sites accessed.

Check the search history, their posts, texts, and social media to monitor suspicious activity.

Speak to your child about internet safety and online predators.

We all want the safest possible educational experience. The following site will have further internet safety tips.

<https://childrenrescuecoalition.org/educations/9-internet-safety-reminders-during-school-closures/>



# Class News

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## Upcoming Events

School Dance  
9.9 | 5-7pm

Book Fair  
10.1 - 11.1

Picture Day  
10.15



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