

School already? Dist. 20 starts Aug. 15

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Back-to-school open house on Tues., Aug. 14

The start of school for District 20 students is less than a week away.

Classes begin on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 8 a.m. for Dudley Elementary students and at 8:08 a.m. for junior and senior high students.

Parents, students and the public can visit classrooms, meet teachers and review the safest routes to school during a Back-to-School night on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 5:30-8 p.m.

Business and organizations will have displays in the Main Street hallway of the high school.

At Dudley Elementary, class lists will be posted outside rooms and school personnel will be available to direct students to home rooms.

Outside, a carnival and games for kids, K-4, will be offered on the west practice field.

Ninth graders and their parents will meet for orientation at 7 p.m. in the performing arts center.

On the first day of school, junior and senior high students will meet in the performing arts center for a general assembly at 8:15 a.m.

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Dudley Elementary students, grades 4-6, will gather at 9:45 a.m. in the PAC for a general assembly. Grades K-3 will meet at 10:35 a.m.

Classes will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

On Friday, the regular schedule gets underway with junior and senior high dismissing at 3:30 p.m. and elementary at 3:20 p.m.

Kindergartners start with half-day classes—from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—until Tuesday, Sept. 3, when they begin full days.

Teachers return to school Monday, Aug. 12, for three days of in-service.

Once school begins, parents taking children to school are asked to drop off and pick up elementary students in front of the school on Avenue G while traveling north on the street.

Other drop off/pick up areas can be accessed by turning west onto 13th St. from Avenue I (the area is between Avenues H and I) and by entering the west parking lot.

Drop off and pick up for junior-senior high students is in front of the junior-senior high building on Avenue I.

Because safety reasons, elementary students should not be picked up and dropped off by parents at the high school entrance.

While walking to the school building, students are reminded to use the crosswalks in front of the high school and elementary buildings.

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Administrators also request that non-bus-riding Dudley students not arrive at school earlier than 7:50 a.m.

Busses will drop off and pick up students on the north side of the elementary.

Line up for Dudley students, at the doors to the building, is as follows:

Fifth and sixth graders at the entry doors south of the north parking lot.

Fourth grade on the east side of the elementary wing.

Second and third grade on the south playground.

Kindergarten through first grade on the north playground.

Early dismissals will air on KRVN radio, on television stations KNOP, NTV and KOLN-KGIN and through the district's ConnectEd telephone and e-mail system.

Any child in seventh grade, kindergarten or new to the district is required to have current immunizations and physical examinations before school begins. Immunization records must be submitted for enrollment.

For more information, contact school nurse Annie Cornwell at 537-3651, ext. 2126.

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Students wanting to eat lunch at school must make sure accounts are paid.

For a second year, daily hot lunch prices rose in several categories.

The cost of an adult lunch remains the same at \$3 as does breakfast for \$1.

High school and junior high lunch increased a nickel—from \$2.20 to \$2.25.

Dudley Elementary students will be charged 15 cents more and will pay \$1.90.

Food service manager Joni Jacobsen said kindergartners and first graders can choose from two, instead of three, entrees this year.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, contact Kay Streeter at 537-3651, ext. 3.

Students involved in athletic activities must buy an activity ticket. The \$30 cost admits them to all home athletic events except state-sponsored or specified conference events scheduled at Gothenburg High School.

Adult season passes are available for \$25 for fall events and \$35 for winter season events for Gothenburg home contests.

Those passes are available from secretary Barb Franzen in the superintendent's office.

For more information, contact the school at 537-3651.

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