



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

September 8, 2023

Dear Athlos Family,

On behalf of our school leadership team, I want to extend a sincere thank you and appreciation for your support as we wrap up our first week of school. It has been a successful start to our year; students, families and staff are settling in and our transportation companies continue their work to ensure that students are arriving to school and home safely, and on time. We would like to highlight below some important information for you to be aware of.

NO SCHOOL 9/15

There is no school on Friday, September 15th for staff development.

FAMILY DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS

Please make sure to call the front office by 12PM if you need to update how your students will be getting home that day. At no time can parents park their car in the lanes on the side or front of the building on the frontage road. When cars are parked in these lanes it can block traffic or busses and become a safety issue for other families. We welcome parents to park in the parking lot and walk your students into the building via the crosswalk.

DRESS CODE/UNIFORMS

The expectation is that students will dress in a manner that reflects positively on the district at all school related activities. Beginning Monday, September 11th, this expectation will be fully enforced. All students are required to be in uniform daily with the exception of free dress days and spirit days that will be noted on the website calendar. In the situation where a student does not wear their uniform to school, a Student Support Team member or an Administrator will make phone calls to families for students whom are not in uniform. School staff will inquire about the student's uniform as well as remind families that solid colored shirts and black pants are acceptable while working on getting Athlos uniforms.

All uniforms must be purchased through the Athlos Academy website. Please read guidelines carefully to be sure items purchased are the acceptable styles and colors. Athlos expects all students to be in their Athlos uniform on a daily basis.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Families are able to sign their student(s) up for the after school program. The program begins right after school ending at 5:30pm daily. The fee is \$10 per day. Registration and payments can be made by calling the front office, or in person at the school. All students will be provided with a snack, and will participate in required homework/reading time before participating in other activities. Bus transportation is not available during this program. All students must be picked up from the front office.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day is 9/27. This is a free dress day for students!

SNACKS & GUM

Families are encouraged to send healthy snacks with your student to school. There is a designated snack time of 10 minutes for every homeroom. Other than lunch and snack time, there is absolutely no eating. Absolutely no pop, Gatorade, or energy drinks.

CELL PHONES

Personal electronic devices are not permitted during class time. Students will be expected to adhere to the school's technology rules, and continued abuse of this privilege, will result in phones being taken away. Athlos Academy is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged electronic devices.

BUS BEHAVIOR REMINDERS

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Student behavior rules are in effect for all students on school buses. Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will apply to all regular and late routes. All school bus and bus stop misconduct will be reported to the Lead School Administrator. Serious misconduct may be reported to local law enforcement. Decisions regarding a student's ability to ride the bus in connection with co-curricular and extracurricular events (ex. field trips or competitions) will be in the sole discretion of the school. Guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges.

SICK STUDENT

Students should not be in school if they have a temperature of 100 degrees or above. Students who have a contagious illness or are experiencing a sore throat, a cough, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea or other symptoms of illness should not be in school until appropriate treatment is secured. Students should be free of elevated temperature, vomiting, and diarrhea symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medication prior to their return to school.

FREE FOOD PROGRAM – EVERY MEAL PROGRAM

Athlos partners with Every Meal Program, a non-profit organization that coordinates and runs weekend food programs in Minnesota schools. Our partnership with this organization will enable students who sign up to receive a free bag of food to take home at the end of scheduled weeks. It's completely free and your family's privacy is protected-you just need to sign up! Sign-ups will take place the third week of school through your student's homeroom teacher. Each bag typically contains a fruit, vegetable, protein, rice/pasta and a soup or boxed meal.

Questions and requests to join the program can be made to Rachel Mushel at rmushel@athlosstcloud.org.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 15	No School – Staff Development
Sept. 27	Picture Day – Free Dress Day
Oct. 4-5	Evening Conferences
Oct. 13	Dollar Dress Day
Oct. 18	Unity Day
Oct. 19-20	No School – MEA
Oct. 23-27	Fall Book Fair
Oct. 31	Free Dress Day

Please know that the faculty, staff and Athlos School Board will work tirelessly to ensure that families know their student(s) are safe and achieving great things at Athlos!

Have a wonderful weekend with your loved ones.

Warmly,
Kate Hill, Assistant Executive Director
Athlos Academy of St. Cloud