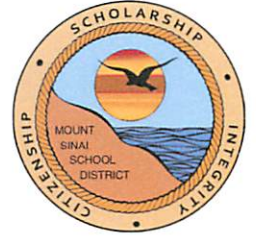




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Dear Mount Sinai Parents and Students:

We hope this letter finds you well. With the winter months in full swing and the mid-year point upon us, we wanted to take this opportunity to review some building procedures, specifically how we use the Scholar Chip ID system.

The ID card system, which has been in place since September 2017, has been expanded through the years. The initial purpose was intended to ensure that students “tapped” their card into school each morning to support security and student punctuality to school.

In the Fall of 2019, in response to concerns related to bathroom use, the ID cards replaced pen and paper signing in and has been vital in curtailing bathroom concerns related to vandalism and vaping.

During the course of this year, the cafeteria began to exceed spacing limits and the administration determined that this was due to students from other regularly scheduled classes and study halls that are scheduled during lunch periods, thus there was a need to make sure the students who had a regularly scheduled lunch period were able to attend in a safe and healthy manner.

The above said, students will now be “tapping” into the café using their ID cards during their regularly scheduled lunch to ensure only those who are scheduled to have lunch are in the cafeteria. For students that do not have a lunch period, existing building procedures will continue to be used and those without a scheduled lunch period should coordinate this with their guidance counselor.

The Scholar Chip system is used by many schools and similar ID card systems are used by many colleges and employers. We believe that in addition to the health, safety and security benefits the system offers, it is also a good life lesson that our students learn the importance of carrying their ID card, similar to a driver license, meal card, etc., therefore students should have their ID card at all times when in school.

We appreciate your anticipated understanding and support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of us.

Sincerely,

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