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**Friday, December 18, 2020**

Greetings, West York Area School District Community:

This will be the final Friday Weekly Update in 2020.

### **Holiday Break**

I always look forward to the holiday break. It's a time to be with friends and family to relax, recharge, and reflect on the year. However, like so many of you, my holiday break won't be spent with extended friends and family, but instead, with only those immediate family members. It'll be different, but it won't be any less welcome and special.

While 2020 has been far from ideal in so many ways, one thing that has stood out to me is our families' resolve and flexibility to roll with the constant notifications to make the most out of this challenging year. On behalf of the faculty and staff of West York - I want to thank everyone for your patience and support. I look forward to the new year with renewed hope for health and happiness across our nation, and I wish the West York community a wonderful holiday season.

### **Important Information and Reminders:**

#### **COVID-19**

As previously communicated, Governor Wolf enacted [new mandatory orders](#) in an effort to mitigate the continued spread of COVID-19. These orders took effect at 12:01 AM on December 12, 2020, and will remain in effect until 8:00 AM on January 4, 2021.

As a reminder, the COVID-19 Dashboard on our [website](#) shows, at a glance, where we stand with the number of recorded cases in a West York school setting and within a rolling 14-day period. A recorded case includes any confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 when the individual was physically present in the school setting during the infectious period, including but not limited to, instruction, work, sports, or extracurricular activities. All recorded cases will be communicated to the community.

If you've not already done so, please take a moment to follow the links below to stay up-to-date on the latest guidance and how that may impact you and your families, especially in light of any potential travel you may be planning for the December holiday break:

- [Travel Guidance](#)
- [Updated Mask Order](#)
- [Masking FAQs](#)

If you have any questions about either of these orders, please contact your child's building principal or Nurse Cindy Rose. Please continue to monitor symptoms and report them to our school

nurses, along with any testing for COVID-19 and close contact with any positive cases. The symptom monitoring tool and nurse contact information can be found in the [Family Information Packet](#).

### **Student Support**

As we move into the holiday season, we all tend to have extra stressors that impact our day-to-day lives, and our young people are no different. Whether it be the current pandemic, the holidays, school, or social relationships, students may find themselves experiencing stress or anxiety. We want our families to know that our counselors are available for our students, at all levels, who may need someone to talk to, so please encourage your children to seek out our counselors when they're feeling like they need to talk through their concerns. Sometimes it's helpful for them to have a neutral party to just listen. Contact information for all our counselors may be found [here](#).

Additionally, should you find that you need help over the holidays, professionals are available to listen at the Crisis Text Line (741741) and the Lifeline (1-800-273-8255). If you're concerned for another child's safety, please call 1-844-SAF2SAY or make a report at [www.safe2saypa.org](http://www.safe2saypa.org).

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

January 12, 2021	5:30 PM	Educational Programming Committee (EPC)
January 12, 2021	7:00 PM	Work Session of the Board
January 19, 2021	6:30 PM	Board Meeting Meeting

All of the above meetings will be virtual for the public until further notice. Please visit our [website](#) for information on how to attend.

### **Student Meal Programs- Update**

We have received notice from the USDA that they have extended the free breakfast and lunch program through June 30, 2021. This is terrific news for our families and means that **all breakfast and lunch meals across the District shall be provided, free of charge, to ALL students**. This includes pick-up meals for WY Cyber Academy students as well as meals for anyone 18 and under who reside in our District. Please follow your child's home building guidelines for ordering pick-up meals. At the secondary level, a second meal may be purchased at the regular meal rate. Menus for all buildings are posted on our website. More information may be found on our [website](#). Please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski at [scrutkowski@wyasd.org](mailto:scrutkowski@wyasd.org) if you have any questions.

### **Spectators at Sporting Events**

While spectators at District events are limited, everyone may watch these events via live stream when they resume. Links to live stream channels can be found [here](#).

### **Building Visitors**

All visitors must complete a screening form and have their temperature taken at each building. They will be expected to adhere to posted guidelines for social distancing to include wearing facemasks until further notice.

### **The Blue & White**

The Blue & White is published at the end of each week and delivered via email. Past issues may be found [here](#). Please continue to share your positive photos throughout the year - it's a bright spot for all of us! You can send them to [cmgreco@wyasd.org](mailto:cmgreco@wyasd.org).

Best wishes for a great weekend, and happy holiday!

Sincerely,

**Todd M. Davies**  
Superintendent of Schools