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Friday, April 16, 2021

Weekend Building Closure

Due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases at the Middle School, and based on the latest Pennsylvania Department of Education PDE and PADOH [guidelines](#), the following action is being taken:

- The Middle School will be closed from Saturday, April 17, 2021, through Sunday, April 18, 2021. All school and after-school activities will resume on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Recognition

On April 1, 2021, a threat was made to the safety of students and staff at the High School and Middle School. The threat was brought to the attention of the High School Administration by a student, which was followed by other students sharing tips.

Upon receipt of the threat, the District, in collaboration with the West Manchester Township Police Department, the West York Borough Police Department, and the York County Sheriff's Department, immediately went to work to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Once safety and security had been established, and students began evacuating, District security in collaboration with law enforcement went to work on a full investigation. I am pleased to say that the investigation concluded before the end of the day.

I commend those students who recognized the gravity of this situation and brought it to our immediate attention. I would also like to commend our faculty, staff, administrators, and law enforcement entities mentioned above, for their immediate response and collaboration to quickly resolve this matter while ensuring the continued safety of students and staff.

We take every threat to the safety of our students and staff seriously.

Summer Lunch Program

_____As we've done in the past, we will offer the [free summer lunch program](#) this year. The program begins on Monday, June 7th, and will continue through Thursday, August 5th. Pick-up will be at the Middle School from 11 AM - 12 PM at Door 3. Breakfast and lunch will be provided in the pick-up meals. Thursday's pick-up will contain Friday's meals in addition to the Thursday meals. July 5th is a District holiday, so there will be no meal pick-up that day. This service is available to anyone 18 years or younger regardless of whether or not they are a West York student.

We are still providing free breakfast and lunch for all students through the end of the school year, as well as weekend take-home meals as outlined in the reminder section of this communication.

Building Status for Next Week, April 19-April 23, 2021

Our building and instruction status for next week is as follows:

- All buildings are open for in-person instruction Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
- Wednesday remains a distance-learning day for all students

Please be aware that the [face-covering](#) order is still in effect and required for all regardless of the [level of transmission](#). The face-covering order applies to all district property, including the athletic venues. All spectators at indoor and outdoor contests will be required to wear a face-covering. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

_____The question has been raised as to whether or not the District will return to a five-day schedule during this school year. I would like to let everyone know that we will continue with our current schedule of a four-day instructional model, with the distance-learning day on Wednesday, for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Marquee Senior Banners

The senior banners will start appearing on the marquee on April 11. A chart of when each student's banner will appear is located [here](#). If you do not see your child's name listed and wish to have a banner created, please contact Cynthia Greco at cmgreco@wyasd.org or 717.495.3904.

REMINDERS

When we have cases to report, those cases will be recorded on the COVID-19 [Dashboard](#). At a glance, the Dashboard shows where we stand with the number of documented cases in a West York school setting and within a rolling 14-day period. A documented 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. We will continue to communicate all documented cases.

If you have any questions about any of these orders, you can 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](#).

As I mentioned before, to maximize instruction during weather events, we implemented Synchronous Remote Learning Days. In short, Synchronous Remote Learning Days will consist of teacher-directed instruction using Zoom.

Synchronous Remote Learning Days look different at each level. For example, when the District announces a Synchronous Remote Learning Day, the parents and caregivers of elementary students will receive information from their child's teacher regarding the schedule for that day. Middle School and High School students will follow the building schedules outlined below.

- [High School Synchronous Remote Learning Schedule](#)
- [Middle School Synchronous Remote Learning Schedule](#)

Our goal is to provide the best educational experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and understanding throughout this process. If you have additional questions, please contact your building principal(s).

District YouTube Channel

For those who visit the District's [YouTube](#) channel to view past Board meetings, please be aware that beginning with the April 20th Board meeting, all recordings of Board related meetings will only be available for viewing for one month and two days after each meeting. After that time, they will be removed.

May Board Meeting

Due to the May state election primary falling on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the Board will hold one combined Work Session/Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th for the month of May. The Board will take action on agenda items at this meeting. Please visit the District [website](#) for information on how to attend.

Kindergarten Registration

For District families who have a child turning five years old before the first day of September, kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021-22 school year. More information about how to register a child and required documentation can be found [here](#). Parents may wish to visit [Wallace Elementary School's](#) webpage for more information, including registration assistance and kindergarten expectations.

Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings

April 20, 2021	5:30 PM	PRIDE Meeting
	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
May 11, 2021	5:30 PM	EPC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Work Session/Board 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.

Teacher Office Hours

I would like to remind our parents that teachers have established **Office Hours** for Distance Learning Wednesdays, snow days, etc. Office Hours are times a teacher sets aside during distance learning days to support students. While Office Hours are handled a little differently at each level, the one thing that is the same is that teachers are available to help students during these times. For more information on what Office Hours look like for your child(ren), please reach out to their teacher or building principal.

Distance Learning Days / Flexible Instructional Days (FID)

As you may recall from previous Weekly [Updates](#), the District was approved to use **five Flexible Instructional Days** (FID) during inclement weather or other days that a school building is closed. However, because of the Global Pandemic, the Board also approved the [Emergency Instructional Time Addendum](#) to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDE) required Health and Safety Plan, allowing the District to teach students remotely as needed. The [Emergency Instructional Time Addendum](#) permits the District to forgo using FIDs for the 2020-2021 school year.

Student Meal Programs- Update

The USDA has extended the free breakfast and lunch program into June 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, through Friday, June 4th**. 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 if you have any questions.

Weekend Take Home Meals

The Food Services Department offers take-home meals on Fridays for all students. The take-home meals are free of charge and will consist of one breakfast and one lunch. The take-home meals may be requested at the building level using the same process used for the Tuesday take-home meals. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski, Director of Food Services, scrutkowski@wyasd.org. This service will end with the May 28th weekend take-home meal.

Spectators at Sporting Events

While spectators at District events are limited, everyone may watch these events via live stream. Spring athletics live stream information 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.

Best wishes for a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Todd M. Davies

Superintendent of Schools