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Previous communications are archived on the District's [COVID-19 Webpage](#).

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

### **Educator Appreciation Week**

Next week brings with it the annual tradition of recognizing teachers across the country for Teacher Appreciation Week. In West York, we recognize not only our wonderful teachers but all of our educators who play a critical role in the lives of our students on a daily basis; this includes administrators, counselors, custodians, aides, food service staff, coaches, and other ancillary staff. I may be biased, but I do believe that West York has the best educational faculty and staff around - bar none. In a "normal" school year, the work they do day-in and day-out to support the students and community of West York is nothing short of stellar, but in the past year, I've witnessed just how truly amazing they are.

Last year at this time, most of our faculty and staff were working from home to provide instruction and a degree of stability for our students. While we've come a long way since last May, we still have a way to return to where we once were. We've all been through a lot over the past year and experienced things we never could have imagined. Through it all, I've watched our Bulldog family pull together and draw strength from one another to overcome challenges with the common goal of providing the best educational experience for our students. Our young Bulldogs have the opportunity for bright futures because of our faculty and staff, and I am so very proud of each and every one of them and the extraordinary efforts they've put forth to make this school year successful.

### **New Face Covering Guidance**

This past week, new guidance was issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the wearing of face coverings out of doors. We will wait to see how the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Education respond to the new guidance and then determine the next steps for West York.

### **Weekend Building Closures**

For the five remaining weekends of the 2020-21 school year, West York Area School District **weekend** building status will be as follows:

- Buildings having reported cases of COVID-19, but not meeting the [minimum threshold](#) for closures, on a Friday will be closed to **indoor** activities on Saturday and Sunday.
  - Scheduled **outdoor** activities will proceed as planned.
  - Buildings will reopen to indoor activities and instruction on Monday.
- Buildings meeting the [minimum threshold](#) for closures on Friday will be closed to all indoor and outdoor activities on Saturday and Sunday.
  - Buildings will reopen to all activities and instruction on Monday.
- Buildings with no reported cases on Friday will have no change to weekend activities.

These weekend closures will allow our custodial staff to thoroughly clean and sanitize buildings over the weekend. Additionally, this will allow us to reset our dashboard for all buildings to zero each Monday.

### **Building Status for Saturday, May 1 - Friday, May 7, 2021:**

- Trimmer Elementary, Lincolnway Elementary, and the Middle School are closed this weekend.
- All other buildings are open this weekend to authorized individuals and for planned cocurricular activities.
- All buildings are open for in-person instruction Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
- Wednesday remains a distance-learning day.

### **Project Safe Childhood Presentation**

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of PA in conjunction with the York County District Attorney's Office will be presenting an educational program geared for parents, guardians, and caregivers about keeping children safe and secure online. The presentation will be in a webinar format and the link to join can be found on this [flyer](#). The date is Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. I encourage all parents, guardians, and caregivers to attend this important event. There will also be an opportunity to pose questions to the panel.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **District Website Redesign**

Under the purview of the PRIDE Committee and our Technology Department, the District is exploring a redesign of the current website to meet the diverse needs of the families and community of West York. Much like we did with the District crest redesign, we are seeking input from all stakeholders. If you would be interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas, please complete [this survey](#), by May 10, 2021.

#### **COVID-19**

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).

## **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.

## **Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings**

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| May 10, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Facilities Committee Meeting        |
| May 11, 2021 | 5:30 PM | EPC Meeting                         |
|              | 7:00 PM | Work Session & Board Voting Meeting |
| May 17, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Cocurricular Committee 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](#).

## **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. This service will end with the May 28th weekend take-home meal.

## **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.

If you have any questions about any of the information above, please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski, Director of Food Services, [scrutkowski@wyasd.org](mailto:scrutkowski@wyasd.org)

### **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](mailto:cmgreco@wyasd.org).

Best wishes for a great weekend!

Sincerely,

**Todd M. Davies**

Superintendent of Schools