



Friday, October 15, 2021

### Greetings, Bulldogs:

The month of October is designated as [National Principals Month](#). West York is fortunate to have principals that demonstrate their dedication and commitment to the very best educational experience for our students. This has never been more evident than during the past year and a half of this pandemic. They consistently go above and beyond to plan, create, and implement the very best possible educational experience for our students. Please join me in celebrating and thanking them for all they do, and continue to do, for our young Bulldogs.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH!**

**OCTOBER 2021**

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| <br><b>Ms. Carrie Jones</b><br><i>Principal</i><br>West York Area<br>High School | <br><b>Mr. Wayne Dull</b><br><i>Assist. Principal</i><br>West York Area<br>High School | <br><b>Ms. Kelly Mefford</b><br><i>Assist. Principal</i><br>West York Area<br>High School | <br><b>Mr. Anthony Campbell</b><br><i>Principal</i><br>West York Area<br>Middle School | <br><b>Ms. Missy Halcott</b><br><i>Assist. Principal</i><br>West York Area<br>Middle School |
| <br><b>Mr. Matthew Minacci</b><br><i>Principal</i><br>Trimmer Elementary         | <br><b>Ms. Catherine Kveragas</b><br><i>Principal</i><br>Lincolnway Elementary         | <br><b>Mr. Jonathan Hoffman</b><br><i>Principal</i><br>Wallace Elementary                |   |   |

### Multi-faceted Plan Update

At this past week's Board Meeting, President Herman and I shared updates on the status of our Board-approved [multi-faceted plan](#) regarding the August 31, 2021, [face-covering order](#) issue by Acting Secretary of Health, Alison Beam.

As you know, we are still operating under the confines of the face-covering order and will continue to do so until it is lifted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, or the control over the matter has been returned to school boards. While we are 100% committed to the safety of all students and staff, we also acknowledge that wearing face coverings for the remainder of the school year may not be in the best interest of all faculty, staff, and students.

The District continues to pursue and explore avenues that will allow us to transition from mandatory compliance of face covers to the freedom of choice regarding wearing a face covering. Part of this process will be asking you, our West York families, your thoughts on what this may look like and how it may impact you and your children. Please be on the lookout for a survey on this matter in the near future.

We will continue to study the local impact of Covid-19, communicate with our legislators, and remain a party in a lawsuit that will hopefully return the decision-making regarding this matter back to one of local control.

Our students, faculty, and staff have demonstrated grit and resilience throughout the pandemic, and we have had incredible support from the community on this and many other matters. We are truly appreciative of the broad can-do spirit of our families and community!

### **Blue & White**

Be sure to check out this week's [Blue & White](#) for a wrap-up of all the great things that have been happening in the District. Prior week's issues may be found [here](#).

### **Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings and District Events**

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| October 19th  | 5:30 PM | PRIDE Committee                                   |
|               | 6:30 PM | Board Meeting                                     |
| October 21st  | 6:00 PM | <a href="#">Trunk or Treat at the High School</a> |
| October 26th  | 6:30 PM | Ad Hoc Policy Committee                           |
| November 9th  | 5:30 PM | EPC Meeting                                       |
|               | 7:00 PM | Work Session of the Board                         |
| November 16th | 6:30 PM | Board Meeting                                     |
| November 30th | 6:30 PM | Ad Hoc Policy Committee                           |

*\*\*Because our Board Meetings are available to the public through either ZOOM or on YOUTUBE, face coverings are required to attend in person. Community members with medical conditions that prevent the proper wearing of a face covering or face shield will be required to attend the Board Meeting, virtually. West York community residents will be permitted to make public comments when registered through ZOOM.*

### **Reminders**

- The [District Calendar](#) is available on our website.
- WYASD is open full-time, five days a week, for in-person instruction in all buildings.
- Staff and students are not required to be vaccinated in order to work or attend school.
- Face coverings are now required for faculty/staff/students/visitors inside all buildings at campuses across the District, as well as on District buses and vans.

- If a household member of a school-age child has tested positive for Covid-19, please contact the school nurse for information regarding a required quarantine. Contact information can be found in the [Family Packet](#).

**Bulldog Pantry**

As many of you know, the West York Bulldog Pantry is a non-perishable food center located in the High School, open to ALL District families, regardless of financial need, kindergarten through 12th-grade. Recipients may simply drive up and pick up a pre-packaged assortment of food. For future distribution dates and times, please visit the [pantry's page](#) on the District website

Thank you for your continued support, and best wishes for a great weekend!

Sincerely,

**Todd M. Davies**  
Superintendent of Schools

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