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**Friday, June 4, 2021**

Greetings West York,

By the time most of you read this, the Class of 2021 graduation ceremony will be underway at the High School. As we come to the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year, I'd like to share some thoughts and reflections about things I've learned and witnessed over the past few months:

- I am so very proud of our students, many of whom faced unique challenges, but persevered to the finish line.
  - Whether learning virtually or in person, students demonstrated grit, resilience, and gave it their all.
  - During times of building closures, quarantines, and unexpected events, they adapted and adjusted with positive attitudes.
- West York's faculty and staff are the absolute best.
  - Teachers and educational support staff quickly adapted to instructional model changes in order to provide a continuity of education for students.
  - Our Food Services Department made sure students had meals during the week, whether learning in-person or virtually.
  - Our nursing staff went above and beyond (24/7) to educate families and staff, answer questions, perform contact tracing, and monitor COVID-19 in the District.
  - Our buildings, grounds, and maintenance crews ensured that all buildings and equipment were safe for in-person instruction.
  - Our Technology Department went above and beyond to ensure all students and faculty/staff had the devices and technology needed to be successful.
- The West York Administrative Team is nothing short of amazing and inspiring.
  - In the weeks leading up to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, and well into the school year, not only weekdays and evenings were spent planning, but many weekends as well.
  - Turning on a dime and changing direction when new guidance came our way became their specialty, and they succeeded admirably with a positive, can-do attitude.
- Through a year of unimaginable challenges, West York's School Board stood firm and upheld our mission of Every Student Every Day.
  - While a building or two may have closed from time to time due to positive cases, we never completely shut down.
  - Safely educating our young Bulldogs was, is, and will always be our top priority.
- The community of West York is family.
  - Without the support, cooperation, and positivity shown by the overall community, this past year would not have been the success it was.
  - Through all the ups and downs, the community stood alongside the District in our efforts, and I can't thank all of you enough!

## **COVID-19 Mitigation Updates and 2021-22 School Year Planning**

- The School Board and District Administration appreciates the cooperation and support of faculty and staff, students and their families, and the community this past school year in complying with the District's state mandated Health and Safety Plan and Athletic Health and Safety Plan. Your efforts and support allowed us to keep our schools open to the extent possible while many others closed. This enabled us to provide a much needed continuity of education and a sense of stability for our students.
- On May 27th, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DoH) announced that the state mandated face covering order will expire either on June 28th or when 70% of Pennsylvania adults are fully vaccinated, whichever occurs first. That is welcome news and strongly suggests the COVID-19 mandated mitigation measures for public schools in Pennsylvania appear to be drawing to a close.
- For the next three weeks, until June 28th when the face covering order expires, (or sooner, if the order changes) the following will be in place for the District:
  - Faculty and Staff working in the buildings who have been fully vaccinated will not be required to wear face coverings unless they are working with students or meeting with visitors to the buildings.
  - All visitors (to include vendors) to our buildings will be asked to comply with the face covering order until June 28th.
  - While inside buildings, summer school students and student athletes, and other students will be asked to wear face coverings unless they are fully vaccinated.
    - \*Student athletes practicing outdoors and are unable to remain socially distanced will be required to wear masks, unless they have been fully vaccinated.
- On June 28th, or unless we are notified earlier, all face covering requirements for visitors, students, and District employees will be lifted in accordance with the announcement from the PA DoH.
- With the attestation order having expired at the end of May, and the face covering order soon to expire, the School Board and District Administration look forward to the 2021-22 school year and are confident that it will be different from this past school year. Based upon current information, the School Board and District Administration are planning to open school for the 2021-22 school year with the following expectations:
  - Our schools will be open for in-person instruction for the full five days per week.
  - We will offer West York Cyber Academy options for those District families who choose to follow this path and for those who may be currently enrolled in outside Cyber-charter schools who wish to participate in the West York educational experience.
  - Faculty, staff, students, and visitors will not be required to wear face masks while in our buildings but may do so, if they so choose.
  - Staff and students will not be required to be vaccinated in order to work or attend school.
- **The bottom line is that we are planning on a traditional school year and want to make clear to the community our expectations. The 2021-22 school year calendar is available [here](#).**

## **Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings**

June 8, 2021      7:00 PM      Work Session of the Board  
June 18, 2021      6:30 PM      Board Meeting  
July - There are no Board/Committee meetings scheduled.

## **Summer Hours**

Beginning Monday, June 6th, the District summer hours for building visitors are as follows:

### Administration and Building Offices:

June 7-11	Mon-Fri	9 AM - 3 PM
June 14-July 30	Mon-Thurs	9 AM - 3 PM
Aug 2-13	Mon-Fri	8:30 AM - 4 PM

If you need to visit someone specific in one of the buildings, it's advisable to call ahead and make an appointment. All visitors must adhere to any COVID-19 mitigation measures that may be posted at each building.

## **Thank You**

This past Tuesday, the Senior Celebration took place at the High School. We'd like to thank these local businesses that donated to make the event special for the seniors:

Advanced Auto	Kinsley Construction	Quaker Steak & Lube
Astoria Diner	Latte Da	Rita's Italian Ice
Beetle Bailey Photographer	Mac Stack	Royer's Flowers
Buffalo Wild Wings	Maple Donuts	Savory's Funnel Cakes
Chili's	Marco's Pizza	Sheetz
Dairy Queen	Megan Nalls	Starbucks
Educational Building Blocks	Mose's Gulf Service	Texas Roadhouse
Fadley's Auto	Olive Garden	The Rock n Roll Express
Famous Hot Weiner	Outback Steakhouse	DJs
Frito Lay	Papa Johns	The Vault
Genova's	Perrydell Farms	Thornton Automotive
Giant	Plaza Azteca	Weis
Jack Giambalvo	Power Train	Whitecomb's
Jersey Mikes	Primanti Bros	

## **Broadband Survey**

In an effort to identify the level of Internet access and connectivity that residents have within our school district community, we are asking that you complete a short survey. The survey is in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU). The data collected will greatly assist our school district with obtaining local, state and federal broadband funding to provide additional resources to our students and families. Thank you in advance for your time in taking [this survey](#). The survey may also be accessed through the QR Code to the right.



## **Sapphire Portal Update**

The Sapphire Portal is undergoing an update to allow for a more user-friendly platform. More information can be found [here](#). The update is expected to roll out over the summer months.

### **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.

### **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).

### **The Blue & White**

The Blue & White is published at the end of each week during the school year, and sporadically over the summer 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).

I hope you've found these Friday communications beneficial. We'll be taking a break for the summer, but should anything urgent arise that needs to be shared, we will communicate through the usual channels.

Best wishes for a great summer!

Sincerely,

**Todd M. Davies**  
Superintendent of Schools