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January

Welcome Back - I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and enjoyed spending time with family over break. It is truly nice seeing the students and staff once again. Please note, as we return from break, we continue to be in the 2nd quarter, which comes to an end on Friday, January 22nd. If students have missing assignments, it is imperative they complete them prior to the 22nd. Although getting back into the routine may take a few days, it is important to be consistent at home as well to ensure your child(ren) is/are ready for school.

Choice of In-Person or Online - Parents/Guardians looking to make a change to their child's form of instruction (from online to in-person or in-person to online) must notify the school office by Friday, January 15th. Please note, if a change is requested, families are making this commitment until the end of the 3rd quarter.

Healthcare Information - In the eyes of the Governor, nothing is more important than making sure your family has access to healthcare. Programs like **All Kids**, **Family Care**, and **Moms and Babies** make that possible. **All Kids** covers children who need health insurance. Some families who pay for private health insurance for their children may qualify for help to pay their premiums. **Family Care** covers parents living with their children age 18 or younger. Family Care also covers grandparents or other relatives who are raising children in place of their parents. Some families who pay for private health insurance may qualify for help to pay their premiums. **Moms and Babies** covers pregnant women and their babies. If you are interested in any of these programs and need additional information, please stop by the office at Door 3 and pick up an application. You can also apply online at www.allkidscovered.com.

Yearbook Sales - Yearbooks are on sale now! Orders must be placed by January 30th to receive a yearbook for the 2020-2021 school year. The cost of a yearbook is \$15 with options to add upgrades to the yearbook being available for additional costs. Registration forms were sent home with students in December. If paying with a check, please make them payable to Lifetouch. Parents can also purchase the yearbook online at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com and the ID Code is 5122621. Please reference the order form if you choose to order online for all available options. Yearbooks will be delivered the last week of school.

Homework Request & Make-Up Work - It is always the responsibility of the student, upon returning, to ask teachers for make-up work. When a student is absent for two school days, it is recommended that assignments and homework be obtained by telephoning the office. Requests for assignments should be made by parents prior to 9:30 a.m. for pick up by 3:15 p.m. to allow time for teachers to gather assignments and books. This should **only** be done if the student will miss more than one day of school. Parents should come to Door 3 to pick up the assignments and books. Students will have one day for each day's absence in which to submit the required make-up work. Missed work caused by an extended illness will be reviewed and specific dates will be established for the work to be completed.

Transportation Questions - If you have any questions or concerns regarding transportation, please contact the district transportation department at 664-4681. Mr. Sean Traylor is the District Transportation Director.

Chilly Weather - Mother Nature is so unpredictable and during these next few months, we are usually in a deep freeze. Please ensure your child(ren) is dressed properly when leaving home. Looking at the daily forecast is always a great idea when planning for the day. Please note, if the temperature, including wind chill factor is 26 degrees, we will be going outside. We will stay inside for recess if the temperature, including wind chill, is 25 degrees or less.



Monday, 4th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute

Friday, 8th - In-Person Learning Day

Monday, 11th - Thursday, 14th - Aimsweb Middle of Year Sweep Testing

Friday, 15th - Remote Learning Day

- Deadline for Parents/Guardians to Change Means of Instruction (See Information Above)

Monday, 18th - NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed

Tuesday, 19th - 7:00 Board of Education Meeting at GHS Auditorium

Friday, 22nd - In-Person Learning Day

- End of 2nd Quarter

Monday, 25th - 3rd Quarter Begins

Thursday, 28th - 2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

Saturday, 30th - Yearbook Orders Due