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Community Message - December 22, 2020

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Dear Palisades Families,

As we wind down 2020 (what a year it has been) and look forward to the hope that 2021 brings, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season and a wonderful holiday break! Before we relax safely with family and friends, I wanted to share a few informational items with you.

Meal Distribution on 12/29/20:

On Tuesday, December 29th from 10AM until 12:30PM our Food Service Department will distribute 6 free breakfasts and 6 free lunches for each child - this is available for all children in the Palisades School District. The food being distributed will help you over the remainder of the holiday break. The next pick up will take place after the holiday break on Monday, January 4th.

The deadline to make a reservation for pick up is tomorrow, Wednesday, December 23rd. Meals are pre-packaged and come with milk, fruits, and vegetables! This is a FREE service for our community! A short form to reserve your meals is linked here: [Holiday Meal Distribution Reservation Form](#)

Health and Safety Plan Updated and Approved on 12/16/20:

At the last meeting of the Palisades School Board of Directors, several changes to the Health and Safety Plan for the district were approved. Please see a copy of the revised [Health and Safety Plan Updated](#).

Approved revisions include:

1. All non-public school students must follow the same protocols as public school students when riding district-provided transportation. Face coverings must be worn at all times, students must obey social distancing protocols while riding the bus, and if quarantined, the student's family must provide clearance from their medical doctor or the Department of Health before resuming use of district-provided transportation.
2. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (DOH), face shields worn alone (without a mask) are only permitted with a doctor's note when mask wearing is not possible.
3. The district dashboard reflects the week in which notifications of positive cases are sent out to our staff and families, and is updated in real time. The dashboard also outlines all of the procedures that are taken once a positive case has been reported, as well as the timing of notifications. Please click this link for the [district dashboard](#).
4. The Daily COVID screener (a form required to be completed daily by employees) has been updated to reflect changes in the PA travel advisory - please click on this link for updated information for travelers - <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

Schedule Reminder and Update for January 26th:

December 23rd - Virtual Half Day for All Students

December 24th to January 1st - Holiday Break for All Students

January 4th - Virtual Day for All Students (*)

January 5th - Virtual Day for All Students (*)

January 6th - Virtual Day for All Students (*)

January 7th - Face to Face Student Return to School for Instruction

January 26th - Virtual day for 9th and 12 grade students only ()**

NOTES:

(*) Newly added Virtual Days for ALL Students.

() Just Announced - we are conducting PSAT Testing for 10th and 11th grade students and will need all available seats in the building to administer.**

Texting Beginning in 2021:

Beginning in January, our district will start to use the texting feature available through School Messenger (our communications software package). For those who have elected to receive text messages from the district, more information will be posted on our website and in the Patch as plans are finalized.

NxStop Transportation App:

As you know, we have been using a new school transportation app called "NxStop" (pronounced "next-stop"). NxStop is an app that lets parents and students know when their school bus is arriving at their stop. The app is free and available for Android and Apple devices.

I want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement over the last nine months of 2020 as we worked through the emergency shut down last spring, made plans for reopening in the fall, and now have completed nearly half of the school year offering instruction 5 days a week, both in classroom face to face and with our robust learning option through the Palisades Cyber Academy. In addition, our students have participated in athletics and extracurricular activities including fall plays and various clubs. What we have accomplished together is not the norm in education right now, so once again thank you.

I also want to thank our numerous local and county community organizations providing support to our families in need. This virus has not only taken a toll on our community health but has also impacted housing, food and economic security. If you or your neighbor is in need of support right now please refer to the [COVID community support section](#) of our website for links to a variety of local organizations.

My best to you and your families. Have a safe and happy holiday break!

Warm regards,



Dr. Bridget O'Connell

Superintendent

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