

September 20, 2020

To All MNHS Families,

Thank you for your flexibility and cooperation this week with our book distribution. If you did not get a chance to pick up your school materials please contact me and we will arrange a pick up. Information regarding the administration of the PSAT Test was emailed home on Thursday. Use the link included in the letter to sign your student up for testing. Be sure to use the correct link. There is a separate link for the sophomore and junior classes.

Our annual Back to School Night event is this Wednesday. Information regarding our virtual BTSN along with the schedule was mailed home prior to the start of school. It is attached to this email. We will publish all the teachers Zoom links for Back to School Night. You will receive an email Monday afternoon with the teachers Zoom links.

Starting on Monday, students will have a wellness check question in addition to their attendance question. The purpose of the wellness question is to check on our students and see how they are doing. Students will answer a question from homeroom in Schoology each Monday about how they are doing mentally, socially, and academically and if they indicate that they need help the school will reach out throughout that week to provide support.

Information regarding the Hybrid model we will be using will come out this week.

District- Based on the current data shared by the Chester County Health Department (CCHD), Delaware County's Incident Rate and Percent Positivity are within the range to begin implementing a hybrid and/or virtual model. Therefore, I am happy to share that our MNSD Leadership team is planning and preparing to phase in our hybrid model that will allow our students to return to school. The CCHD recommends when transitioning to a more in-person based instructional model, to phase the transition beginning with younger grades and assess progress during the phasing.

With this recommendation in mind, MNSD will begin our phasing on September 29th with an implementation of a few of our special education programs at the elementary level. The families of these students have already been notified.

The hybrid model will begin for grades K-5 on October 5th and grades 6-12 on October 12th.

Our phased approach provides our MNSD Leadership team, teachers, support staff, nurses, transportation department, food services, and facilities and operations departments time to operate within the model to allow for any adjustments necessary to ensure the a safe return for our students and staff.

Please keep in mind, if the Delaware County COVID data changes, our plans may need to be adjusted accordingly.

In the coming weeks, school Principals will be communicating more specific details regarding the return to school.

PHMS - Books and Materials Distribution- We would like to thank our Paxon Hollow families for coming to Paxon Hollow to pick up the materials needed for virtual learning. If you missed your pick up time and still need materials for your son or daughter, please call the main office at 610-359-4320 to arrange a time to pick up the items you need.

Paxon Hollow Locker Cleanout from the 2019 – 2020 School Year: We still have several bags of personal items that belong to students from last year's locker cleanout. If you did not come to Paxon Hollow to pick up your son or daughter's belongings, please contact the main office at 610-359-4320 to make arrangements to pick them up.

Culbertson- Dear Culbertson Families, thank you to all who were able to participate in our Virtual Back to School Night! You may not know it, but all of you were a part of history, as this was the first time we conducted the event virtually. Just a reminder to all of our families, the school district will be closed on Monday, September 28th due to the religious holiday. Thank you for all that you are doing with your children. Your support has been overwhelming. We will get through this together. I hope everyone has another great week ahead!

Loomis- Loomis Elementary hosted our first Virtual Back to School Night on Thursday. Thank you to all the Loomis parents / guardians that *zoomed* into each session. It was a wonderful turnout and so nice to see everyone. Please remember to turn in your important district forms to Mrs. Forlano this week. Also, thank you for your kind emails praising our Loomis teachers and staff. They are so appreciated! Our district will be closed Monday, September 28th due to the religious holiday. Enjoy this extra time off!

Russell- Dear Russell Families - Thank you to all who were able to participate in our Virtual Back to School Night! Your support and collaboration during our virtual return to school has been amazing! Just a reminder, the school district will be closed on Monday, September 28th due to the religious holiday.

Worrall- Dear Worrall Families-Thanks so much for attending our virtual Back to School Night this past week, it went well! The teachers and I truly appreciate your ongoing support, feedback, and suggestions. As a reminder, there is no school on September 28 for students or staff.