



November 11th, 2020

Dear K-12 families,

As we are all aware, COVID-19 cases in Indiana have been increasing, and our school has worked diligently to maintain safety precautions to protect our students and staff. From increased sanitizing, requiring masks and social distancing, temperature checks and reducing visitors to our building - we have implemented all of the CDC recommendations, and we appreciate the support of our families as we strive to provide a quality education to our students as we face this pandemic together.

Unfortunately, while we have managed to keep most of our 21C family safe from the virus, the positivity rate in Lake County has reached a level at which mitigation strategies are deemed ineffective against the spread of the virus. In order to promote safety for all, we have determined it would be best that the school shift to virtual learning beginning Monday, November 16th, and remain virtual until positivity rates decrease to a level where we can reduce the spread and limit possible exposure.

Our students and teachers are well-prepared to continue their academic journey on a virtual platform, and teachers will revisit with you and your child as to their expectations for virtual learning. We are confident learning will continue until we meet again in-person at the appointed time.

We are encouraging all staff and students to observe quarantine protocols during this time and to reduce the chances of being exposed in the event we reconvene at a future date. Please take a look at the important updates.

HS Testing Updates:

- The Knowledge Assessment will continue to be administered remotely this week and the College Career Readiness Team will communicate with students via their ELA Google Classrooms with more specific details.
- In person PSAT testing has been cancelled for grades 8 and 9--there will be a Spring administration window for an opportunity to test
- ISTEP Retest for the Class of 2021 will proceed as scheduled to ensure that our seniors have a Winter and Spring opportunity to pass--see page 2 for details.

Unfortunately, any students that may be on a quarantine list will not be allowed to test without a negative COVID-19 test result.

Food Distribution

Food will continue to be distributed every Monday at the Middle School for families (724 Washington Street) from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Parents will receive weekly meals.

Our goal is to keep students healthy and in school. Please think carefully about your holiday and break plans. Wearing masks, washing hands, practicing social distancing, and avoiding large group gatherings and parties will give us the best opportunity to accomplish this goal. It is also important to keep all household members home if someone in the home is being tested, as we work to minimize the quarantine impact on our entire school community. Please stay safe, and we look forward to seeing everyone in person again soon.

12th Grade ISTEP Retest Schedule

Please do a health screen at home. Students on a quarantine list or with a fever leading up to testing must have clearance from a doctor to attend for in-person testing.

November 16th, 2020				November 17th, 2020			
ELA				ELA			
Test	Duration	Start	End	Test	Duration	Start	End
Practice	45	8:30	9:15	Part 2-Section 1	36	8:30	9:06
Part 1-Section 1	35	9:25	10:00	Part 2-Section 2	37	9:15	9:47
Part 1-Section 2	70	10:10	11:20	Part 2-Section 3	50	10:00	10:50
November 18th, 2020				November 19th, 2020			
Math				Math			
Test	Duration	Start	End	Test	Duration	Start	End
Practice Test	45	8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Part 2-Section 1	40	8:30 AM	9:10
Part 1-Section 1	35	9:25 AM	10:00 AM	Part 2-Section 2	40	9:15	9:55
Part 1-Section 2	25	10:10	10:35	Part 2-Section 3	37	10:05	10:42

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email the building principal directly.

Best,
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