

September 18, 2020

Dear OA Families,

I just want to thank everyone for a great start to the school year. I've been around to all of the buildings this week and was really pleased with what I witnessed. From our custodial and maintenance staff ensuring our buildings were set-up and properly cleaned, transportation working through new routes and times, food service adapting to our new schedules and providing meals for students on and off campus, IT managing devices and connectivity, and our teachers and support staff welcoming back and instructing our students both in-person and virtually. Additionally, I want to thank our students and their families for their patience and flexibility this week! I am so impressed to see how quickly most everyone is adapting to all of the new guidelines and the new model of learning with both in-person and virtual students within the classroom environment.

We understand that with the increased use of technology that there will be times that classes won't necessarily go as planned. We will continuously monitor for any issues and do everything in our power to address them so we can operate as efficiently as possible. If you experience any technical difficulties with school issued devices or connectivity to classes that can't be problem solved with your teacher, please contact our IT Department using the Family HelpDesk:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhXT93cPvrYNkTz0ldvur5JbANr2PgN4kvfVretALvdM8xLQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please remember to continue to do the daily Wellness Check on the SchoolPass app. Download the district app and customize your individual settings to receive all of the district's communication directly to your device. We also utilize the School Messenger service to send emails, text messages, and make phone calls. Families with students in grades 6-12 with eSchoolHome Access Center can update contact information (phone numbers and email addresses) there. Otherwise, you can contact the main office at your child's school to update that information. Ensuring a valid email address is on file with the district is more important than ever as communications from both teachers and the district will be coming via email.

As most are aware at this point, the Southern Tier Athletic Conference (STAC) and Section IV Schools voted to postpone the start of fall sports until March 1, 2021. The STAC is looking at running three separate and condensed seasons from January 4th to June 12th. This will allow all kids to play their specific sports without overlap. I have been working closely with our Athletic Department to implement a safe plan for return. We will begin with strength and conditioning of our students-athletes starting on September 28th in order to get them back in shape and ready to start competing by January 4th. This will be done in alignment with our Blue and Red groups and any virtual students will be assigned accordingly. There will be a three phase approach to the training process. The athletic plan is attached and is designed for our Modified through Varsity athletes in grades 7-12. We will be working with our youth organizations over the coming weeks to discuss what options we can offer within the current health and safety guidelines for our elementary through 6th grade students.

Again, I want to thank everyone for a great first week! I hope you all have a nice weekend!

All my best,

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