

Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Pymatuning Valley Local School District,

Beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 all Pymatuning Valley students will not report to school, per Governor Mike DeWine's order on Thursday, March 12. Over the weekend, Governor DeWine made some significant decisions that impact all of our families. He also hinted towards the idea of Ohio schools being closed for the remainder of the school year. As this situation continues to evolve, it will be my duty to effectively communicate with our families and staff. As information comes in, we will share via email blast, on our district website ([www.pvschools.org](http://www.pvschools.org)) and Pymatuning Valley Local School Facebook Page. For the next 3 weeks here is our plan of attack:

- **Instruction-** Teachers gave students various work to complete over the 10 days that students will miss instruction. This instructional work varies per student and grade level. Some will complete the work online and some will complete the work on paper. If you have instructional questions, please contact your child's teacher(s). All staff email addresses are posted on the school website directory.
- **Lunches-** We are providing lunches to families who have contacted us at [lakers@pvschools.org](mailto:lakers@pvschools.org), if you are interested in receiving a lunch for your child, please email this address. Lunches will be dropped off using a Pymatuning Valley School Van. Lunches will be provided during the week of 3/16 and 3/30, lunches will not be provided during Spring Break. Pick up locations are below:
  - o 10:45am – 11:10am Andover Christian Church
  - o 11:25am – 11:45am Pierpont Fire Station
  - o 12:00pm – 12:20pm Cherry Valley United Methodist
  - o 12:35pm – 12:55pm Williamsfield Community Center
  - o 1:10pm – 1:30pm Andover Sparkle Parking Lot
- **Extra-Curricular/Events-** All school sponsored events are cancelled until further notice. There will be no athletic practices of any kind during the school closings. I know questions will begin flowing in about the Middle School Chicago trip, Prom, Graduation, Athletic Seasons, and other activities. Once we receive a concrete timetable from Governor DeWine, these events will not be altered, however this could change very quickly.
- **Disinfecting-** Beginning on Monday, March 16, our custodial and maintenance staff began disinfecting all the school buildings. Our bus drivers cleaned and disinfected our school buses. The cafeteria staff packed numerous lunches and disinfected their kitchens. I want to thank all of them for their commitment to our district.
- **Spring Break-** Our Spring Break will begin on Monday, March 20 and run through Friday, March 27.
- **What if we are out longer?** - Should the mandated school closings last longer than April 3, the district will work together to provide our students with an education in various flexible means. This information will be shared with families once a plan is finalized.

As a district, we are very aware of the stress and strain this entire situation places on our families. We will be cognizant of these stressors when making local decisions for our students. Please note, that we must abide by Governor DeWine's orders and will continue to do so. In the meantime, please be patient with us as we navigate these uncharted waters, we are trying to make decisions that are in the best interest of our collective student body.

Christopher Edison  
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