

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Pymatuning Valley Local School District,

The last time we had a massive communication was Friday, March 13, the day after Governor DeWine announced that all Ohio schools would be closed until Friday, April 3, 2020. As many of you are aware, the Coronavirus has been very contagious and, as of yesterday, the number of cases is increasing in the State of Ohio. The Pymatuning Valley Administrative team has been working on contingency plans, ***should*** Governor DeWine decide to keep schools closed longer than April 3. If schools are informed, in a timely manner, that we will reopen on April 6, this contingency plan will be placed on hold. Below is a brief overview of what our contingency plan will look like.

Online Learning- We conducted a survey to determine what students had access to reliable internet and who had a computer of some kind that could be used to complete academic activities. The results indicated that over 80% of our student body has access to reliable internet and 61% of our students have at least one computer to complete academic activities. With that said, we will distribute Google Chromebooks to students who have reliable internet access and need a computer. I do want to mention that Mr. Jackson has been working with local officials on securing free Wifi spots throughout the school district. These locations will be posted on our Facebook page and website (www.pvschools.org). If your child can safely access these Wifi spots, they are entitled to a Google Chromebook as well. Teachers will have Google Classrooms or links on our school website for students to access assignments. This information will come from the specific teachers/buildings. We are expecting that majority of the online learning will begin on April 6.

Instructional Packets- Based on our survey data we understand that approximately 15% of our students do not have access to reliable internet for various reasons. Our teachers will develop instructional packets for their students who do not have access to the internet. These instructional packets will take a little more time to develop, as we do not want to overload our students and families with meaningless “busy work.” Instructional packets will be mailed to the students who need them, along with their report card by Monday, April 13.

Pick up Items- Many parents and students are inquiring about when they can come to the schools to pick up various academic and personal items. The administrative team is meeting on Monday, March 30 to discuss our pick up plan. Keep in mind, we **MUST** abide by all CDC and State of Ohio requirements as they relate to the safety of our students, families, and staff. We will relay our pick up plan to the community after our meeting on Monday. We will most likely begin pick up’s beginning Wednesday, April 1.

Lunches- We are providing lunches to families who have contacted us at 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 time off. Pick up locations are below:

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| ○ 10:45am – 11:10am | Andover Christian Church |
| ○ 11:25am – 11:45am | Pierpont Fire Station |
| ○ 12:05pm – 12:25pm | Cherry Valley United Methodist |
| ○ 12:35pm – 12:55pm | Williamsfield Community Center |
| ○ 1:10pm – 1:30pm | Andover Volunteer Fire Department |

Once again, we can only imagine the stress that our families and students are going through. Our goal is to maintain a fine balance of academic work to challenge our students but not cause additional stress in the family. Together, we will continue to support our students and community through this trying time. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child’s teacher, principal, or myself. Take care and stay healthy!

Christopher Edison
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