



CLIFFSIDE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this correspondence finds you safe and healthy as we prepare for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to commend our administration and custodial staff who successfully outfitted our buildings for the return of staff and in-person hybrid students. Our schools will follow all of the health and safety guidelines mandated by the Governor and NJ Department of Education. I want to also commend and thank our administration, teachers and support staff who provided your children with a successful virtual learning program during the end of the 2019-2020 school year. With little notice, they stepped up and delivered to your children the instructional, social and emotional support needed to complete the school year.

Beginning Wednesday, September 9th all K-12 students will be participating in our hybrid in-person/virtual or all-remote programs. As in the past, I am asking our parents and guardians to continue our partnership of working together in order to deliver a successful school program to your children.

Parents/Guardian whose children are taking part in our hybrid in-person program should make sure of the following:

- Please perform a symptom screening of your child prior to leaving your home to ensure that there are no signs of illness. If so, contact your physician immediately for advice.
- Please make sure your child leaves home wearing a mask with an extra on-hand.
- In order for your child to enter school, their temperature must be below 100F and he or she must be wearing a mask.
- As per the Governor's orders, masks must be worn all day. Please speak with your child and practice with them, if necessary.
- The above measures will ensure the safety of your children and our staff.

Parents/Guardian whose children are taking part in the all-remote program should be reminded of the following.

- Your child is on-time each day with a charged computer to take part in 'live' instruction. He or she will follow their schedule as if they were in school. It is recommended that a charger be available for the computer since a student may be using it for 4-6 hours daily.
- Attendance will be taken each day by the classroom teacher and in grades K-6 by the Special Subject teacher during remote instruction. MS and HS students will have attendance taken during each class period.
- Students taking part in the all-remote program will follow the same attendance and grading policies as students in the hybrid in-person program.
- Students taking part in remote learning will submit assignments using Google Classroom or email depending on class guidelines.
- Parents/Guardians who have younger children may need to monitor and assist with their instruction in order to ensure that they are on task during remote learning.

As per the Governor's Meal guidelines, schools are to refrain from having students eat breakfast and/or lunch in school. In order to provide our Free and Reduced students with breakfast/lunch and the opportunity for other students to purchase a meal, the following guidelines will be in place beginning Wednesday, September 9th;

1. Grade PreK-6

- a. Free/Reduced students will not be provided lunch/breakfast on Wednesday, Sept 9th for consumption. The lunch/breakfast given on Sept 9th is for student consumption on Sept 10th.
- b. Students will receive a Grab and Go lunch/breakfast in school each day which is to be carried home for the next day's consumption.
- c. Students who are not Free/Reduced will follow the same procedures for purchasing lunch/breakfast during the 2019-2020 school year. If you have questions, please contact your school's secretary.
- d. Parents are encouraged to use **Payforit.net. (Go to our website for more information)**

2. Grades 7-12

- a. Free/Reduced students will receive lunch/breakfast when they are dismissed at 1:15pm each day, except Wednesdays. On Tuesday, students will receive lunch for Virtual Wednesday.
- b. Free/Reduced Group A students on Monday will receive 3 Grab and Go. (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
- c. Free/Reduced Group B students on Tuesday will receive 3 Grab and Go. (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
- d. Free/Reduced Group A students on Thursday will receive 2 Grab and Go. (Friday, Mon)
- e. Free/Reduced Group B students on Friday will receive 2 Grab and Go. (Mon, Tuesday)
- f. Other students may purchase a daily lunch at dismissal.

3. All-Remote Students

- a. Distribution for Free/Reduced PreK-12 students will be on Wednesdays from 4pm – 5:30pm at the High School.
- b. Students not Free/Reduced are welcome to purchase lunch.
- c. Free/Reduced students MUST bring an ID card (MS and HS) and PreK-6 MUST show a school issued lunch ID card available from your child's teacher.
- d. Five Grab and Go lunch/breakfasts will be distributed for the week.

The 2020-2021 school year will be like no other with unexpected challenges. Your support of our programs will be the key ingredient in providing your children with the instruction and services they will need for their success in future years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's Principal or my office by email at mjr@cliffsidepark.edu or at 201-313-2307.

Sincerely;

Mr. Michael J. Romagnino
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