

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Parents, Guardians & Students,

My hopes are that this letter finds you well and prospering in the new year. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to each of you as we have progressed through this recent period of remote education. New to us all, we truly understand the trials and tribulations that have been affiliated with non-face-to-face instruction. Although difficult and challenging, I am proud of the staff, students, and families of Conemaugh Township for their efforts in overcoming educational challenges and barriers that we have never before encountered.

As a positive, we are moving forward with the return of face-to-face instruction on **Tuesday, January 19th, 2021**. The return of face-to-face instruction will be under a **hybrid model** due to the current orders, to which schools must abide by while in the substantial level of COVID transmission, of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The purpose of moving into a hybrid model permits us the ability to overcome the most challenging obstacle that we face in regards to classroom management during this pandemic - space. The classrooms at the Middle and Senior High School simply were not constructed to provide for student seating to be a minimum of six feet apart. Previously, we provided maximum spacing when feasible. Under the new guidelines while in the substantial level of transmission, student separation must be at six feet while in the classroom. This half population hybrid model will permit maximum distancing in the classrooms and additional distancing in the cafeteria.

Please take note to the following important information:

- The Middle and Senior High School population will be divided into **two groups**:
 - Students whose last name begins with **A-L will be in the Red Group**
 - Students whose last name begins with **M-Z will be in the Black Group**
- The groups will physically report to school on **alternating days - every other day** - please see the attached calendar.
- **While one group is physically present in school, the other group will be responsible for synchronous remote learning from home** (live Zoom/Google Meetings and Google Classroom work). When students are to be participating in remote learning from home, the same rules, expectations, and operations apply as those experienced during our most recent remote learning experience.
- We will continue to utilize this alternating day model until Somerset County moves from the substantial level of transmission to the moderate level of transmission. This being said, a specific end date of this hybrid model cannot be identified in advance.

Due to some scheduling discrepancies in a hybrid model, our **Greater Johnstown Career and Technology student population will not follow the hybrid model. All students who attend the G.J.C.T.C. will attend Conemaugh Township daily and the G.J.C.T.C. daily.**

Should we be faced with inclement weather and there be a need for a **snow day**, the calendar will remain **unaltered**. Meaning, if we have a snow day on a day where the Red Group is to be present, we will not bump days so that the Red Group is to physically attend on the next scheduled day. **The calendar schedule for groupings will remain the same**

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until we return to our traditional schedule or are forced to return to a completely remote schedule. Should there be a need for any alterations to the schedule, we will notify you immediately via the all-call system.

IMPORTANT:

- **Face Coverings** - The Governor's order for face coverings remains in place. Appropriate face coverings **MUST** be properly worn (**covering nose and mouth**) at all times while on the **bus**, in the **halls** and in the **classroom**. Classroom relief of wearing face coverings will be provided by staff members as the guidelines of the order permit. Face coverings are also to be worn in the cafeteria, except when eating.
- The only exceptions to wearing face coverings are to those who provide a doctor's excuse, which specifically identifies that a child is exempt due to health related complications.
- Cafeteria during lunches - to provide for maximum social distancing, cafeteria seating during lunch will be limited to no more than four students per cafeteria table per lunch period. Only two students are permitted per side of each table and each student **MUST** have 2 empty seats between them. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Students in grade 6 will still report to the gymnasium to eat their lunch.
- All other procedures, rules and regulations that were in place prior to this most recent school shutdown will be in place upon our hybrid return.
- **Failure to comply with the aforementioned rules, regulations, and expectations will result in the placement of your child in the full remote synchronous learning model.**

Each of us are experiencing different situations under varying circumstances through these unique times. Conemaugh Township Middle and Senior High School will continue to afford families with the opportunity for their child(ren) to continue with the full remote synchronous learning model. If you have the desire for your child to remain in a full synchronous learning model, please contact Mr. Foster via phone (814.479.4014) or email (james.foster@ctasd.org). **Your contact for notification should be no later than Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm.**

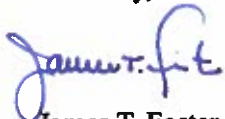
Please note, remaining in the full synchronous learning model disqualifies extracurricular activity participation including but not limited to dances, clubs, sports, and serving as a spectator at any of the aforementioned.

Please note: Should your child still have a need to utilize a borrowed Chromebook for the hybrid model, please keep the device at home. We anticipate that we will have enough Chromebooks to function normally at the school. If you no longer have a need for your borrowed device, due to recently purchasing a new device, your child may return the borrowed device to the school on his/her first assigned day.

An additional reminder: It is of utmost importance that families continue to notify the High School Office of situations where a student has been exposed to a positive Covid-19 individual, if a student is being tested for Covid-19, and/or if a student has acquired Covid-19.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Working together, we will continue to make the best of the current situation that we all are being challenged by.

Sincerely,



James T. Foster
Conemaugh Township Middle and Senior High School Principal

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January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Remote Instruction</i>	12 <i>Remote Instruction</i>	13 <i>Remote Instruction</i>	14 <i>Remote Instruction</i> 3:00 Deadline to notify HS if you want your child to remain full synchronous remote model.	15 <i>No Live Instruction</i> <i>Google Classroom Day</i>	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19 <i>Return to School in Hybrid Model</i> <i>Red Group A-L</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	20 <i>Black Group M-Z</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	21 <i>Red Group A-L</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	22 <i>One Hour Early Dismissal for Students</i> <i>Black Group M-Z</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	23
24	25 <i>Red Group A-L</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	26 <i>Black Group M-Z</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	27 <i>Red Group A-L</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	28 <i>Black Group M-Z</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	29 <i>One Hour Early Dismissal for Students</i> <i>Red Group A-L</i> <i>All GJCTC Students</i>	30
31						<i>Please Plan for One-Hour Early Dismissals for students on Fridays until further notice.</i>

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Black Group M-Z All GJCTC Students</i>	2 <i>Red Group A-L All GJCTC Students</i>	3 <i>Black Group M-Z All GJCTC Students</i>	4 <i>Red Group A-L All GJCTC Students</i>	5 <i>Three Hour Early Dismissal for Stu- dents Black Group M-Z All GJCTC Students</i>	6
7	8 <i>Red Group A-L All GJCTC Students</i>	9 <i>Black Group M-Z All GJCTC Students</i>	10 <i>Red Group A-L All GJCTC Students</i>	11 <i>Black Group M-Z All GJCTC Students</i>	12 <i>One Hour Early Dis- missal for Students Red Group A-L All GJCTC Students</i>	13
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