



OGDENSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL



Hello and as always, I hope that you and your family are well.

We are looking forward to the start of another school year. An opening like no other and one that will require patience, flexibility and support from all parties. I would like to thank everyone again for their patience as we developed a school plan that focused on everyone's safety and one that allowed the lower grades to receive the full time instruction they need, a plan that will allow the upper grades to continue to work on their instruction and independence. The teachers have done such a wonderful job ensuring the high standard of education the community and the county has expected from our small little school family. The administration and custodial staff have worked tirelessly to make sure that we will open safely despite the constant changes in the state mandates. And through all of this confusion, chaos and delay, you; our most important allies; have stood by us and continued to support us. I can not thank you enough. This is truly a great family and why many of us have moved into Ogdensburg or have made the sacrifices to "school choice" your students here. It is a wonderful community!

Below are a few last minute but very important pieces of information regarding reopening of school.

A **checklist of COVID symptoms** has been posted to the website. Please review this document and make sure your child(ren) is (are) symptom free before they enter the school. Students displaying two or more of these symptoms will be sent home. We have been asked to be flexible with our attendance policy by the state regarding COVID illnesses.

If you are **returning from vacation** from any of the New Jersey restricted states, please do your part and quarantine yourself as well as your child(ren).

Schedules are out and placed on the website. Please review the schedules and share with your child(ren), especially those who are virtual. All students will need to follow their schedule in order to receive the provided instruction. Teachers will be pushing out the links for Google classroom as well as the Zoom link needed to access the virtual class. This information will be coming out next week. We will **not be** accepting anymore requests to change from Remote instruction to Face to Face. Classrooms have been fitted to accommodate the students who will be coming in while adhering to the state mandates of social distancing.

We will be providing daily breakfast and lunch for those students who qualify for **Free and Reduced meals**. Pick up times must be scheduled with the main office.

If your child will be receiving remote instruction and is in need of a **chromebook**, you must fill out the latest survey. This survey can be found on the website under pandemic information.



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Chromebooks will be available for pickup next Tuesday (9/1) and Wednesday (9/2) in the main office. Parents or a legal guardian must complete a form assuming responsibility for the device.

Lastly, we will be holding our **Board meetings virtually** as per state recommendations. Although the 25 person limit does not apply to schools we still must comply with the six feet social distancing. Doing so would only allow us to have 28 individuals in the cafeteria and limit the number of stakeholder input. Our next BOE meeting will be held on 9/1 at 6:30 pm. Links to this meeting can be found on our website.

Again, I wish to thank everyone for doing their part. Enjoy the weekend and hope to see everyone very soon.

Dave Astor