

Hello Pirate Parents~

We truly hope this finds you safe and healthy as we appear to be in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Echoing Superintendent Healy's letter and robocall yesterday, Toms River Regional schools will be conducting virtual/remote learning until December 14, 2020, due to the rise in positive cases in Ocean County. The district change to virtual came under advisement and urging of the Ocean County Health Department. We hope to return to hybrid/blended learning within a couple of weeks, however we are all aware that it is dependent upon guidance from the OCHD. Please continue to check your email, answer district robocalls, and visit the Toms River Regional School district's website for additional information.

*Please notify me if there are any positive cases directly affecting your child, so we may follow proper protocols and plan for continued safety of our school community.

Tomorrow's school day ends at 1:30 pm so our North Dover families and staff may begin to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Monday, November 30, 2020, begins our 7 period schedule exactly the same from when we began in September. Our teachers will guide our Pirates through.

If you are interested in picking up free breakfast and lunch for your family, as per Mrs. DeRiggi's robocall last week, please contact her at 732-505-5860 XT: 320060 between 7-12 pm so she is prepared. This week's pick up is tomorrow, Wednesday, November, 25th from 8am-12:30 pm at Door 14. Beginning the week of November 30th and moving forward, pick up will be each Friday, from 8am-12pm, at Door 14.

Please note, School Picture day, which was scheduled for December 9 and 10, 2020, will be rescheduled once we return to in-person learning.

Please know that we all want our students back but in the safest possible conditions. We are so proud of our in-person students' behavior and diligence in

following all safety precautions set forth by CDC, OCHD, and the district's medical team. We thank our teachers for not only helping enforce those procedures, but also effectively teaching our in-person and virtual learners; it is truly amazing to watch as Mrs. O'Donnell and I visit each classroom daily and watch the magic happening!

We appreciate your support of North Dover, our staff, and especially our Pirates as unfortunately, we must continue to navigate these choppy waters. We are here for you, should you need anything that we can assist you with. The Main Office will be open Monday through Friday 8-4pm as always.

Please give hugs to your children from us, and we hope we will see them very soon.

We all have much to be thankful and grateful for:

- healthy, laughing children
- family time
- education
- weekends
- pets
- great friends
- awesome co-workers

This list goes on.....

Enjoy your holiday weekend with family :)

Sincerely,

Ms. Colleen McGrath, Principal

Mrs. Dina O'Donnell, Supervisor of Instruction