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Hello At Home!



We hope that this communication finds you and your families healthy, happy, and enjoying the summer months! We wanted to reach out to let you know that OFRS is actively planning for the reopening of our special school on **Tuesday, September 1st!** We cannot wait to welcome our students and staff back to the building in the coming weeks. The start of our unique school year brings many questions. I realize this is a long newsletter and I thank you for reviewing all this information.

Superintendent Mohre's Communications:

I wanted to make sure everyone is receiving and reviewing Superintendent Mohre's communications by email. District communications can also be found posted on the district website www.wtschools.org. Stay tuned for future OFRS communications and districtwide updates from Mr. Mohre. It is especially important for parents to review the [District Reopening Plan for specific details](#). OFRS principal's communications will be posted on the [OFRS website](#) under the announcements section.



Chromebook and PPE pick up at OFRS- Next Friday, August 21, 2020 :



As we prepare for the first day of school, we are organizing a schedule for the pick-up of students' Chromebooks and PPE. ALL students (at home learners too) in grades K-5 will be receiving a Chromebook this year. Additionally, each student is being given PPE (students may also wear a familiar/comfortable personal mask from home- that is okay too).

"How will the OFRS Chromebook and PPE pick up work?"

In an effort to streamline the distribution process, we will be organizing pick-up times alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your child's items on **Friday, August 21st**, during the designated times listed below:

- Students with last names between A & C: 8:30-10:00am
- Students with last names between D & K: 10:00-11:30am

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- Students with last names between L & R: 11:30am-1:00pm
- Students with last names between S & Z: 1:00-2:30pm
- Overflow time, if you missed your time above 2:30- 3:00pm

**Not available at your designated time above? You may ask a trusted friend to pick up materials for you. Just give me a heads up if in a different grouping, so that we have the items ready.*

Where and how do I pick up the Chromebook(s) and PPE items?

- Pull around to the BACK building, as you did in the spring.
- Remain in your vehicle in an effort to ensure safety protocols are being followed. You will be greeted by an OFRS staff member who will ask you for the name(s) & grade level(s) of your children. We will then bring your child(ren)'s assigned Chromebook, charger, and PPE to your car. We can place the items in your trunk, backseat, or through the window into the passenger seat - whatever you prefer.
- If you have any questions regarding the pick-up process, please contact Mr. Ciulla.



“When will I find out who my child(ren)'s teacher(s) is? What about school supplies?”



Homerooms will be posted late Tuesday afternoon, 8/18, on the OnCourse Connect portal. Sign into OnCourse Connect to view. Students who receive special education services may contact their case manager by email for Special Education teacher names. Once you find out your homeroom teacher's name, your next stop is to go to the [teacher's website](#) and see what student supplies are recommended by the teacher.

“Where and when do I find out bus stop time information?”

Sign in to the OnCourse Connect portal from time to time as we approach the first day of school (Tuesday 9/1). Once the district transportation department finalizes bus runs, the information will be posted there by transportation. WTSD Transportation Coordinator contact: dtodd@wtschools.org



“Will there be a virtual Open House/ Meet and Greet this year?”

Unfortunately, we cannot meet in person the way we hoped to for a traditional Open House/ Meet and Greet. “Save the date(s)” OFRS will hold VIRTUAL Open House/Meet and Greet for all students as outlined below. **More information with links for eMeets is forthcoming by email from your teacher(s) as the dates draw closer.** Mark your calendar...

KDG. Tuesday 8/25 at 2:00
Mrs. Matuszewicz Tuesday 8/25 at 2:30
All Special Education (except Mrs. M.) Wednesday 8/26 at 1:30
1st Grade Wednesday 8/26 at 2:00
2nd Grade Wednesday 8/26 at 2:30
3rd Grade Thursday 8/27 at 2:00
Related Arts (whole team) Thursday 8/27 at 2:30
4th Grade Math Friday 8/28 at 2:00
5th Grade ELA Friday 8/28 2:00
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Will the car rider student drop off and student pick-up be the same?



Drop off: Will begin 10 minutes earlier, **beginning at 8:35 am** to allow for anticipated extra car riders. There is no supervision at school before 8:35 am, do not drop off before then. Students will head directly to their classrooms upon drop off. The school day officially begins at 8:55 am.

Pick-Up: Car rider pick will **begin at 3:05 pm** daily. Parents will not be allowed to wait in the school lobby at pick up. Pick up adults will be required to wait outside, physically distanced from each other, and follow the student pick up attendant's guidance. Allow extra time for this process. **Please park in the lower lot or safely on the street as marked.**

Will lunch be served this year? Will there be recess?

Yes! Lunch will be served in the classroom, to start, to maintain small groups. As the start of school draws closer, menus will be posted on the school website. Grade level recess will be outdoors whenever weather permits. Mask breaks outside at a physical distance are allowed.



Will there be a Virtual Back to School Night this year?

Yes! "Save the Date(s)" **Teachers and faculty will share the eMeeting link information on their Google Classrooms as the date(s) draw closer.**

Kindergarten Homerooms, Thursday, August 27th
6:30 - 7:30 Kindergarten Homerooms
Kdg SE and all First Grade, Tuesday, September 8th
5:00-6:00 - K-1st Special Ed only
7:00-8:00 - 1st grade

2nd & 3rd Wednesday, September 9th

5:00-6:00 - 2nd & 3rd Special Ed

6:00-7:00 - 2nd grade

7:00-8:00 - 3rd grade

4th & 5th Thursday, September 10th

5:00-6:00 4th & 5th Special Ed

6:00-7:00 4th Homeroom/Math & Science

6:00-7:00 5th Homeroom/ELA

7:00-8:00 5th PM- Math & Science

7:00-8:00: 4th PM- ELA



Nurse, Related Arts & Special Services Monday, September 14th

5:00-6:00 Nurse & Special Services- ESL, Speech, CST, Counselor

6:00-7:00 Art, Music, & Library

7:00-8:00 Phys. Ed & Spanish

Referendum Project Updates:



You may have noticed when driving by OFRS there has been construction activity throughout the summer. As a result of the referendum that was passed last January, a partial roof replacement is now nearing completion, and an electrical upgrade is in the final phases. Unfortunately, as Superintendent Mohre shared last spring, the A/C portion of the referendum project could not be completed this summer and is on hold until next summer.

Please know that there will be additional communications and reminders coming out, so be on the lookout. Thank you again for reading through all the information!

I wish you a restful and relaxing remainder of the summer and on behalf of all of us at OFRS, we're looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ciulla

Principal

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