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11/20/2020

Dear Hatfield Families,

Beginning on Monday, Nov. 23, and extending through Sunday, Dec. 6, all North Penn students will be learning virtually. This decision is in effect for every private and public school within Montgomery County. During this time, we will also be pausing for Thanksgiving Break. The dates for 100% virtual learning are listed below:

- Monday, Nov. 23
- Tuesday, Nov. 24
- Monday, Nov. 30
- Tuesday, Dec. 1 (early dismissal at 12:35 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Dec. 2 (conclusion of the 1st Trimester)
- Thursday, Dec.3
- Friday, Dec. 4

As per the [NP Elementary Handbook](#), please refer to the attendance guidelines for virtual learning as follows:.

1. Attendance will be taken in “homeroom” each morning
  - Parents /guardians should notify the homeroom teacher or the school’s main office if their child will be absent from virtual school due to illness etc.
  - Parents/guardians should notify the homeroom teacher or the school’s main office if their child will not be following the daily lessons as scheduled for the day BUT will complete assignments/lessons later in the day as assigned by the teacher.
  - Student attendance is determined by accessing lessons and completion of assignments.
2. Students are encouraged to follow the daily schedule for synchronous and asynchronous lessons each day. Due to family schedules and flexibility of working families, students will be given the opportunity to view recorded lessons and complete work throughout the day and perhaps into the evening.
3. Ongoing communication with your child’s teacher is essential during virtual learning.

For those interested, the district distributed a Virtual Learning Q&A earlier this week here: [NPSD Message: 11/17/2020](#). Between Nov. 23 and Dec. 6, free curbside meal pick-up will continue from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for all children 18-and-younger. Note, meals will not be offered the week of Dec. 28. For additional information from School Nutrition Services, please click here: [SNS Curbside Information](#).

To those celebrating Thanksgiving, please consider participating in small gatherings that utilize socially-distant protocols. As noted in last week's district outreach... "We need to be vigilant in our pursuit of controlling the spread of COVID-19. Wear your mask. Wash your hands. Stay six feet away from others. And limit large-group gatherings. This will be especially important during the Thanksgiving holiday. If we can stop transmission outside of school and keep our staff and students healthy, our doors can open. If we let our guard down, we risk the chance of a functional shut down because too many staff and students are sick or quarantined to hold in-person instruction."

Please reference the presentation created by our School Counselor, Mrs. Bainbridge, here: [Helping our Children Cope and Even Thrive During the Pandemic](#). Note, Mrs. Bainbridge will be taking a leave of absence starting on Monday, Nov. 23, and we're anticipating her return in January. Starting on Monday, Nov. 30, Ms. Wagner ([wagneras@npenn.org](mailto:wagneras@npenn.org)) will be substituting for Mrs. Bainbridge. Before then, Ms. Wagner will be briefly introduced to the children via in-person or virtual means.

A variety of Home & School (H&S) events are scheduled to conclude soon. For those able to participate, please reference here:

- [Charleston Wrap Fund-raiser](#) (Friday, Nov. 20).
- [Hatfield's Online Book Fair](#) (Sunday, Nov. 22).
- The sixth grade fund-raising committee is hosting a "Coin Wars" event (Tuesday, Nov. 24).

Additionally, H&S is planning to reschedule picture days. These would likely encompass a two-day span (to allow both Hybrid #1 and Hybrid #2 kiddos to participate) in January or February. For 100% virtual students, time slots after 4:00 p.m. would likely be offered. Note, more details can be confirmed in the future, but for right now in order to gauge interest, please complete the Google Survey here: [H&S Pictures Survey](#).

Keep soaring above and beyond,

Mr. Wes Heinel  
Principal