

Dear Hatfield families,

The return to school is only a few weeks away and we are excited to get back to a regimented learning schedule alongside our Hawks. As information is released by the district and planned at the elementary level, I will continue to regularly reach out.

Unless you have confirmed enrollment for your child in North Penn's Virtual Academy and prioritized asynchronous learning, students are required to log online on a daily basis for live instruction. A formal schedule will be provided for each grade level that enables students to receive small-group instruction, in addition to the introduction to new content in a whole-group fashion. For an overview of minutes and other details, refer here: [2020-21 Virtual Opening](#). Know that we intend to monitor attendance based on being present during live synchronous learning sessions, in addition to the completion/submission of asynchronous assignments. If your family needs Internet connectivity, please let me know as soon as possible.

In regards to technology, Chromebooks will be distributed to incoming Kindergarten students (in lieu of classroom iPads), as well as first graders. First graders must exchange their iPad for a Chromebook. Because rising grades 2-6 students received a Chromebook this Spring to continue virtual learning, they will be keeping that device. For information regarding device pick-up for new North Penn students, as well as technology exchanges for those currently enrolled, reference the district's tech website here: [NP Digital Age](#). Throughout the summer, this information has been updated on a weekly basis. If a student never received their device in the spring, you can make arrangements for pick-up at North Penn High School. Those with technology concerns can also swap their device (with the provided charging chords). For additional information, including grade-specific details, especially for children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1, please refer here (including translated versions): [Digital Learning Specifics](#). As usual, families will be subject to an annual technology fee of \$20 per child (not to exceed \$80) for the upcoming year. Specific questions pertaining to programming or a device should be directed to [npfamilytech@npenn.org](mailto:npfamilytech@npenn.org). If your child(ren) just enrolled within North Penn for 2020-21, ID #'s (required to be provided to the tech department) are listed on registration confirmation cards.

In respect to the distribution of student materials, a message will be distributed in the immediate future with a schedule and protocols for pick-up. This will likely encompass workbooks and other essential instructional items that can be utilized both synchronously and asynchronously throughout the first marking period.

Next, teacher assignments will be made available to families later this month. Please know that we did our best to accommodate specific needs and requests; however, we are unable to do so for everyone. It is our utmost goal to create equitable learning environments so that our instructional supports can be maximized. Balance for academic, social, and emotional needs remain the priority when making these collaborative decisions; therefore, rosters will not be changed for 2020-21.

Additionally, for those interested, Hatfield, Montgomery, General Nash, and Walton Farm families will join for a Kindergarten presentation from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17. Families can sign-up here: [Kindergarten Parent Meeting](#). The link to the virtual meeting will be sent out by the district the day before the meeting. Furthermore, Kindergarten Orientation will take place in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Additional details will be provided soon.

Also, be sure to refer here for grade level school supplies: [Hatfield Student Supplies](#). These lists were made available back in June.

Lastly, families who have yet to pick-up their child(ren)'s yearbook, you may do so via appointment in the Main Office between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. from Monday, Aug. 17 through Thursday, Aug. 20. For those still needing to retrieve belongings from last year, you may also make an appointment during this timeframe. Please be sure to e-mail Mrs. Mason and me. Note, a final pick-up opportunity for yearbook pick-up will also be made available by our Home & School (H&S) volunteers on Thursday, 20 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., outside, on the school grounds.

Keep soaring above and beyond,

Mr. Wes Heinel  
Principal