

Pleasantville Public Schools

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Hello and happy new year,

Due to the high volume of positive CoVid-19 cases amongst staff and students, all Pleasantville Public Schools are transitioning to virtual learning beginning on **Friday, January 7, 2022**. We will be returning to in-person instruction tentatively on **Monday, January 24, 2022**.

All grades within Pleasantville Public Schools, including PreK and K, will adhere to a full-day schedule. Students will be required to attend live, virtual instruction each period following their daily classroom schedule. Attendance will be taken each period by the homeroom teacher or specials area teacher. Instruction will be conducted Monday-Friday, following the schedule established by your child's school administrative team.

To assist with virtual learning, all students will be issued a district-assigned Chromebook. Technology assistance and troubleshooting will be available by following the link on the district website or by calling (609)

383-6800 extension 3117. The help desk will be available Monday through Friday from 8 am-3 pm.

To best prepare for virtual instruction, the district recommends students follow the below guidelines:

- a. Find a quiet space to attend the live classes
- b. Mic on (mute when not talking to avoid feedback)
- c. Camera on (use a virtual background if available)
- d. Be fully dressed and in a quiet, public space in your home (laying on your bed or couch is not acceptable during live instruction)
- e. Be prepared to engage in lessons
- f. When the camera is on avoid distracting movements or actions in the camera (Avoid bringing your pet or other objects into the camera view)
- g. Check that you have adequate lighting and that you are visible on the camera
- h. Consider putting a live sign on your door so that family members know that you are actively engaged in a class

The district will provide bagged breakfast and lunch for all our students. Students can pick up meals at their school site every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 pm-1:45 pm. Students can also pick up meals at the following community locations: the Pleasantville Recreation Center, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and Gateway Community Center on Main Street from 12:00 pm-1:45 pm. Please know that Tuesday's bagged meals will include lunch for Tuesday and Wednesday as well as breakfast for Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday's bagged meals will include lunch for Thursday, Friday, and Monday as well as breakfast for Friday and Monday. Special education students will receive door-to-door meal delivery every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

High school sports will continue as scheduled with adjusted spectator guidelines. All practices and games will be closed to spectators until we return to in-person learning.

The health and safety of our staff and students remain a priority for our district. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this uncertain time.

Thank you and have a great day,

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