

GALLATIN COUNTY

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to follow up and provide more information regarding the next six days of remote learning. All district students Pre-k through grade 12 will go to full remote learning Monday, November 16th through November 24th. Thanksgiving break is November 25-27, with no work assigned.

We plan to return to in-person learning on Monday, November 30th.

Due to community numbers increasing, we continue to battle this evolving pandemic and find ourselves unable to staff many positions from teachers, aides, secretaries to nurses. This decision was not made lightly as we recognize the inconvenience and challenges it will cause for families.

We have five school buses equipped with internet routers to provide free internet for our students. Those buses will be in New Haven, Ridgway, Equality, Shawneetown, Old Shawneetown, by 8:45 a.m until Noon every day. The buses will be at the same locations as the Yellow Meals on Wheels. There will be a bus equipped with the internet located on the east side of the school from 12:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for anyone who needs access later in the day.

The Yellow Meals on Wheels will deliver free meals into the communities: breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and lunch between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. You can find these buses in New Haven at the community center, Ridgway St. Joe Ballfield, Equality fire station, Shawneetown mall, and old Shawneetown at the village hall.

Our building principals and teachers are putting out remote learning class schedules. Monday is a blue day! Information will be on the student's Google Classroom page. We understand that students may have to work a day behind, downloading lectures and assignments from the day before. Once downloaded they can work offline and submit when they return back to the bus the following day. All students can pick up their books Monday and Tuesday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Jr. High and High school students go to the main entrance and Elementary go to elementary doors.

We must continue teaching and learning as if we were still in the classroom; remember work will be graded and count in students' grade point averages.

This is a tough time for everyone, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Judy Kaegi, Superintendent