



WCS Newsletter

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A summary of Wood County Schools instruction levels can be found [here](#).

The district's re-entry plan can be found [here](#).

A list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).

Parent support tools for iPads and Schoology can be found [here](#).

Wood County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#).

"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."

- Wood County Schools

Remote Possibilities

As we head into Thanksgiving week, please remember Wood County Schools students will have school Monday through Wednesday. These are called Remote Learning Days, and they follow on the heels of two weeks of Remote Instruction.

It can get a bit confusing switching between different but similar terms, so to help you remotely navigate these remote waters, here are a few definitions:

Full Remote Instruction: Students "attend" classes online. Teachers hold meetings with classes through Microsoft Teams. Elementary school instruction schedules are for Math, English/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Assignments are still provided through and turned in through Schoology. Secondary students attend classes based on their school's bell schedules.

Remote Learning: Students receive their assignments through Schoology. There are no Teams meetings and students do not follow a bell schedule on remote learning days. Teachers are available for two hours each day to provide support and answer questions.

What Color Are We Now?

WVDE Saturday Education Map: If Wood County is marked **Orange** or **Red** on the Saturday map, in-person classes will be suspended and all students will learn remotely the following week. This map is updated every Saturday evening.

WVDHHR Daily COVID Map: If Wood County is marked **Red** on the WVDHHR daily map, all in-person classes will be suspended and all students will learn remotely until the county reaches a **Green**, **Yellow** or **Gold** designation on the Saturday map. Click the link and scroll down to the WV COVID-19 overview. At the top of the box click "County Alert System." Map is updated at 10 a.m. daily.



**"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which
enables us to count our blessings."**

Eric Hoffer



Letters to the North Pole

The elves at Parkersburg South High School will again be helping to make sure letters to Santa Claus from area children are delivered to the North Pole.

Letters can be sent to: Santa's Helpers, 1511 Blizzard Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Photos of letters also can be emailed to: pshs.elf@gmail.com or kathryn.nestor@k12.wv.us.

Be sure to include a mailing address and names of the children.

Letters received by Dec. 2 will have replies delivered before Christmas. However, due to COVID-19 and the rush of holiday mail, letters received after Dec. 2 might take a little longer to answer. Even so, the elves want parents to know all letters will receive replies at some point, so even if you didn't get to put your letter in the mail quickly enough, Santa will still receive your message.

Important Dates

Nov. 23-25 – Remote Learning

Nov. 24 – Wood BOE Meeting

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 – No School

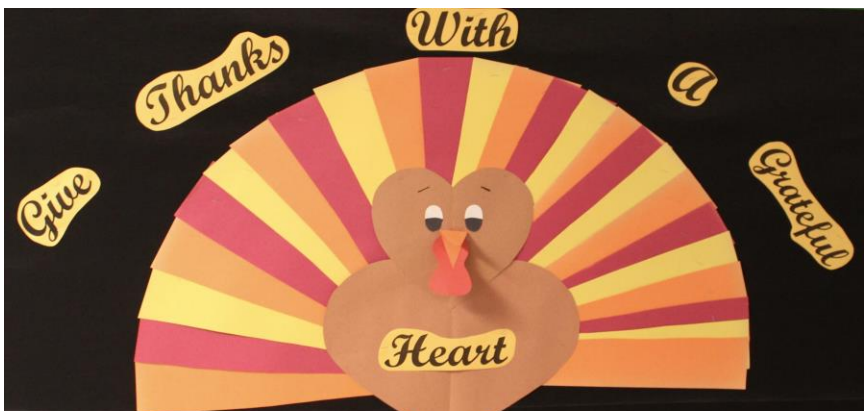
Dec. 8 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 22 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 23-Jan.1 – Winter Break

A Time to Be Thankful

As we head into the holiday season, families will have to make some decisions on traveling, gatherings and other traditional activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless of what you decide, students, staff, parents and community members are urged to wear masks, practice social distancing (especially when gathering together for the holidays) and to continue frequent handwashing. Have a safe and happy holiday.



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Do you have feedback on the parent newsletter? Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at merb@woodcountyschoolswv.net and all parents and community members are encouraged to download the Wood County Schools app for news and announcements from the district's Central Office.