



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

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November 20, 2020,

Dear Parents/Guardians and Ridgedale Community:

As we head into the Thanksgiving break the Covid-19 landscape continues to change and with it the way we are providing lesson delivery. With the continuation of a large number of Covid-19 cases in Marion County and with the recommendation of Marion Public Health to move to a Hybrid model of instruction, the Board has decided the following. The Jr/Sr High School will be going totally remote instruction and the elementary will be going Hybrid beginning November 30, 2020 through January 15, 2021. All Jr/Sr High students will be in school on Monday November 23 and Tuesday November 24, while the elementary school will be off those two days, with the exception of our elementary online learners. Any parent of an elementary student who wishes to have their child move to online learning during this time frame please contact the elementary office so that we may make the appropriate accommodation's. As of now we are preparing in each building for the change in instruction delivery and are working with our students to provide them with the tools that they will need to be successful. I have included a daily education schedule for the Jr/Sr High at the end of this letter, Ms. Parthemore and the elementary teachers will be in contact with their families to communicate the Friday online schedules for each grade level. The elementary will follow the same Hybrid schedule in which we started the year, with group A - students last names beginning A-K going to school Monday and Tuesday and group B - last names beginning with L-Z on Wednesday and Thursday, with Friday being all students remote. The preschool schedule will remain the same for both morning and afternoon sessions. **As a reminder these plans are always subject to change based on public health recommendations or by Governor order.**

With regard to our extra-curricular athletic activities, the OHSAA has decided to continue on as normal with all winter sports. All practices and games will be held during non-school hours, as they normally would if we were educating in person. The Board of Education realizes that not all families are comfortable with having their children participate at this time, so we have come to the following compromise. We will continue to practice and compete in all scheduled events, however if any student or their parent(s) do not wish to have their child play, they may hold their student/athlete from practices, competition, or both without repercussion or penalty. This is a family decision and will allow everyone to involved do what is best for each individual situation. If you have any questions please contact your respective coach or the Athletic Director Mrs. Cherie Leach at [cleach@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:cleach@ridgedaleschools.org) **The homecoming ceremony scheduled for December 12, 2020 has been postponed until further notice.**

For the latest district and Covid-19 information please go to our website [www.ridgedaleschools.org](http://www.ridgedaleschools.org), there you will find the district and state of Ohio schools Covid-19 dashboard, which will inform you of all school age Covid-19 cases, at Ridgedale and across the entire state, this dashboard is updated weekly. We recently had a positive Covid-19 case in the elementary school which has placed 2 staff members and 55 students in quarantine. By not having students in the elementary next week it will provide us the opportunity to do a deep clean throughout the week in preparation for our Hybrid learning to begin on November 30.

The Verizon hotspots have arrived and Mr. Slone has them ready for dispersal. If you need a hotspot or if you have a T-Mobile hotspot that is not working please contact your building office or our Tech Coordinator Mr. Brian Slone at [bslone@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:bslone@ridgedaleschools.org).

As we move into remote and hybrid learning we will continue to provide food service. Elementary students will be taking meals home with them on Tuesdays/Thursdays starting December 1st. Parents of students in the Jr/Sr High building that would like meal delivery, we will begin delivery on Friday mornings, starting December 4th, please contact Mrs. Megan Mitchell at [mmitchell@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:mmitchell@ridgedaleschools.org).

As we work to provide a safe learning environment for our students, we will continue to evaluate the Covid-19 situation moving forward to make an informed decision on when to have students return in January. We understand your frustration, we are frustrated too, however at this time we feel that these moves are in the best interest of our students and staff safety. If you have any question please feel free to call 740-382-6065 ext 101 or email at [rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org)  
It's Great to be a Rocket! Have a great evening!

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Britton; Superintendent  
Ridgedale Local Schools

## RHS On-Line Instruction Schedule

	<b>TIME</b>	<b>Remote Schedule for ALL Learners</b>	
<b>Period 0</b>	8:00am-9:00am	Planning/meetings/etc	
<b>Period 1</b>	9:00am-9:30am		
<b>Period 2</b>	9:35-10:05am		
<b>Period 3</b>	10:10am-10:40am		
<b>Period 4</b>	10:45-11:15am		
<b>Period 5</b>	11:15am-11:45am	LUNCH for Everyone	(Enrichment is removed)
<b>Period 6/7 &amp; Period 7/8</b>	11:45-12:15		
<b>Period 9</b>	12:20-12:50pm		
<b>Period 10</b>	12:55pm-1:25pm		
<b>Period 11</b>	1:30pm-2:00pm		
<b>Period 12</b>	2:00-3:00pm	Planning/meetings/etc	

All students will follow their daily schedule per period, logging into their on-line class for attendance at the time of instruction. Periods 0 & 12 will be used for additional instruction, video's, tutoring, meetings and group work with instructors as well as teacher planning.