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**

The Coming Week

To help slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 in the state, West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice called for in-person classes to be suspended following Thanksgiving through Dec. 3.

The move didn't cancel school, but closed the buildings to students. School systems could still determine how best to provide instruction for students those three days.

Wood County Schools will provide remote instruction, with students attending 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.

To alleviate possible confusion, Wood County Schools Superintendent Will Hosaflook announced Thursday, Dec. 3, also would be a remote instruction day.

Friday, Dec. 4, will be a remote learning day, meaning assignments will be provided through Schoology, there will be no Teams meetings and teacher will have office hours.

MONDAY 11.30.20	TUESDAY 12.1.20	WEDNESDAY 12.2.20	THURSDAY 12.3.20	FRIDAY 12.4.20
Full Remote Instruction	Full Remote Instruction	Full Remote Instruction	Full Remote Instruction	Remote Learning Day

Questions? Contact your child's school.

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.

Important Dates

Dec. 8 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 22 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 23-Jan.1 – Winter Break

Dec. 25 – Christmas

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

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Letters to Santa!

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 so Santa can send a response.

English teacher Justin McKown said the program is now in its fourth year and typically receives about 500 letters from area children. This year, 180 Parkersburg South High School students from grades 9-12 will participate in the program, making sure each letter to Santa receives a personalized response.

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.

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.