December 29, 2020

Spartan Nation,

Now that we are in the midst of winter break, the Richmond Heights Local School District wanted to reach out to everyone within our school community to thank you for your patience and support as we have navigated the first half of the 2020-2021 school year together but remotely. Being in this Remote setting has been challenging for everyone, but our students and staff have done an amazing job rising to the challenge. As a district we realize the struggles that many families have faced as well as those families who have found their level of comfort with Remote Learning. Taking all of these factors into consideration we are continuing to refine the district's reopening plan. In preparing to start the 2nd semester in January, we wanted to provide you a few updates:

**Recommendations for Preschool – Grade 12**

- Beginning on Tuesday, January 5th through Monday, January 18th, students will continue remote learning to provide for a period of self-quarantine following the holidays. The "self-quarantine period" following all the social activities of Winter Break will allow for a period of incubation for the virus before the students return. The district will re-examine factors including community spread/transmission to determine when the district will reopen for “in-person” instruction.
- Based upon our Parent Survey data collected in November approximately 50% of our families will opt for “in-person instruction” which will allow us to bring students back to campus if they so desire. Parents had to declare their intentions and we have only planned for students identified in this subgroup. To ensure a smooth, nurturing transition in the second semester we will be scheduling each student who is returning to campus to ensure the best academic and social/emotional placement of each child. Parents of students who are making a transition to “in-person instruction” can expect an update to be sent out by mid-January with details. If you would still like to complete the survey [CLICK HERE!!!](mailto:parentSurveyLink)
- All students will continue with our current Remote Learning Plan after Winter Break. Teachers will conduct personal connection meetings with students beginning January 5th to ensure students are well-equipped to re-engage with remote learning until the district is prepared to transition to in-person instruction.

**Districts’ January Plan**

January 4th- Professional Development Day - No Students/Assignments Required
January 5th- 8th- All students will begin Remote Learning (following previous schedules assigned)

January 11th-15th- Assignments will be posted in Google Classroom for the Middle/High School. Students with no specific Google Meet times unless the teacher has made arrangements with you. This will allow for staff to prepare to move into the new Upper School. Elementary students will continue Remote Learning as scheduled.

While the COVID-19 Pandemic brings about changes daily, we as a district remain committed to making the best decisions possible for our district utilizing data from the Ohio Department of Health, Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Ohio Department of Education. We will remain diligent in informing our school community along the way and look forward to having our students return to campus.

Peace & Good Health,

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