



Pine River Area Schools

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Pine River Area Schools will be initiating Snow Day Learning per our 2020-2021 Remote Learning Plan (see website). "School is canceled for the rest of the week. The sewer back up reported earlier that sent our students, grades K-12, home at 11:30 a.m. today, will take 3-4 days to repair, at a minimum," according to Superintendent Lukshaitis.

"The weather will hopefully cooperate and not send us too much rain so we can repair this issue in a timely manner," Lukshaitis added. "We're hoping to be back in school next Monday, May 3."

As a result of the sewer and pipe issues, senior sign-out sheets and senior exams scheduled for this week have been canceled according to the high school principal and superintendent and senior grades will be frozen and locked in place. "We don't want to keep the seniors dangling on a string," said Lukshaitis. "It's been a bizarre enough 13 ½ months for them and all of us. So, we are taking exams off the table to alleviate the stress and keep our students on track to graduate. Those seniors who want to take their exams to move up their grades, will have the opportunity – students can reach out to their senior teachers via email anytime to arrange something. Seniors who need more information should call the high school office."

High School students should look at their Google Classroom tomorrow through Friday for work and to communicate with their teachers. Students in grades 4-7 should complete their homework packets. Students in grades 6-7 should look also at their Google Classroom and students in grades K-5 should check their Class Dojos daily.

Students enrolled in CTC will have the opportunity to drive up to the CTC and join their classes. Any student desiring a ride to the CTC on a Pine River school bus can still come to the parking lot for a ride at the usual time.

"Middle School and High School athletics will continue – outside only – during this time as the restrooms at the high school concession are ahead of the pipe cave-in," said Lukshaitis. "Athletics are a big part of the school experience and if we can give our kids their sports during this remote learning and repair period, then that is a positive thing," Lukshaitis added.

"This is not ideal, obviously, but at least we have the ability to exchange information with our students, take attendance, and keep the teaching and learning moving along," the superintendent stated.

Senior caps and gowns can be picked up Friday, April 30, between 2 and 4 pm in front of the high school office.

Anyone looking for meal bags for the rest of the week for their students should report to the high school cafeteria patio between 4 and 6 pm on Wednesday, April 27. Look for a text with a link on our website soon.