



April 30, 2020

### THANK YOU

I cannot thank the parents and students of Seneca East enough for your ongoing support and commitment. You are nothing short of amazing and I am grateful for you. The school closure has been a struggle for so many families yet your hard work has allowed our students to learn and grow at home. One of the silver linings of this school closure is the communication between teachers and families. The new relationships developed as a result of this crisis will serve us well going forward. Together we will finish stronger than when we started. I also want to thank the Seneca East community for your support and passage of the renewal levy this week. The levy is essential for providing the resources students need to be successful. Thank you for supporting our students, staff, and the district. - Dr. Kagy, Superintendent - Proud to be an SE Tiger!

### FOURTH QUARTER SCHEDULE AND GRADES

Our official last day of school is May 22, 2020. We know that remote and online learning is challenging for students and families. We also know that as we finish the year it may become more and more challenging to maintain the commitment and focus of learning. We are asking you to keep going, don't give up. Students will need the support of teachers and parents to finish strong. Teachers understand how difficult and demanding this time is for parents and students. Please don't hesitate to communicate with teachers if you need help or have questions.

K-2 will use an S / N grading scale for the 4th quarter. "S" represents satisfactory work. Teachers will consider completion of work over accuracy and scores on assignments. "N" represents needs improvement. This grade will be given when students have turned in little or no school work during the shutdown of school.

3-6 will use a P / NA grading scale for the 4th quarter. "P" represents passing work. Teachers will consider completion of work over accuracy and scores on assignments. "NA" represents not

applicable. This grade will be given when students have turned in little or no school work during the shutdown of school and teachers do not have enough evidence to evaluate student mastery or understanding of content taught. The “NA” grade is similar to an Incomplete grade.

Grades 7-12 will be assigned letter grades: A-F. We will be following a “Responsiveness” policy that, for a number of reasons, will allow students to continue to earn letter grades for their work over the course of the school closure. Teachers are asked to take into consideration numerous variables, including technology and Internet access related to our current situation when assigning those final grades whether they are above or below the passing level. Students who earn failing grades in this quarter will still be given the opportunity to pass for the quarter provided that in their teacher’s estimation they continue to be responsive to the course and the work that is being done within it. Students who show little to no-responsiveness to the course, teacher, or work done within the classroom will be given an “Incomplete” for the quarter and will have the usual two-week period to make up the work. Letter grades A-F after that time period will be assigned accordingly.

Final grade cards will be mailed home in mid-June.

### GRADUATION

Graduation ceremony guidance and restrictions have been fluid from the Ohio Department of Education and Governor DeWine. In response to the changing guidelines of what is allowable for these ceremonies we continue to develop our local plan to honor our 2020 graduates. Thank you for your continued patience as plans change in response to the new guidance available at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Graduation-and-Recognition-Ceremonies>

### AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS:** The plan at this time is to hold a Fall 2020 Academic Awards Assembly for students currently in Grades 6-8. Students have worked hard to earn good grades and demonstrate positive behavior and teachers want to formally recognize those students for their achievements. Students now in Grade 6 and 8 are eligible for the President’s Award for Academic Excellence and all middle school students are considered for grade-level leadership and citizenship awards (Super Six Citizenship Award, Archie Griffin Award, and the Ted Cree Award). Classroom teachers will also recognize students for achievement in each of the content areas. More information will follow once we know what the beginning of next school year looks like.

**ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC AWARDS:** Students earning Merit Roll, Honor Roll, and Principal’s List awards (Grades 4 and 5) will be given their 3rd Quarter certificates at the end of the school year when they turn in assignments and textbooks. We will also plan a Fall 2020 Academic

Awards Assembly to recognize this year's 4th and 5th graders for their academic achievements and leadership qualities.

### MATERIALS TO PICK UP

Students who have school library books at home will have the opportunity to turn in these books at various times. Anyone coming to the school to pick up lunches can return books during lunch pick up. We will also be scheduling days in May for students to return school work and materials to the school. Look for information from teachers and building principals for these drop-offs. For families who ordered Lifetouch Spring Pictures, those pictures were just delivered this week. You will be able to pick up those pictures on dates students are scheduled to drop off assigned work and textbooks (or when students are scheduled to come to school to pick up materials). Note: The current date for the return of school work and for students to pick up materials: FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-6 is Friday, May 15. Specific times and details will be provided by Mr. Powers and classroom teachers before that scheduled date.

### KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Packets to register incoming kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year are available to be mailed by request. Please contact Brad Powers [bpowers@se-tigers.com](mailto:bpowers@se-tigers.com) or Jan Allgyre [jallgyre@se-itgers.com](mailto:jallgyre@se-itgers.com). Registration packets can also be picked up with lunches on Mondays if arrangements are made ahead of time. Forms are also available on the school website [www.se-tigers.com](http://www.se-tigers.com) to be printed out.

We will NOT hold screening May 14-15 but are looking at dates in August. Additional information about kindergarten screening will be shared once determined.

### MEAL SERVICE

If your student had a charge on his/her lunch account before the shutdown, please pay that as soon as possible. Payments can be made online or by mail. If paying by mail, please include your student's name on the check and send it to the school addressed to Brenda Ruffing, Food Service Supervisor. Any money that was left on your student's lunch account will be carried over to next school year. Funds in senior lunch accounts will be transferred to their siblings or refunded.

Weekly meal service will continue to be offered on Mondays through the end of the school year. The last pick-up is scheduled for May 18th. If there are any questions, please call 419-426-1859 or text 419-558-5683.

### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has joined with Governor Mike DeWine and RecoveryOhio to launch a new, toll-free Careline to provide

emotional support for Ohioans who are experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, sadness or loneliness amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohioans may call 1-800-720-9616 to connect with trained counselors for 24/7 support. “Coronavirus has undoubtedly affected how Ohioans are living their lives,” said Governor Mike DeWine. “Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotional reactions in adults and children. Reaching out for help to cope with that stress will make you, the people you care about, and Ohio stronger.” The Careline is staffed by credentialed counselors who have been trained to provide free confidential support for a wide range of needs, including mental health concerns, substance use, problem gambling, and more. Individuals experiencing an acute crisis can still reach out to the Ohio Crisis Text Line (keyword 4HOPE to 741 741) or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255). “As Ohio moves toward recovery from the pandemic, we encourage our citizens to reach out for help if they need someone to talk to,” said RecoveryOhio Director Alisha Nelson. “We cannot underestimate the importance of our mental health during this crisis and beyond. If you are having a difficult time, please take care of yourself and call the Careline.” For more information about the Careline, visit: <http://mha.ohio.gov/careline>

### SUMMER

Our official last day of school is May 22, 2020. Grade cards and other end-of-the-year information will be mailed home in mid-June. The first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is August 26, 2020. More information regarding the start of the school year and open house will be shared over the summer. Our hope is to be back in school as scheduled. We will be using Final Forms for registration again next year. Parents will have the opportunity to complete the Final Form process in late May so that this paperwork is completed prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Information will be coming via email when Final Forms opens for next year.