



“News & Views”

April 10, 2020

Hello Husky Families,

Happy Good Friday, Easter, and Passover to you! We hope the past week has been “doable” for you and our Huskies. As we have previously outlined, our Huskies will be completing work packets next week, as they did this week. **ALL** students in Y5 through 2nd grade will receive a packet in the mail each week starting next week. Packets for 3rd-8th grade students who requested paper packets were mailed on Wednesday. Please continue to hang on to these packets as we are still working through the logistics of turning them in.

Today we received official approval from CMU of our Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan. This approval is mandatory for all school districts in Michigan. Without it we are not able to receive State Aid Funding, pay employees, and implement a distance learning program. Our Plan has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Education and the State Treasury Department. Holly Academy was the first school in CMU’s portfolio to submit the Continuity of Learning Plan and the first to be approved! As always, we strive to be a “School of Excellence” in every way!

Please note this important information:

Monday, April 13th: for those of you that requested chromebooks - you may pick up your device/s in the vestibule between 8:30am - 5:00pm. We will require you to sign a form, so please bring a pen. You will sign the form, rip it from the information packet and drop it in the box provided.

Monday, April 13th - Friday, April 17th: your student will complete the packets either in paper/pencil form or through Google Classroom. Teachers are sending out other fun activities this week that are just for enjoyment.

Friday, April 17th: administration will be sending out a video explaining what distance learning means, our expectations of students, and how we will support families during the next weeks and months.

Monday, April 20th: your student in grades 3rd-8th (those with internet access) will begin daily Zoom classroom sessions. These session times will be the same each week to provide consistency to households. Y5-2nd grade students will be having Zoom sessions with teachers at times that will be communicated to you by the teaching teams. Instructional work packets are still expected to be completed as a supplement to the online instruction students are receiving.

We are gauging the correct amount of distance learning work for our students. We are aware that each family is different and has varied needs and abilities determined by working hours, COVID and other health related issues, and more. Minimally, for the weeks of April 20th and 27th, we will expect students in 3rd-8th grades to complete the Google Classroom lessons and the instructional packet. The instructional packet is secondary and should be used as “extra review” in these grade levels. As we progress through the weeks we will determine, with your input, whether this is too much, too little, or just right in terms of work expectation.

Please contact teachers via email if you need extra assistance for your Husky. We have a plan in place for support staff and administration to help, as needed. We are here to assist you to get through this trying time. Now is the time for our “Pack” to work together to ensure that we all get through this crisis healthy and emotionally sound!

As a reminder, report card grades are ready to view. We have a new feature in Skyward that lets you view report cards as they normally look in paper form. Go to family access, click on “portfolio” on the left and click on “Report Card - 2019-20 Term 3”. It takes a minute for the report card to load. Since the teachers were busy creating lessons and learning how to implement distance learning over the past weeks, the only comments you may see are those that teachers had created prior to our March 13th closure. Special Education progress notes have been emailed directly to parents. Please contact Ms. Burns, burnsj@hollyacademy.org if you have questions related to your special education student. *Should you need your Skyward login, please email Mrs. Munerance at munerl@hollyacademy.org*

We also want to inform you that the accounting department (many thanks to Angie Cryderman) has been working on the Subway refunds that are due to families from the timeframe of March 17th through March 26th. The refunds via RevTrak have been completed – RevTrak is sending a confirmation email, and the payment will be issued back to the same account (such as VISA) from which it was paid. For those who made Subway payments via check, the refund process will take a little longer. Checks will be issued to families directly from Holly Academy, and we will have them done as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your patience with this process.

Look for information in the coming weeks regarding picking up your child’s personal items left in lockers and classrooms.

Executive Order 2020-35:

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-524032--,html

All COVID-19 Executive Orders:

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705---,00.html

Please see the following page regarding food distribution in Fenton. You do not have to be enrolled in Fenton Schools to participate.

Keep daring to be remarkable, everyone!

Extending health and happiness to you and yours.

Julie, Jen P, Ken, Jen B

Fenton Breakfast/Lunch Distribution

Monday, April 13th
Wednesday, April 15th
11:30am-12:30pm

Ellen Street Campus
North Rd. Elementary
State Rd. Elementary
Tomek-Eastern Elementary

Please drive up, and indicate with your fingers or a paper sign how many meal packs needed (one per child). Do not roll down your window. Open your trunk and the volunteers will place the meals in your trunk.

Monday you will receive two breakfasts and two lunches.

Wednesday you will receive three breakfasts and three lunches.

