

Good Day to The Oceanport School District Community,

The Oceanport School District would like to sincerely thank Mayor Coffey, Our Borough Council Members, Council Liaison to the Board of Education, Mrs. Meg Walker, Buzz Baldanza and the Office of Emergency Management, & Chief Kelly and the Oceanport Police Department - for their continual support and collegiality throughout the current Coronavirus Emergency.

The Oceanport Public School District continues to work closely with state and local officials to monitor the situation with COVID – 19.

Here are our most recent updates:

A Return-to-School Date Has Not Been Determined:

Based on the Governor's guidance, along with information shared at the local level by the Oceanport OEM and Mayor's office, the Oceanport School District must remain closed until Governor Phil Murphy announces that schools in NJ are permitted to reopen. We do not yet have clarity on a date for reopening, and Superintendents state-wide have been asked by the Commissioner of Education not to conjecture as to a potential date for reopening. We will communicate promptly to all stakeholders as further information is received from the Governor's Office.

Spring Break is Scheduled for April 9-April 17, 2020: In consult with Shore Regional High School and other regional sending districts, Oceanport Public Schools will observe the dates for Spring Break outlined on the Board-Approved 2019-2020 school calendar. **School will be closed from April 9-17, 2020. On-Line Virtual Learning will resume on Monday, April 20, 2020.**

Daily Attendance: Principals have been monitoring the daily attendance of all students since our first day of online learning on March 17th. The district has now updated the online attendance platform for use during at-home instruction. **Beginning Friday, April 3rd, daily attendance will be recorded as follows:**

- Students who log into online learning each day will receive a "V" indicating that "Virtual Attendance" has occurred.
- Students who have not logged in on a given date will receive an "A" for "Absent".
- "Absent" students will receive a telephone check from the School Nurse, the Guidance Counselor, or the School Principal to ensure that any difficulties can be resolved.

Questions or concerns regarding attendance? Please call the Main Office of your school:

- Wolf Hill: (732)-542-0683
- Maple Place: (732) 229-0267

Grading: "Pass/Incomplete":

As we continue with daily virtual instruction, I would like to sincerely and publicly thank our students; their parents; our teaching staff, and our entire administrative team for working so cohesively to accomplish daily lessons, enrichment and spirit activities, and more through the district's "At-Home" resource website.

Due to our current closure, our grading system for the 3rd marking period will take the form of a “Pass/Incomplete/ N-A” system.

This is intentional, in that we believe passionately that our students and their parents are putting forth monumental efforts to accomplish day-to-day instruction. Many families are struggling with COVID-2019 diagnoses. Many more are making herculean efforts to both instruct children, and to work full time jobs remotely.

We believe that a **“Pass/Incomplete/N-A”** system gives students the acknowledgement of completed academic efforts. If a student’s work is currently incomplete due to illness or other difficulty, the **“Pass/Incomplete/N-A”** system will include concrete guidelines to students and families so that a passing grade can be attained.

Please note that “N-A” simply indicates that a standard has not been addressed by teaching staff with students at this juncture.

The district has **not** yet made a decision about grades for the 4th Marking Period. We continue to hold out hope that we will return to school this year. Fourth marking period grades will be discussed at a later date when more information is released by the Governor’s Office.

Trips:

We have received numerous inquiries regarding the 8th Grade Washington Trip, scheduled for June, 2020. Until current restrictions are lifted by both the Federal and State Governments, the district cannot confirm the 8th Grade Trip. We remain hopeful, and we will communicate promptly to 8th Grade families as further information is received.

Wishing All of Our Families Continued Health and Safety.

Sincere Best Wishes,

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