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November 18, 2020

Parent Memo

I hope that November is going well for you and all of your family. In this memo you will find information on some changes involving our report cards, parent teacher interviews and COVID protocols at school.

Report Cards

Report Cards will go home on Friday, November 27th, 2020. Students who are in ALS will receive updates on their IPPs on November 27 as well.

Over the last couple of years WRPS has been moving toward a common report card among WRPS schools. As such, Norwood School is using the WRPS report card this year. The report card we used last year was very similar to the WRPS report card but you will notice some differences between the two report cards. The WRPS report card does not use the 4, 3, 2, 1 scale to report student progress. Student progress will be reported using the descriptors listed below. We did use the descriptors last year, so the change this year is that the four numbers will no longer be used.

The following are the WRPS grade scales.

Kindergarten

ACH	Achieving
APP	Approaching
BEG	Beginning
NYA	Not Yet Apparent



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Grades 1-2	Percentage	
	Range	

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ACH	Achieving	80%-100%
APP	Approaching	65%-80%
BEG	Beginning	50%-65%
NYA	Not Yet Apparent	Less than 50%

Grades 3-4 Percentage Range

EXC	Excelling	80%-100%
ACH	Achieving	65%-80%
APP	Approaching	50%-65%
BEG	Beginning	Less than 50%

Grades 7-8

These classes will continue to receive percentage marks in core courses and the following descriptors will be used to report progress in PE, Health, and CTF courses.

EXC	Excelling	80%-100%
ACH	Achieving	65%-80%
APP	Approaching	50%-65%
BEG Beginning		Less than 50%



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to COVID protocols we are unable to hold in person Parent/Teacher interviews this term.

Parent Teacher interviews will take place primarily via telephone meetings. Interviews will be happening after school over an extended number of days starting on November 23 and go until December 3. Individual classroom teachers will communicate which evenings they will be conducting interviews.

If you wish to have an interview with Mr. Heinrichs, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Rasmussen, or Mrs. Rogers please call the school office and they will contact you.

COVID Information

The following are important updates to our COVID protocols which are listed in the new WRPS Supplemental Guide to the WRPS Re-Entry Plan. Please note the two bolded statements regarding Visitors and Masks.

Visitors & Service Providers

- For the safety of students and staff, contracted service providers (i.e., additional maintenance businesses, psychologists) who need to visit a school for an essential service must schedule an appointment with the school staff to enter the building.
- Parents and visitors are not permitted in schools at this time. Meetings shall be held virtually (i.e., via telephone or video conferencing). Transfers of items shall be arranged at the front door.



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Personal Protective Equipment

- Masks:
 - Masks must meet the standards set out for non-medical face masks.
 Neck gaiters, buffs, or bandanas are not acceptable replacements.
 Parents may receive a call from the school if we have questions about a student's mask.
 - Grades 4-12 students and staff shall wear a clean mask each day. Masks shall be worn at all times. Exceptions:
 - Unless the staff member is in their office or at their workstation and no one is within 2 meters of them.
 - Classroom guidelines regarding masking remain as previously established in the Re-Entry Plan.
 - When interacting with anyone who is not in your <u>cohort</u>, individuals shall maintain a distance of two metres or wear a mask when closer than two metres with others and ensure their meeting is less than 15 minutes.

Water Bottles

Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

I want to thank our whole school community for working with us on following COVID protocols. We are all in this together and we have been looking after each other so that we may all remain safe and healthy. Thank you!

We wish you a safe long weekend and good health as we move toward Christmas.

Sincerely

Frank Heinrichs, Principal