

Stissing Mountain Junior High and High School Remote Learning Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do you access the schedule online?**
 - Schedules can be accessed online through the parent portal on SchoolTools. Both parents and students can access the schedule.
- **How will PE and band classes be handled remotely?**
 - PE, band, chorus and other electives will be taken remotely like all other classes. Due to the nature of the class each will make modifications to work remotely.
- **Will the kids be able to log into google classroom from a cell phone if they have to leave the home for whatever reason with their parents?**
 - All students were given a school issued laptop and should use that to complete their work. A cell phone should only be used in an emergency situation.
- **Do the students have to stay logged on for a class for the whole time if they understand the lesson?**
 - Yes, students should stay logged in for the whole class, or until the teacher dismisses them to complete work on their own.
- **Can we do one on one with a teacher?**
 - The best way to have an individual conversation with a teacher would be through email.
- **If a student is absent from online classes does the parent need to send in a note to explain the absence?**
 - Yes, excuse notes for missed classes due to illness or appointments should be emailed to Leah O'Connor at l.oconnor@ppcsd.org

- **Are these lessons being taped so the kids can review the lesson again ?**
 - No, the Google Meets will not be recorded, however teachers may have demonstration videos and other resources available if you miss a lesson.
- **When will we be picking up textbooks and syllabus?**
 - Most textbooks and syllabi will be available digitally. We will be having pick ups throughout the month of September on Fridays from 12pm - 5pm. A weekly email will be sent to students and parents listing courses that have materials to be picked up.
- **If we miss a lesson will we be able to get the lesson and curriculum to catch up?**
 - Yes, similar to in person learning if you miss a lesson you can make up that work. It is always best to email your teacher and check your Google Classroom for how to do so.
- **What happens if we have internet connection issues and miss part of a class or classes?**
 - Email your teacher to let them know what happened. If the issue persists please email Mrs. Grieb or Mr. Boyd for further assistance. If the teacher has internet issues they will do their best to reconnect. If the class ends before they can reconnect the student should check their email for information and then log into their next class.
- **When will class start online?**
 - Classes start on September 9th at 7:30am. At that time you should log into your first period Google Classroom.
- **Do I log in for Study Hall or Lunch?**
 - No, study hall and lunch are a break time and do not require you to log in.

- **Children with IEPs may require extra review after the lesson. Will that be up to the co-taught class teachers?**
 - All services that are required on the IEP will be available. Students who require Study Center have that as a class on their schedule. This is a case by case situation.

- **Can we eat snacks during online class?**
 - Students are expected to be respectful of their teacher and classmates, but also may need to take care of their own needs. This would be allowed as long as it will not be distracting, disruptive or interfering with the educational process.

- **What happens if we lose power/internet during class time? Does that count as an absence and will there be a way for the kids to see what they miss?**
 - In this case please email the teacher as soon as possible to explain the situation. They will be able to assist with attendance and making up work.

- **When is the district going to reassess and possibly open in a hybrid state?**
 - After 5 weeks of remote learning the district will reevaluate the current state and make decisions about next steps.

- **How will clubs work? Will they even happen?**
 - At the beginning of the year clubs will be suspended, however we hope to have some clubs up and running virtually as soon as possible.

- **Will we still have field trips ?**
 - While working remotely we will not have in person Field Trips. Some may be taking place virtually.

- **What about regents?**
 - At this point we are preparing to take the Regents in June 2021. If anything changes we will let you know.

- **Will we have to make up last year's regents?**
 - If you passed the course then you received credit for the Regents exam for that class. In this case you will not have to make up the exam.
- **How are we going to start sports if we're doing online school?**
 - As of right now a decision on sports has not been made. When that occurs we will communicate with the community. Further information about sports will be shared when it is available.
- **How will student council elections be held?**
 - Once we start having after school clubs and activities we will inform the student body about student council elections.
- **Will there be dress codes ?**
 - The dress code for remote learning will be the same as it is for in person learning.
- **What will grading be like ?**
 - Junior High: There are 5 grading bands, similar to what we had in the spring.
 - High School:
- **Are we allowed to leave to go to the bathroom or is that expected during breaks?**
 - Bathroom breaks are allowed during the class period, but please be mindful of your time and try to take them between classes.
 - You may go to the bathroom if necessary. If you can give the teacher a warning that you are going it would be extremely helpful.
- **Will we be using Zoom or Google Meet?**
 - All classes will be using Google Meet to do their remote learning classes. Follow links and information on Google Classroom for each teacher.

- **Supply lists aren't there for all of my child's classes.**
 - Only certain classes require particular supplies. As your students move through Stissing, part of the process is finding what note taking and organizational methods best suit the student and their style. Some like a binder, others a spiral notebook with a folder for handouts.
 - Each student will need a binder or notebook for each class, post it notes, pens and pencils, highlighters and index cards. Other specific supplies may be requested by the teacher.

- **Do cameras have to be on during class?**
 - We prefer to see the student as much as possible. If the camera is off, students need to be able to turn it on when requested and/or answer the questions asked by the teacher as required.