

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to update you on happenings at the school district as we enter of first week of school. As you know, we are providing a remote learning program for all grades. Our special education classes are meeting in-person and our out-of-district placements are following the format of the host provider. We will be closely monitoring the experiences of the four school districts who have offered in-person learning to determine whether we will be able to transition to the hybrid learning model after the first five weeks. We will be sure to give parents sufficient notice once that decision is made.

Our food service program continues to operate with breakfast and lunch provided to students in remote instruction. Meals can be picked up at any one of our schools, or delivered to your home. All registered students are eligible for no charge meals at least through December 31st. For more information please email Mr. Larry Anthony, Food Service Director at l.anthony@ppcsd.org. To sign up for meals email mealorder@ppcsd.org. We would love to see more households sign up for these meals. There is no cost to the families and there is no cost to the school district, as the meals are fully subsidized.

Because of the strict guidelines that we must follow, visitors to our school buildings must have an appointment to meet with any of our staff members. Please call the school during regular business hours to make an appointment. When you arrive at the school, you must check in with our greeter. The greeter will contact the staff member who you are visiting who will do a quick health screening and escort you to the appointment location.

Finally, we have just received word on the start of school athletics. The Section IX Athletic Council, our governing body, voted to start the winter season on November 30th. For Pine Plains our winter sports are basketball and winter track. This is subject to the Governor permitting basketball and having a facility willing to host winter track. It is currently considered one of the high-risk sports. Under this schedule, the fall sports would be played from early March through early May. Again, that season includes volleyball which is on the high risk list and would require a change from the Governor. That season also includes football which we learned will be permitted starting in March. Finally, the spring sports would be played in May and June. For us that includes baseball, softball and outdoor track.

As always if you have a school specific question please call that school's main office. For district questions please email me m.handler@ppcsd.org.

Please be well and stay safe.

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent