October 9th, 2020

Dear Colonel Families,

With Hamilton County being in the red again this week, the district has announced that we will be in a blended learning model beginning on Monday, October 12th, 2020. With this announcement we will have students with last names beginning with A - L attend school on Monday and Tuesday in person, and utilize remote learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Students whose last names begin with M - Z will utilize remote learning on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with face-to-face instruction being on Thursday and Friday. Our staff is ready and we have done this model in the past. We learned a lot in the first two weeks of the school year, and will put into practice what we now know.

The big thing we found out in the first two weeks is we will not need two dismissal in a blended model. We will dismiss daily at 3:30 p.m. in a blended learning model. The reason we stagger is to eliminate students congregating under the carpool awning, and with only half of our students our lot can accommodate the number of cars needed to take them home.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Date	Students Last Names A - L	Students Last Names M - Z	Dismissal Time
Monday 10/12	Face-to-Face	Remote Learning	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/13	Face-to-Face	Remote Learning	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10/14	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	3:30 p.m.
Thursday 10/15*	Remote Learning	Face-to-Face	3:30 p.m.
Friday 10/16	Remote Learning	Face-to-Face	3:30 p.m.

^{*}The district will make a decision on Thursday 10/15/2020 based on the Hamilton County Color system.

Brian Conners and Amy Marquette

 REVISED DATES FOR FALL PICTURE DAYS!! Ritchie Photo will be at CO Harrison on Thursday, October 22nd for Individual Picture day for Students with last name M-Z for all grades. Ritchie Photo will be at CO Harrison on Monday, October 26th for Individual Picture day for Students with last name A-L for all grades.

Look for Order forms to come home TODAY-(dates will still say Oct 21 & 22nd on the FORM) Virtual Academy Individual Student Picture Day will be on Retake Day, Thursday, December 3rd from 1:20pm-2:30pm.

- 2. It is with sincere regret, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we have to postpone our PTA Walkathon until the Spring. Below we've outlined what you need to know going forward:
 - * Walkathon will be held no matter what in the Spring. Date to be determined.
 - * A surprise is being planned by Mr. Connors and Ms. Marquette.
 - * We are extending turn in for prizes by 1 week. Final deadline is Friday October 16.
 - * All prizes will be delivered as soon as possible with the exception of the dunk tank. That will be delayed until spring.
 - * If you've ordered a shirt, we've submitted the order and we will have them by the end of October if not sooner. We will distribute them once we receive them. Thank you to 5th Grader Tayla Harris. She is this year's shirt design winner. We look forward to sharing it with you soon!

We want to thank all parents and students for your fundraising efforts. We really appreciate your support. Even though we're not holding events in the building, we're still supporting our students in other ways. Any questions or concerns can be directed to coharrisonpta.2vp@gmail.com

- 3. Click here for a link to information about an OHLSD survey regarding Positive Behavior Support in our school.
- 4. Click here for a link for Free Flu Vaccine Informational Flyer from our school nurse
- 5. 20-21 Instructional Fees are \$85 and can be paid online using EZ Pay on the Parent Portal @ ohlsd.org or mailing a check or money order to the school at 585 Neeb Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45233. If you mail in or send in a payment with your student, please download a copy of the Instructional Fee paperwork to fill out and include with your payment. Click here for a link to the Instructional Fee Paperwork.
- 6. Any cash payments sent in with students for Instructional Fees or Chromebook Insurance must include the paperwork, be in an envelope with the student name and it must be for the **EXACT** amount. Teachers do not have change.
- 7. Attendance reminder! Please make sure to report the reason for your child's absence each day they are absent-this includes remote learning days as well as student sick in Virtual Academy. Parents must contact the school @922-1485, press "1" to leave a message on the absence line. Messages must include your student's name, your name, teacher's name and grade level as well as the reason for the absence. You may also email the attendance secretary @ blome d@ohlsd.org to report the reason for your child's absence each day. If you receive a OneCallNow message that a child of yours has been reported absent with no call to the school (or email) then your child will be unexcused. You must contact the attendance secretary to report the reason WHY your child is not in school.
- 8. Primary contacts (Residential Parent/ Legal Guardian) can add up to 5 additional emails or phone numbers to the OneCall Now system by creating an account with mycallnow. Here are the instructions:
 - **Add Additional Numbers** The student's primary contact can create a *My Call Now* account to add an addition 5 email addresses or cell phone numbers to also receive *One Call Now* alerts and messages. You may do this by going to https://www.mycallnow.com and creating an account using the Primary contact's email address and your student's ID number.
 - * Please note school district personnel are not able to access phone numbers or email addresses entered on this site, only the Primary Contact can make changes to the *mycallnow* system.
- 9. Click here for a link to PTA Spirit wear Order site Extra paper copies are available in the school front office if needed
- 10. Oak Hills Youth Athletics (OHYA) Sports Registrations Information on ALL sports, registration fees and registration links can be found by going to www.ohyouthathletics.org and choosing the sport.

11. We are so excited to welcome our Colonels back to school! Although as of now we are not permitted to use the building to host events, we still need your help. Please consider joining the PTA. Membership is \$6 per person. Until safety guidelines permit us to host events, we will continue to assist our teachers/staff, and students. Your membership will help us to support them throughout the year. And to our virtual academy families, we would love for you to join as well! #weareateam

We've added a new option this year to submit your membership. If you wish to use our easy, online option for a no contact form of payment, please use the MemberHub link below. A small processing fee applies. The receipt that is emailed to you will have a digital copy of your PTA membership card.

https://cohcolonels.new.memberhub.store/store

For anyone who would still wish to send in cash or a check, please fill out the google form below and send your payment in to school. The envelope must be clearly marked and have your name and the students name on it or in it. There will be no physical membership cards this year. Once we receive your payment, a digital card will be emailed to you. https://forms.gle/QGDQejzBPnPt3AZv6

If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan Williams at smkloepfer@gmail.com

The Food Service Department is offering ALL of our virtual academy students breakfast and lunch FREE OF CHARGE through December 31, 2020. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity as it provides your child with meals for the week and helps to keep our food service program sustainable. We will be distributing meals (5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals) on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at each of the elementary school buildings and Delhi Middle School. Any child in your household, ages 1-18, is eligible to pick up meals for the entire week. You must pre-order your meals no later than Monday, September 21 by 12:00 PM. We will communicate this form to our virtual academy families on a weekly basis and ask that you sign up each for meal service.

Please use this sign up for meal service:

OHLSD Virtual Academy Meals Sign Up

IMPORTANT DATES

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Links:

The 2020-2021 OHLSD School Calendar is available at www.ohlsd.org.

Click here for a link to the OHLSD Parent Portal Click here for a link to the Updated School Supply List Click here for a link to the October Lunch Menu



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That is ALL-you can stop reading now!! Have a great weekend!