

April 3, 2020

Community Middle School Weekly Update

WW-P schools will be closed for Spring Break from Wednesday, April 8 – Sunday, April 19, returning to virtual instruction Monday, April 20. The next newsletter will be sent Friday, April 24.

New helpful tips for #TeamCommUNITY:

- During remote learning days, Panthers stay connected to #TeamCommUNITY and WWPRSD communications. Follow teachers and administrators on Twitter for district and personal updates. Dr. Carter also created a FlipGrid for you to check-in with her and the rest of #TeamCommUNITY. We want you to stay informed and encouraged!
- Go on a virtual tour or field trip of a zoo, aquarium, museum, or historic site. Many zoos and aquariums have live cams within their animal exhibits. Museums and historical sites around the world are also giving virtual tours.
- Your favorite author, dancer, musician or artist may be using social media to share their talents with you. Participate in a live chat with them or watch their tutorial video to learn something new.
- As always, remember to follow the CDC guidelines, maintain social distancing and utilize proper hand-washing. We want all our Panthers to be safe and healthy during this time.
- Organize your day so you have time to complete school assignments and eat a healthy breakfast, snack and lunch while learning remotely.
- With your family's permission, get some fresh air. Run, walk, jump around or chalk draw on the sidewalk. Find particular flowers, birds, or insects in your neighborhood. Take a picture or just observe.
- Turn off the computer after school assignments are complete. Give your eyes a rest from looking at a computer screen or phone. Talk with your family or a friend. Play eye spy, truth or dare, ask 21 questions or play a board game. Start a new family tradition. As a family, you can cook or create something new for your family to enjoy. Perform a skit or play. Write a song, play an instrument, or choreograph a dance.

- Read a book for fun and tell your family or a friend about it.

School Updates

Remote Learning Reminders:

- Please remember that district devices and email accounts are only for school-related activities.
- If you or your child need assistance, please email CMS@ww-p.org or GMS@ww-p.org. This email is being monitored during weekdays, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- If your child is ill, please note it in Genesis as usual and there is no need to email your child's individual teachers. Please take care of yourselves and your family.
- Students will be able to complete work on their own schedule and will have real-time access to teacher feedback during the "office hours" below.
- Students should follow teachers' instructions on their teachers' Google Classrooms.
- Students will receive feedback via Google Classroom (not on Genesis) from their teachers.
- Students should be sure to hit "**Submit**" when completing assignments via Google Classroom.
- Students should submit questions to teachers during the designated "office hours" period/day/time via Google Classroom or email their teachers directly.
- Teachers will check email, give feedback on assignments, and/or respond to students' comments and questions during designated "office hours" period/day/time.
- Teachers may participate in a Google Hangout with their students and students will have access to Google Hangout from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- If your child is not following up on assignments, a staff member will contact you

Google Classroom by Graduating Class: Students are reminded, if they have not done so already, they should join the Google Classroom associated with their

graduating class to ensure they are receiving important messages from their school counselor. If your son/daughter has not already joined and requires the classroom code, please have them email the school counselor.

WW-P Middle School March/April Office Hour Calendar: The Middle School virtual “office hours” calendar through May 1, 2020, can be viewed/downloaded [here](#).

Spam Folder: During this period of virtual/remote learning, our teachers will be reaching out via phone and email to students and parents. Please check your spam filters to ensure that emails sent from your child(ren)’s teachers are being directed to your inbox and not your spam folder.

District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [COVID-19 Information](#) | [Virtual/Remote Learning Website](#)

Virtual Spring Break

- WWPRSD's spring break will be a little different this year, but Dr. Aderhold wanted to provide students and families with some fun, educational activities. Check out this list of [virtual experiences](#) for your family to enjoy.

Notification in Genesis

- Upon login, parent/guardian #1 associated with each student in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) will be prompted to confirm that he/she has read the notice from WW-P regarding student and teacher use of online video platforms for the purposes of instruction, counseling, nursing and related services. This notification must be reviewed before the system will open to all other parents/guardians associated with the student account. If you do not wish your student to participate in online video use for the above-mentioned services, please complete the form in the notice on the Genesis Parent Portal.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Health Resources:** WW-P district nurses have pulled together [important health information](#) for families. Please check it out.
- Wellness Website: The WW-P District Wellness Committee has created a [website](#) to promote the understanding that wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life. Students, families, and staff are encouraged to embed these self care resources into their daily routine.

Curriculum Corner

- Click [here](#) for a message from Dr. Pamela Nathan, WW-P Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Food Services

- If your child(ren) receives food benefits, please check your email for instructions.
- If your financial situation has recently changed and you would like information on food benefits, please click [here](#) for details and to download the application.

Technology

- **Broken Chromebook?:** WW-P students with Chromebooks that are damaged or in need of repair should complete this [Google form](#) (students must log in to their Google account to access the form). Once the form has been completed, students or parents may bring the broken device to the front of High School North (90 Grovers Mill Rd., Plainsboro) on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

District Facilities

- **Playground Equipment and Athletic Fields:** As WW-P continues to sanitize our facilities and practice social distancing, all school playground equipment/athletic fields/courts/tracks/etc remain closed until further notice.

State Information

- **State of New Jersey:** www.covid19.nj.gov has been created as the official **COVID-19** information hub for the State of New Jersey. The website includes up-to-date information, services, where to find assistance, job opportunities, and more.
- **New Jersey Department of Education:** Governor Murphy [announced on March 24](#) that NJ is canceling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window.
- **A Program of Center for Food Action - Hunger Free New Jersey:** This non-profit organization is working with its partners to inform citizens of rapidly developing changes to address hunger during this crisis. For information and resources on programs such as NJ school meals, SNAP, WIC, and more, please visit the [organization's website](#).

Registration

- At this time, all student registration for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year, as well as students moving into the WW-P Regional School District will be done by appointment and virtually until the district re-opens. Please [click](#) here for more information and to begin the process.

District Communications

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our [district communication tool](#). SchoolMessenger integrates with Genesis. It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis so that you may receive emails/texts/calls from WW-P.

Board of Education Meetings

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)