



January 8, 2021

Focus...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

To provide additional communication for families, this short newsletter will be available each week.

Notes:

☑ The Allegheny Valley School District has scheduled a School-Community Night for Thursday, January 14. Teachers will be scheduling personalized information time with families during various time periods. The sessions will be held via Google Meet or by phone. Additional information will be sent to parents soon.

☑ During the School Community Night on January 14th, the District invites parents to participate in an Online Support Circle in response to COVID-19/Social Distancing. The circle is used in Restorative Justice practices taken from Native American culture, and allows a safe space to foster connection and share. The program will be facilitated by District school counselors and its social worker. Two time slots are offered: 4:00-5:00 and 6:00-7:00 pm. If you would like to participate, or just be an observer of the process, please complete the Google Form found at <https://forms.gle/qnH1Kqkk7P5pefrP9>

Please refer questions to: Ms. Garbisch rgarbisch@avsd.k12.pa.us, Ms. Sadowski asadowski@avsd.k12.pa.us, Ms. Dyer rdyer@avsd.k12.pa.us or Ms. Britton dbritton@avsd.k12.pa.us

Focus On: The Classroom



Springdale Jr-Sr High School Athletics officially returned on January 4. Schedules will be intact from January 8 forward, with the Athletic Director rescheduling cancelled games. Game date and time changes will be listed on the District's web site calendar. Teams will follow all health and safety procedures, including mandatory mask wearing during practices and games. At this time, no spectators are permitted for games at SHS. Girls' and Boys' Varsity home games will be live streamed on www.yinzlive.com.



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For Your Information:

- The District's Health Department reminds parents to contact their child's building nurse in the event that he/she becomes ill. Even with students on remote learning, the nursing staff continues to concentrate on Covid-19. In an effort to remain current, the nurses will assess this information.

Good Things:

- District staff will be returning to the buildings full time on Monday, January 11. Administrators have scheduled students to return to hybrid learning on Tuesday, January 19. Please look for additional information from your child's building principal.

Dates To Remember:

Jan. 12 – School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 14 – School-Community Night

Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Clerical Day (teachers only)

Questions & comments should be emailed to:
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COVID HEALTH ALERT

The Allegheny Valley School District was notified after the Holiday Break that additional staff and students have tested positive for COVID-19. None of the individuals have been in the buildings for more than a week; the cases are unrelated and do not suggest school community spread. With the District continuing to hold education on a remote format, District officials still believe it is prudent and responsible to communicate these illnesses to the school community.

Please understand, that the District has an obligation to the health, safety, and welfare of all members of our community AND an obligation to protect the privacy of individuals affected. Therefore, Allegheny Valley will not release the names of anyone affected by the virus.

In addition, to provide timely and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 cases, Health Alerts will include a summary report. Please remember, when COVID-19 cases are confirmed in the District, notification is sent to the appropriate members of the school community regarding contact tracing and steps taken following the guidance of the Allegheny County Health Department. We believe this report will be helpful as we move forward.

Below is a total summary of cases to date in the Allegheny Valley School District:

Building	Active	Prior/Non-Active
Springdale Jr-Sr High School	1	4
Acmetonia Elementary School	2	6
District (in both buildings)	1	0
Total	4	10
Out of District Schools	0	2

Additional information on symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on the CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact our School Nurse, Ms. Kandi Conner at kconner@avsd.k12.pa.us. As always, thank you for your cooperation as we continue our mitigation efforts.