



October 2, 2020

Friday Flashback...

A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

To provide additional communication for families on the re-opening of school, this short newsletter will be available each Friday.

Notes from Dr. Graczyk:

After many discussions about when to return to the “normal” school routine, I would like to share my suggested course of action for the next phase of reopening. We anticipate bringing back all students who are able to return to school for 5-day a week instruction on **October 26**. We will be extending the Hybrid Phase until then to allow additional time for re-arranging classrooms, working with the bus company, monitoring local metrics, addressing staffing issues, and transitioning students and staff to the In-person Traditional Phase with health/safety precautions. Additional considerations:

The Traditional Phase:

- Student drop off and pick up will create an abbreviated student day because many parents are providing transportation.
- Large gatherings are to be avoided.
- Masks or face shields will be required unless a medical excuse is provided.
- Social Distancing will be to the maximum extent possible and will rarely be 6 feet. So that students can remove their masks, seating at lunches will need to be 6-feet apart.
- Concerns that necessitate action might trigger a prolonged stay in the Hybrid Phase instead of being able to move to the Traditional Phase.

Staffing: The District is currently short-staffed, and substitutes are difficult to find, in several areas of our organization (teachers/custodians)

Metrics: Spikes of COVID in Allegheny County might precipitate an inability to move to the In-person Traditional Phase.

Best,
Dr. G



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Committee Reports:

Reopening of School

Information for parents continues to be distributed as it comes available.

Parents/guardians are reminded to see the District web site for Reopening of Schools information.

Health & Safety

- The committee continues to review safety measures for students and staff.
- Nurses are also working with staff to answer questions and establish best practices for when students enter the buildings

Nurse Hotline:

A resource for parents/ guardians to ask medical questions.

CALL:

cell 724-900-5443
office 724-274-2911

to talk with a nurse.

Updates

Health & Safety: Please remind your child that he/she MUST wear a face covering (mask/face shield) to school EVERY day. This practice is part of the Health & Safety Plan that allows the District to reopen for in person instruction.

Athletics: In light of the most recent court ruling this week, the Allegheny Valley School District will continue to limit the number of spectators permitted at athletic events. Those numbers will return to the limits originally placed on indoor and outdoor event. Please continue to watch for additional information from the District next week on our web site.

Dates for Springdale Jr-Sr High School Senior Nights have been established:

Tuesday, October 6	Volleyball
Friday, October 9	Football, Cheerleaders, Marching Band
Tuesday, October 13	Girls' Soccer

Technology: New Chromebooks have been received by the District and were setup for students this week. The Tech Department is in the process of deploying them to 3rd, 11th, and 12th grade. In addition, T-Mobile has approved Allegheny Valley to receive free WiFi hotspots. Administrators are completing the enrollment process.

Resources

Springdale Free Public Library - The Springdale Free Public Library offers resources for area families. Please contact them for additional information:



Important Dates:

- Oct. 13 School Board Planning Session, 7:00 p.m.
Monthly meeting of the Board.
- Oct. 16 Homecoming
- Oct. 20 School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Monthly meeting of the Board.

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