

Weekly Parent Email | January 16, 2022

Dear RES parents,

I am happy to report that our work together to manage the COVID-19 Omicron variant is keeping positive cases below five percent. We will continue to keep our current precautions in place until Friday, January 28th. The school day will continue to end early at 2:27 p.m., and we will need to have another half day ending at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26th. We anticipate that on Monday, January 31st, we will resume the normal school day schedule. We hope to gradually lift additional modifications we have made over time.

Last week, nine students and two staff members tested positive for COVID-19. This is down from twelve students and three staff members from the previous week. On January 12, 2022, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) adopted guidance for schools to help us manage the current realities and quarantine expectations. The link to information through ISBE is here. The link to information through CDPH is here. The summary information from the CDPH that we will be following is summarized below. Please pay close attention to the definition of fully vaccinated; this definition continues to evolve.

Close Contacts/Exposure to COVID-19

- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine.
- For individuals age 5-17: up-to-date vaccination means 2 weeks after their primary series.
- For individuals age 18 and older: up-to-date vaccination means having a booster shot if eligible or 2 weeks after their primary series of Modernaor Pfizer within the last 6 months or 2 weeks after their primary series of Johnson & Johnson in the last 2 months.
- If an individual is not fully vaccinated as described above, they should quarantine for 5 full days.
- All close contacts should get tested on day 5 to make sure they test negative for COVID-19.

Tested Positive/Showing Symptoms

- Individuals who test positive should stay home for 5 full days after their symptom onset or if they are asymptomatic (not showing symptoms, after their test date).
- At the end of day 5: individuals can return to school if they have been fever free for 24 hours, have not been experiencing vomiting or diarrhea for 48 hours, and their symptoms are improving.
- After returning on day 6:
 - All individuals are required to wear a face mask at all times except when eating/drinking.
 - These individuals must eat lunch 6 feet apart from everyone.
 - These individuals may not participate in sports competitions or performances until 10 full days have passed after their test date/symptom onset.

Other Information

If an individual has a history of taking their masks on and off or not social distancing,

- then they should isolate/quarantine for 10 days.
- Schools can (and at times may be directed to by their local health department) take more stringent measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the facility.

COVID-19 Vaccination Collection

We are updating our survey information for vaccinations this week. Every family will receive a new survey to complete with current vaccination information. This survey will ask about vaccination boosters and past COVID-19 positive tests. Reorganizing this survey information will allow us to streamline our ongoing management of this data. Please watch for the survey this week. We will need everyone to complete this survey by Sunday, January 23rd.

Outside of COVID-19 management, we continue to move forward with in-person teaching and learning. There are many updates below that will help you plan for what is coming in the next few months.

TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATES

GPA Update

 We are still working with PowerSchool to confirm all of the GPAs are accurate. We hope to have this process finished in the next week.

Fall Standardized Testing Results

- All of the standardized testing results from the fall are in
- The Counselors and Ms. Hanrahan will present to each class what the test covers and how students can interpret their results
- We plan to host either an in-person or virtual parent evening in the Spring to explain our testing program and explain how we use the results to further develop our curriculums

Spring Testing Schedule

Juniors Testing

- All Juniors will take the ACT on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, during the school day
- Students will remain in school after the test to engage in college exploration programming
- Juniors have been registered for the test and the accommodations have been requested for students with an IEP, ISP, or 504 Plan
- The \$48 test fee will automatically be added to all of the Juniors FACTS accounts as a fee that will be non-refundable. Taking the test during the school day saves every family \$12.
- There will be no make-up date for the exam. If students are not in school on March 29, 2022, they will have to take the test at another school on a Saturday at an additional cost.

Sophomores and Freshmen Testing

- On Friday, April 29, 2022, sophomores will take the PSAT 10 and freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9
- These tests will allow us to measure student growth from the fall PSAT to the spring PSAT
- Sophomores will be released at the conclusion of the testing to get ready for their Sophomore Formal that evening
- Freshmen will remain in school for Ministry programming
- There is no make-up date for this testing
- This is a critical day that impacts instruction, therefore students should only miss school for illness.

AP Exams, Seniors Testing

- Exams will begin the week of May 2nd and conclude on May 12th
- We are exploring the possibility of conducting optional study sessions for students on Friday, April 29
- Each exam has its own time slot and all students will take the corresponding exam for their AP classes

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE REMINDERS

Resurrection is now accepting need-based tuition assistance applications for the 2022-23 school year. Resurrection is managing the application process using FACTS. **The FACTS application for current families is due on February 4, 2022. The FACTS application and a Frequently Asked Questions section are on the RES website:**reshs.org/parents/financial-information/scholarships.

If you are a current parent and will have a freshman attending RES in the 2022-23 school year, you must adhere to the due dates outlined for incoming freshmen. FACTS applications for the incoming freshmen (9th graders) are due on January 17, 2022.

Scholarship applications are due on February 7, 2022. Students must complete the General Application if they are applying for a scholarship. If a scholarship requires supportive documentation, the application will outline the supplemental information requested. The list of RES scholarships is on the website: reshs.org/parents/financial-information/scholarships. If additional scholarships open, the information will be added to the RES website.

PARENTS CLUB AND MEN'S CLUB

Please join us Tuesday, February 1st for Pizza with the Resurrection Parents Club and Men's Club! Help us say thank you to our "graduating" board members, meet new parents and learn how you can become part of these clubs.

As part of our Centennial year, we are bringing back some of our favorite events from years past, like our Father Daughter Dance! Please fill out the <u>Father Daughter Dance</u> <u>Planning Committee Interest Form</u> if you are interested in assisting in putting on this time-honored event. Please RSVP to Julia Dombrowski at jdombrowski@reshs.org.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at cbrewer@reshs.org.

Ms. Brewer Principal

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 17th | No school, Martin Luther King Day
- February 21st | No school, Presidents' Day
- March 4th | 7th Grade Experience Day No school for students
- March 10th | End of 3rd Quarter
- March 11th | Staff In-Service, No school for students
- March 25th | No school for students or staff
- April 14th April 24th | Easter Break
- April 25th | Classes Resume

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