



## **Resurrection Parent Update Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

As you know, we have made adjustments to our school day to manage the spike in COVID-19 cases. I know ending the school day early makes scheduling difficult for families, but we believe these changes layered together will minimize the spread within our student population. Our administration greatly appreciates your cooperation and support. Based on your feedback since we released our new guidelines on December 30, 2021, below are a few additional clarifications on our new policies. I am also including a few updates on report cards and purchasing books for the second semester.

### **Attendance**

Many of you receive immediate alerts on Powerschool if your daughter is marked absent. Yesterday morning we had a high absent call-in volume, and some students were given an Unexcused First Period Absence even though they were called in as absent. Please give us some extra time in the morning to get through our voicemail and update your daughter's status in Powerschool if you called her in.

### **In Person Versus Remote Learning**

Yesterday I told the students that they should bring home all of their essential materials each day in case we have to switch to remote learning quickly. Our goal is to stay in person, and we have layered additional mitigations to help that happen. We will stay in person as long as it is safe and sustainable. We do not have a specific metric, but the leadership team is meeting every afternoon to review how many students and staff are absent due to positive test results, close contacts, and our typical absences. If the number of faculty or students that are out makes the ongoing in person learning unsafe, then we will need to make this shift. If we make this decision, we will get this information out to you as soon as possible so you can make plans.

### **Quarantine Guidelines**

The IDPH has not changed its guidance for schools regarding quarantine expectations for students testing positive. We are regularly looking at their school guidance for updates. In the meantime, if a student tests positive for COVID-19, they will need to quarantine for ten (10) days. We have adjusted our expectations in the last couple of days for students who come in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. On December 30, 2021, we stated students may return from close contact after seven (7) days if they have a negative PCR test. With the extreme delay in receiving those results, we will now accept a negative rapid test result after the 6th day of close contact from any FDA approved rapid test. This protocol also aligns with the IDPH guidelines.

### **Student Support for Those Absent from COVID-19 or Close Contacts**

If your daughter is quarantined for testing positive or being in close contact with someone who is positive, our teachers and counselors will be working with your daughter to keep them as current as possible. We are giving our teachers flexibility on how to manage this process. Some teachers will create a live Zoom link so they can watch parts of the class. Some teachers will record their direct instruction and post that on Schoology. All teachers will reach out to their students who are quarantined through email every few days and offer a Zoom conversation to clarify anything she is struggling within their class. If you or your daughter need clarification about what is happening in a class, please contact the teacher directly.

### **COVID-19 Positive Cases**

As of Tuesday, January 4, 2022, we had sixteen (16) confirmed positive COVID-19 student cases and two (2) staff members. These were all connected to activities or personal contacts over Christmas break. We anticipate an increase in cases over the next couple of days as people get tested or symptoms arise. We appreciate you being proactive regarding quarantining or testing based on their personal situation.

### **Report Cards**

The semester grades will be finalized and posted early next week. This week we are working internally to double-check grades and reports.

### **Second Semester Books**

If your daughter started a new course this semester, please confirm that she has access to her textbooks through Textbook Hub. You might need to go back into Textbook Hub and purchase new books for the second semester long courses. Please contact Ms. Terri Hanrahan, the Assistant Principal, for any Textbook Hub questions.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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