

Good evening!

I want to take the time to communicate more information to our families tonight.

In-Person Student Certification of Being COVID-19 Free:

With a strong majority of our population coming back to school, it is critical that we all help keep our staff and students safe. For this reason, parents will be asked to certify every morning that their child is COVID-19 symptom free and has not been in contact with a person who is tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days. We will be using our Skyward program that will be a simple mechanism to check boxes, taking less than 10 seconds, to certify your child for the day. We will also have an app available to the same Skyward link to be able to certify on your phone. Instructions for how to access and complete the certification will be sent out to parents in the next several days. If a parent does not have electronic access, there will be a form that they can send in each day with their child.

IMPORTANT: We are even looking at a method to try to help remind our families via text each morning. If we have a phone number capable of receiving texts on file on Monday, October 12th you should receive the following text from ##### (4 digit generated number) requesting you to opt-in to continue receiving important informational text messages from your child's school: **“Shiloh Village School District #85 messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP for info. Msg & data rates may apply. schoolmessenger.com/tm”**

Remote Learning:

In the first quarter, our families did not have a choice of whether to be remote or in person. With this second quarter, we have many families choosing to remain remote as the best option for them. With that, we would like to give our families who are staying remote more information regarding expectations and upcoming information being sent out to you.

First, I am excited and proud that all of our teachers will be live streaming with remote students while teaching their in-person classroom students during the day. Grade level teams will be emailing their parents and students information tomorrow, Thursday, October 8th, regarding their approach and a specific schedule for students to be on-line with their in-person classmates. It is the expectation that students be present on-line to receive the best possible educational experience. Remote students and parents will still have access to teachers in the afternoon between 2:00pm and 3:00pm for questions or extra support. There is no expectation that teachers will be available beyond 3:00pm. With our new format in second quarter, the homework and assignment expectations will follow our traditional handbook language which is 20% deducted after one day late and 50% deducted from day two late until the end of the chapter. Of course, we understand the technology at times can be unpredictable and there can be issues. Additionally, there are family circumstances that sometimes create unforeseen obstacles as well. If you have a specific occurrence that effects the turning in of assignments, we ask the parents to reach out to either the office and/or your child's teacher within 24 hours so that arrangements can be made to accommodate extra time. We are excited to offer the richest experience possible to our remote learners.

Calendar:

We will have another remote learning day tomorrow. Friday will be a planning day for teachers with no school for students. Next Monday, the 12th will be Columbus Day and no school for students. Tuesday the 13th will be a normal remote learning day. That brings us to Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th. **On Wednesday the 14th, our students who are returning in-person with the last name beginning with A through L will be coming to school from 8:00am to 12:30pm.** Our students with the last name of M through Z and remote students will be at home. **On Thursday the 15th, our students returning in-person with the last name beginning with M through Z will be coming to school from 8:00am to 12:30pm.** Our in-person students with the last names beginning with A through L and our remote students will be at home. Those students who have been attending school with us for the past several weeks will not follow the alphabet schedule but will stay until 12:30pm. On Friday the 16th, teachers will have a planning day and there will be no school for students.

Whether in-person or remote, for those at home those two days (the 14th and 15th), students may receive ungraded activities from their teachers for practice and skill development. No online teaching should be anticipated. However, we recognize that this first quarter has been unlike any quarter our students have experienced. For that reason, we want to allow our students an opportunity to complete any missing work from the first quarter. If a student who will be coming in-person those two days is caught up with their assignments, they may turn in any borrowed technology when they come on the A through L or M through Z days. If they need their borrowed technology equipment to complete assignments and catch up, they can return their borrowed technology when they come to school Monday the 19th.

Below is the listed calendar once again for the next 2 weeks:

Thurs.	Oct. 8.....	Remote Learning DaysIn-Person Learning for EC-4 Resource Students and Tuition Preschool
Fri.	Oct. 9.....	Remote Learning Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
Mon.	Oct. 12.....	Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL
Tues.	Oct. 13.....	Remote Learning DayIn-Person Learning for EC-4 Resource Students and Tuition Preschool
Wed.	Oct. 14.....	In-Person Last Names Beginning with A through L - 8:00am-12:30pm STUDENTS RETURN TECHNOLOGY DEVICES IF IN-PERSON – UNLESS NEEDEDRemote Learning Day for Those Who Chose that OptionPacket Pickup for Remote – 8am-6pm
Thurs.	Oct. 15.....	In-Person Last Names Beginning with M through Z - 8:00am-12:30pm STUDENTS RETURN TECHNOLOGY DEVICES IF IN-PERSON – UNLESS NEEDEDRemote Learning Day for Those Who Chose that OptionPacket Pickup for Remote
Fri.	Oct. 16.....	End of First Quarter– NO SCHOOLRemote Learning Planning DayPacket Pickup for Remote - 8am-6pm
Mon.	Oct. 19.....	In-Person Last Names Beginning with A through Z - 8:00am-12:30pm STUDENTS <u>MUST</u> RETURN TECHNOLOGY DEVICES IF IN-PERSONRemote Learning Day for Those Who Chose that OptionCLP Begins 6:30am-6:00pm

Transportation

We still need help from some of our families regarding whether or not they will be riding buses if they are returning in-person.

This information is needed because we are adjusting routes (if necessary), evening out our student numbers on buses, and creating seating charts all in an effort to keep our buses safer. So, the information you provide is critical and time sensitive. If you have not done so already, please click the link below and help us with that information.

Fill out one questionnaire per student at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/RDJfz8eLpHCvuxy96>

Further, some families did not receive the bus routes and times last night, so I have attached them to this email.

Thank you again for your support and working with us as we prepare for the second quarter of the school year

Have a great evening!

Dale Sauer