



Lakeville Community Schools

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Hello Falcon Families,

As we are entering into the holiday season, the focus is on being thankful and the gift of giving. I want to keep and maintain that focus even in these uncertain times. It is easy to get wrapped up in all of the negative components of our world, but it takes perseverance, persistence and compassion to see through these troubled times to find the positive. We have many things to highlight in Lakeville in academics, athletics and above all; community. Please find and cherish these positive moments more than you ever have before.

As we continue to move forward with these positive intentions, we cannot ignore the data surrounding us in regards to the ugly reality of Covid-19. Like many of you, we are Covid exhausted. No matter how hard we try to fight, ignore or adapt to living with Covid-19, we sometimes have to put those battles on hold to take a new approach, especially when it comes to the health and safety of our students, staff and our community. **With the continued increase in numbers of Covid-19 cases, effective Wednesday, November 25, Lakeville Community Schools will be making a transition to virtual learning for the remainder of the semester; 1/22/21. At that time, we will re-evaluate, adapt and move forward with the hope and intention of returning to Face to Face instruction on 1/25/21.**

Our intent is to try and get to the Thanksgiving break to allow you, our families, time to adjust schedules in preparation for this transition. We want to get this message out today to allow for as much notification as possible. Though our intent would be getting through 11/24/2020, this may be subject to change based on our local Covid numbers, student quarantines, staffing challenges, and/or state direction. We have been in regular contact with Genesee County Health Department, and though statistically, schools seem to have a lower rate of transmission of Covid, the GCHD supports our decision to close due to the holiday breaks, increased exposure, staffing and management within the district.

Current Virtual Families: You will see no interruption or transition in your learning platform. Staff will continue to support you in the same fashion as we have been since the school year began.

Face to Face Families: The staff is prepared to make this transition and buildings will be sharing information of what this transition will look like. In fact, I know our staff has already started this conversation, planning and training with the students. We have already put some of these practices in place on our virtual Wednesdays. This will not be packets and busy work as it was in the spring. This will be a quality content driven learning experience for your child(ren). The key to the success of this plan will be communication, patience, and flexibility from ALL PARTIES (families, students and staff).

Food Service: Food Service will continue similar to how it was between March and August. Once we have that schedule, we will post and communicate that out immediately.

Devices: If you are still in need of chromebooks and/or Wi-Fi hotspots, please contact your building offices for directions and forms to fill out to get your devices ahead of our transition. These documents and requests can also be found on our website:
<https://sites.google.com/lakevillefalcons.org/parent-online-information/home>

Learning Platform Transfer Requests: Reminder our window to request a transfer between F2F and Virtual or Virtual to F2F is open until the end of the day today. Please contact your building office to make this request. **Please note, this request is not guaranteed.** As we continue to move through the Covid Crisis, we will adjust, adapt and present the best opportunities we have available for our students. Please continue to be patient, flexible and understanding.

Athletics: At this time, we will continue to follow the MHSAA guidelines for 6-12 athletics which will allow us to cautiously move forward. We will continue to monitor this situation very closely as well.

These are trying times and it is clear that Covid has no emotion, no timelines, and no face. As a community we will prevail, we will educate and we will be stronger in the end. As always, please let me or your building administrator know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.
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Sincerely,

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