

Good afternoon East Windsor Families

We are aware that there is a lot of information coming to you from teachers, building administrators and me at the district level. This is on top of the huge amounts of information being shared from the news on TV, radio and online. We are trying to reduce the flow of information to families as best as we can while balancing the information you need to have. The district is not sending out building level newsletters in April for that reason but I will send one communication to all families with district information. We are planning send this once weekly unless there is urgent information to share.

Some of the information may not pertain to you but thank you for understanding as we try to provide information to all families.

### **ABSENCES:**

A reminder to all parents when your child will be absent from learning for the day, please call the nurse line at your child's school and let them know the reason for your child's absence. The nursing staff is still tracking all illnesses.

HS 860-627-0169

MS 860-654-0094

BB 860-627-4986

Parents are welcome to call into the health office and leave a message for the nursing staff regarding illnesses and when to seek a medical provider's attention

### **ATTENDANCE:**

In an effort to streamline attendance, the middle school and high school will be starting a new system beginning Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Each day, students will receive a link to a survey in their individual portal. The link will take them to a form that will ask them their name, grade and if they are present. Students will fill this out daily and then hit submit at the bottom. This will be their attendance record for that school day. They will NOT have to email each teacher on their schedule anymore.

Broad Brook will continue to take attendance the same way they are now.

### **BUDGET:**

The FY21 budget process continues despite our unusual situation. Based on a Governor's Executive Order, the Board of Finance will set the budget, including the Board of Education budget. I am attaching the BOE budget request, the presentation that BOE Chair Cathy Simonelli shared with the BOF on March 18 and the list of

Opportunities to Keep. These documents are also posted on the East Windsor Public Schools website. We will post the dates and times of upcoming budget meetings on the website and on our electronic sign at East Windsor High School.

### **CALENDAR:**

The Board of Education voted to move the spring break to the week of April 13 – April 17 at their special meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. This was done due to the Governor's current order that classes are cancelled until April 20. We did not want to possibly extend our students' time out of school due to a vacation week. During the vacation, students and staff will be able to log off – it will be just like a vacation from our physical school buildings. We hope for families, of both students and staff, can relax and enjoy some time away from work.

The Board of Education also voted to make our last day of school June 18, 2020, due to the four inclement weather days that were used earlier this year.

### **COMPLETED WORK PACKETS:**

If your child has completed their packet of work, it doesn't matter what grade they are in, please drop it off at EWMS between the hours of 7-10 AM. Please be sure to include your child's name and their teacher's name on the envelope so we can easily get it to your child's teacher.

### **COMPUTER PICK UP:**

If you requested a computer for your child you can pick it up on Monday and Tuesday from 7-10 AM at EWMS.

I would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the community and Board of Finance for supporting the added appropriations over the last two years. These added funds allowed us to have sufficient laptops to provide students with tools needed to support the distance learning. East Windsor has the technology that some other districts are not as fortunate to have – all because of community support.

### **FACEBOOK:**

The students, families and staff in East Windsor have shared wonderful pictures of the creative ways we are all trying to stay active and stay connected. Please continue to send pictures for Facebook. It gives us all many reasons to smile!

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Autism Awareness Day. To recognize this day send us a picture of you in blue and we will post on our Facebook page.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATES FOR BROAD BROOK:**

Starting next week BBS teachers will introduce Seesaw. Please watch your email for information on how to register your child. This website/app will provide an easier way for your child to receive and complete work. Your child will be able to submit their work and receive feedback from the teacher.

Here is a link with more information:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFDT1ZRIMnU&list=PLb\\_IPS6CQsC3kCgu1Puo27aPoXqwIIHn&index=6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFDT1ZRIMnU&list=PLb_IPS6CQsC3kCgu1Puo27aPoXqwIIHn&index=6)

## **MEAL DISTRIBUTION:**

“Grab and Go” meals are available at East Windsor Middle School, Monday – Friday from 7 – 10 am. These are available for any East Windsor student regardless of their free and reduced lunch status – any of our students, including East Windsor students who attend magnet schools – are able to get breakfast and lunch. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school and leave a message.

## **REPORT CARDS AND GRADING:**

Quarter 3 ends on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers will be submitting their grades on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is to allow extra time for teachers to accommodate students and families that are struggling with the distant learning process. If families need any support and have not received it yet, they should contact their school’s administration.

Report cards will be provided on the Portal on April 14.

## **TESTING:**

The Connecticut State Department of Education has received a federal waiver of all state testing for this academic year. Smarter Balanced, NGSS testing and the state requirement for students to take SAT are waived for this year. East Windsor High School will provide information regarding Advanced Placement and SAT related to college credit or application as we receive it. Please check the high school website or contact the school guidance counselors if you have specific questions regarding AP or SAT.

Again, we would all like to thank the East Windsor families for your patience and assistance as we adjust to distance learning. As always, feel free to contact your child’s teacher or building administrator if you have any questions.

Take care  
Christine DeBarge, Ed.D  
Superintendent

