



September 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope that you are doing well. Here is the latest news...

Illness

If your child is not feeling well, please do not send him/her into school. Let your child recuperate before he/she returns. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COVID Test

If your child is awaiting the results of a COVID test, please know that your child must stay home until the results are known. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Travel Restrictions

Please know that if you travel to any of the following states, you must self-quarantine for 14 days.

As of September 8, 2020, the following locations meet the criteria and are included in Connecticut's travel advisory. They are:

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho,
Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri,
Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio,
Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia,
West Virginia, Wisconsin

Masks

As the COVID -19 pandemic has evolved, various types and styles of face coverings have either become commercially available for purchase or crafted by individuals at home. According to guidance put forth by the DPH, the most important features of any face covering to be used during the school day will be that it completely covers the nose and mouth of the wearer and that it is comfortable enough to wear

for long periods of time during the school day. Recently, the CDC put out recommendations for mask types, listing the advantages and disadvantages of each type. Recommendations seem to change frequently and different study methodologies may produce results that directly contradict each other. At this time, the CDC does not recommend masks with exhalation valves for use as a source control face covering in the school setting. Thank you for understanding the fluidity in the available information and know that we will continue to provide you with the newest recommendations as they emerge.

September 18th

September 18th is a half-day session for students. Dismissal is at 1:00p.m. for students in grades K-8. Staff will be involved in Professional Development for the afternoon.

That is the news for now. Stay safe and stay hopeful.

Sal and Brian