

March Newsletter

It's hard to believe that in two weeks we will be closing out the 3rd quarter for this school year. As a reminder, we will not have school on Friday, March 26th. Below you will find a lot of pertinent information, so please read this newsletter all the way through.

1. Yearbook: We will still have them
 - a. We have been working with the yearbook company to get a process in place for orders
 - b. Yearbooks will be skinny, with only have student and staff school pictures
 - c. We did not have candid, team, athletics, or club pictures this year due to COVID-19 restrictions
 - d. Parents can order yearbooks by clicking [here](#)
 - e. Please contact Mrs. Augustine with any Yearbook related questions at Patricia.Augustine@avonlakecityschools.org

2. Testing
 - a. State testing for all students will be taking place on the following dates:
 - 3/30 and 3/31 for ELA (1 part each day)
 - 4/27 and 4/28 for Math (1 part each day)
 - 4/29 Science grade 8 only (Both parts in one day). Science sections are significantly shorter

 - b. Testing will begin at 8:15 for all students. Students at the Learwood campus will take their state tests in their core classroom
 - c. Students at the Open Door campus will start their day at Learwood. Parents should drop off their student(s) by 8:15. Bus riders will automatically be dropped off at Learwood on our testing dates. Students at the Open Door Campus will report to the main gym at Learwood for their testing sessions
 - d. Online students will come into the building in the morning to take their test. The testing sessions for online students will also start at 8:15 at Learwood. Families will be responsible for transporting their student(s) to and from Learwood. A separate email will be sent out to online students on Monday, March 29th with their testing room location. For online students only:
 - Families will need to transport students to and from Learwood. No school transportation will be provide
 - Testing will start at 8:15 and students will be dismissed at 11:00 AM
 - Students who have educational plans (IEP or 504) will have

specific information communicated with them by their case manager (Intervention Specialist or Counselor)

- Students who utilize extended time per their IEP or 504 will call home for transportation when they complete their testing
- **We need all online families** to complete this [form](#) by 3/24/21 to let us know if your student(s) will or will not be participating in this year's state testing.
 - Your student(s) is not able to come into test this year, s/he will not be penalized
 - If your student(s) is enrolled in Algebra 1, s/he will be required to take the Algebra 1 end of course exam. If your student(s) is not able to take the test this year, s/he will have be able to take it next year

- e. If you have any questions about testing, please contact me at Vishtasp.Nuggud@Avonlakecityschools.org

3. Washington D.C.

- a. The plan is to go in March of 2022 for our current 7th grade students
- b. There is no plan for this year's 8th grade students to go on the Washington D.C. trip
- c. We are currently looking at travelling from March 16-18, with a second possible date of March 23-25
- d. Information about the trip will be shared in May

4. Class Registration

- a. Class meetings will be held in May for registration from grade 7 to 8
- b. Students at Troy will register for their music class in May
- c. Math and ELA placements for both grades will be made by the teacher based on a variety of factors (Weighted Maps Data, Test scores (no make-up tests), Algebra Readiness Test, CSI, etc.)

5. Re-Integrations Plan

- a. We will have a student Open House in August
- b. Students will be able to visit the building, walk their schedule, meet available staff, learn about club/athletics/events
- c. Locker use still needs to be determined
- d. Each grade will have a different time

6. Town Hall Meeting: We held our quarterly Town Hall meeting with students this week. Below are the talking points that were shared with them

- a. Phones – Phones are to be put away during the entire school day (8:15am – 3:00pm). Teacher discretion is still allowed during classes or lunch/support, but students were reminded that if a teacher is permitting the use of phones during a

class or lunch/support it is a privilege that can be taken away if misused or abused. We emphasized that phones out in the halls are not permitted and students caught with phones out in the halls will have them confiscated and turned into the office, and may require parent pick-up.

- b. Restroom policy – Students were reminded that restroom use is limited to a pass from a class only and their planners should be placed on the table outside the restroom. The point of emphasis was that restroom use during passing time was not permitted.
- c. Dress code – students were reminded of the dress code expectations. Points of emphasis were hoods, hats and the showing of midriff.
- d. Masks – students were reminded of the proper way to wear a mask (nose and mouth covered). Point of emphasis was that the policy of mask wearing continues to be a vital barrier against the spread of COVID 19 and that no changes to our policy have occurred. Proper mask wearing by all is for the safety of yourself and others.
- e. Students were informed that testing dates coming up are March 30-31 and April 27-28 (April 29 for 8th grade Science)
- f. 7th grade students were informed that the D.C. trip is being planned for March 2022 and that their behavior, academics, and attendance will play a part in them earning the privilege of representing Learwood on that trip.
- g. 7th and 8th grade students were reminded that 3rd and 4th quarter grades determine their eligibility for participation in Spring and Fall sports and extracurricular activities