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North Huron Families:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our "Return to School" survey. We spent time reviewing the comments families provided and are making some adjustments based on the comments we have received from the surveys along with feedback from our Safe Learning Ambassadors group and others since we started school on September 8.

First, there is a change to the Calendar for Friday, October 9. All students will be expected to participate in a school wide virtual learning day remotely. Students will be expected to practice virtual learning from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This will count as a day of instruction and student attendance will be recorded. Secondary students will have shortened class sessions but will "attend" every class on their schedule. Tech center students, including dual enrollment students, will not go to the tech center but will be expected to start their day during 3rd hour which will be at 9:40 a.m. with a Google Meet with Mrs. Kramer. These students will receive an email in their school email account with a link to the Google Meet. Elementary students will log into their Google classroom with their teacher for the entire time period. Teachers have practiced with students at school so that they know what to do to participate in virtual learning. To access virtual learning students will need to log into their school email account which is a Gmail (Google) account. Student usernames and passwords have been distributed to elementary parents; secondary students should know their information. If you have questions about accessing the Google account please contact your building administrator.

We have ordered devices (Chromebooks) using the funding granted to our school district through the Federal CARES Act. Once they are received, the devices will be assigned to families based on the federal Title I guidelines. If you have questions regarding receiving a device please contact either Robin Phillips at phillirs@nhuron.org or Barbara Polega at polegab@nhuron.org.

Beginning Monday, October 5 students who are normally dropped off by parents can come into the building starting at 7:30 a.m. Elementary students will continue to enter the building at the main elementary entrance and go straight to the cafeteria; secondary students will need to be dropped

off using the new loop which has building access at the science hallway. Any secondary students dropped in the loop will need to come into the building using the main foyer/media center entrance. All students coming into the building between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. will be expected to go immediately to the cafeteria. We have a supply of board & card games that students may play or they can supply their own activity such as reading a book. The TVs in the cafeteria will also be available. Julie Case, Charlotte Kasper and Lynette Moore will be on hand to monitor and direct students. Parents, a couple of reminders, please do not use the bus loop to drop your students off in the morning and secondary students should be dropped and picked up at the science doors which is labeled as the North Huron Secondary School.

For those of you who do not know this, when your child is not able to be physically present at school they can join the classroom remotely and participate in class. When students do this they can be counted as "present - distance learning" and will not have an absence for the class/classes/day that they were not physically present in the school building.

Also, **beginning Monday, October 5 all K-5 students will have a daily PE class.** Students are excited about this change. Having PE will require that every student have a pair of gym shoes available here at school that will not be worn outside. We ask that families do this to help us protect and preserve the floors in our gyms, which were resurfaced this summer. If you need assistance getting shoes for your children please contact the elementary office at 989-874-4103.

Just a reminder that as long as the weather permits, we will be having windows open and heat turned down to allow for ventilation in the classrooms. Your children should dress accordingly, rooms may be slightly cooler so students should bring sweatshirts or jackets to wear so they are comfortable in the classrooms with windows open.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to all of our students and parents who have made our return to school a very positive experience. Your child's education is better when we work together.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin J. Prout".

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