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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! The Junior Senior High School staff and I are hopeful that 2021 is full of positive changes for the world and our tiny part of it regarding the pandemic. This letter contains some information to keep everyone current on a few items.

Calendar: The January Cohort and Day A/B calendar is attached for your reference and is also posted on the school website. Please note that there is no remote day scheduled for next Wednesday, January 20th due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday.

Remote learners: As a reminder, we assured families that children learning remotely can request a change to the hybrid model towards the end of the marking period. It is again time to make the request. If this is the intention for your child, please send an email to me at mmurphy@tullyschools.org and include Mrs. Newton at jnewton@tullyschools.org for grades 7-9 and Mrs. Davin kdavin@tullyschools.org for grades 10-12 by **Monday, January 25th at noon**. Once we compile information, parents will be contacted via email at the end of that week about the status of their request. We anticipate that those students will be able to attend in-person learning the following week. Students are assigned as follows:

Cohort 1	Mondays & Thursdays	first day back will likely be Monday, February 1st
Cohort 2	Tuesdays & Fridays	first day back will likely be Tuesday, February 2nd

Hybrid students not attending in-person: There are some students who are not attending in-person learning who have committed to the hybrid model. Although it is not a huge number, it is still significant. As you might imagine, we have numerous parents and students asking if they can attend school four days a week. It is extremely difficult to deny those requests, particularly because we state that accommodating those students with the current social distancing guidelines makes it so we cannot fit those students into classrooms. When hybrid learners regularly choose to log into classes from home, we do not have accurate numbers and it seems that the number of students in some classrooms on any given day is low. I am kindly asking parents to send a letter requesting that their children learn remotely if this is the way things have played out for your family. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Uptick in positive cases: Although we have seen an increase in positive cases in our building, the vast majority of those cases are linked directly to family or community spread over the holidays.

Coronavirus testing: Please remember that testing is taking place at school this week on Thursday, January 14th. Parents should have received an email about this last Friday.

Hopes for the Spring: With an eye towards the future, I started looking at ways to bring more students back into the building. Once we have an idea of how many students return to in-person learning for the 3rd marking period, we will look at this in earnest. Hopefully, social distancing guidelines will loosen at some point this spring and we will be able bring back all of our students who wish to learn in person. Please stay tuned for more information.

Thanks for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Murphy
JSHS Principal