

TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are very excited to welcome back the majority of our students to in-person instruction on Thursday, April 8th. Below is some very important information to assist our families in the transition. Parents who drop off and pick up their children should pay particular attention to the first item. This email will also be sent to students on Monday, April 5th.

Many of our classrooms are able to maintain 6 feet between students without the need for barriers. Some of our classrooms will be reduced to 3 feet between students with the use of barriers. Physical Education has been reduced to 6 feet between students, but chorus and band remain at 12 feet. We are hopeful that a reduction to the latter will be made soon.

Parking lots/Driveways

- Expect heavier traffic in the driveway and parking lots due to the increase in students being dropped off and picked up.
- Please pay attention to the personnel who assist with traffic control.
- Parents will drop off their children at the front of the JSHS between 7:30 - 7:45 a.m.
 - JH students will continue going directly to Gym #1.
 - SH students will continue going directly to the lobby.
- Buses will line up in the middle of the two buildings for arrival and dismissal.
- Students will disembark buses at around 7:42 a.m. and walk over to the building.
 - JH students will enter at the entrance to the right in the courtyard
 - SH students will enter at the main entrance.
- Student drivers should plan to arrive at school earlier than usual due to the anticipated increase in traffic.
- Afternoon pick up:
 - Parents will pick up students in front of the JSHS at 2:30 p.m.
 - Please pay attention to the personnel who assist with traffic control.
- **Use of the front circle through to Tully Elementary after 7:30 a.m. will be prohibited.**

Remote-only students

Fully remote students will receive new Google Meet links from their teachers. Only fully remote students will be able to join class from home. Students who are quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19 will be considered remote students for the duration of the quarantine or isolation period only.

In-person students

Students who have selected to be in-person will not be able to log in remotely from home at any time unless they are quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19.

Absences

In-person students who are absent will not be able to log in remotely from home. Students should return to school once they are feeling better. Students who show symptoms and get tested for COVID-19 will likely need to quarantine until test results are returned. Under those circumstances, students will be able to log in remotely. Teachers will send them a link to their Google Classroom then remove access to that link once they have returned to school. Students who are quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19 will be considered remote students for the duration of the quarantine or isolation period only. Please remember that students who get tested must submit negative test results to the school nurse prior to returning. Additionally, any notes for absences, leaving school early, or coming to school late can be sent to Mrs. Foti at jshs.attendance@tullyschools.org.

Masks

Mask use will be in effect as it has been all year. As a reminder from Mr. Hughes' letter on March 24th, gaiters, bandanas, and scarves will not be suitable for masks given the closer distance between students. Teachers will continue to have extra masks on hand for students who need them. They will also continue to hold mask breaks.

Lunches

We need to accommodate more students in the lobby for lunches. This will require that we seat more students at one table and use barriers.

A/B Schedule

We will resume an every other day A/B schedule on Monday, April 5th.

- Monday, April 5th is a Day A; Cohort 1 students will be in-person; Cohort 2 students will learn remotely.
- Tuesday, April 6th is a Day B; Cohort 1 students will learn remotely; Cohort 2 students will be in-person.
- Wednesday, April 7th is the last planned remote day.
- Thursday, April 8th is a Day A; students are either fully in-person or fully remote.
- Friday, April 9th is a Day B; students are either fully in-person or fully remote.

Dismissal

- Announcements will be at 2:27 p.m.
- All students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

Activity Period

Activity period will change to a four day schedule on Monday, April 12th. It will be held from 2:35 to 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tuesdays are reserved for staff meetings. Students will require bus passes to board late buses.

If there are other items to add, I will be sure to send out updates as needed. As always, thank you very much for your continued support of our efforts.

Mary Ann Murphy
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