



WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Worcester Central School Families,

I would like to start by saying, welcome back to school! Although it is not a traditional start to the school year, we are so excited to see, hear and engage with our students. We know there have been some technology glitches and applaud you and your child's efforts to assist and work through those. Please know we are working extremely hard to address the issues you are experiencing. We are dealing with some of the same technology challenges and we understand the frustrations they cause. I ask for your patience and support as we work through this together.

Here are some updates as we continue the start of the school year:

- **Attendance.** Students should continue to login to their Google Classroom for attendance. Phone calls will be made to any student not present. Students with Google Classroom should also check-in for each class daily, even on Mindful Wednesdays. For those students without Google Classroom, attendance will continue to be taken by phone call confirmation by our staff.
- **Student Work.** Students receiving teacher created work items will have those materials delivered on Wednesdays and Fridays. We kindly ask that you please put a cooler, box, or have a designated area outside your front door for the materials to be placed. When returning your child's completed materials please use the same designated location.
- **Student Meals.** The USDA has announced that any student is eligible for meals during remote learning should they need one. If you are in need of meals, please contact WCS Cafeteria Manager, Joe Calleja, at jcalleja@worcestercs.org or call (607) 397-8785. Meals will be available for pick up from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays (for meals Mon.-Tues.) and Wednesdays (for meals Wed.-Fri.).
- **Drive Through Food Pantry.** The next Schenevus-Worcester food pantry will be September 23, 2020, at Schenevus Central School from 9:30 a.m. until the food is gone. Food is available to all households of the Schenevus and Worcester Communities.

- **Internet “MiFis”.** The MiFi’s have arrived and will be configured for use in the upcoming week. Individuals will be contacted when their device is available. MiFi’s work by Verizon cellular signal and will only work where Verizon Wireless cell service is available.
- **Online Behavior.** As a friendly reminder students’ behavior during Google Meet should follow the same behavior expectations located in the Student Code of Conduct. This includes but is not limited to, the use of inappropriate language, recording others without permission, and wearing appropriate clothing.
- **Communication.** If you find that your student or you are having difficulties with class material, schedules or equipment please communicate with your child’s teacher. I do ask that you keep in mind teachers are providing instruction in a non-traditional format and are working very hard to be flexible, adaptable and to assist our students. Remember that teachers are human and do not control computer or internet issues. They want nothing more than to deliver the best instruction to your child and feel even more frustration than you when technology fails. We are all happy to assist and ask that communication be done in a productive manner.

In closing, we are very excited to have started the year with your child and appreciate all you, as parents and guardians, are doing to assist in remote learning. Your patience and partnership with our staff are what makes the Worcester Central School Community an amazing place. If there is anything our staff can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to ask us. We are here to help in any way that we can! On behalf of all the staff at WCS, I wish each of you and your families continued safety and good health.

Respectfully,



Tim Gonzales
Superintendent