

Schroon Lake Central School District

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Dear Parents and Students,

We have now completed the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school. Time flies. I hope you and your child had a very successful first quarter. I am thrilled by the fact that school has been able to offer uninterrupted in-person learning for the past 10 weeks. Only 20 % of the schools in the state are fortunate enough to be able to have everyone in person. We are pleased that 90 % of our students are with us for in-person learning.

Thank you again for your efforts to keep everyone healthy. I am happy to say that today, out of 189 possible in-person students, only 2 were out sick. Everyone's efforts to follow mask and social distancing rules are paying off.

As we embark on the next 10 weeks of education, here are a few things you might want to know and/or keep in mind:

1. Report cards will be out soon. Please look for them in the mail late this week or next week. Please also monitor your child's progress on the schooltool parent portal. If you need help accessing the portal, please send an e-mail to guidance counselor Madeline Reynolds at mreynolds@slwildcats.org.
2. Information went out last week about signing up for parent-teacher conferences. Even though conferences will need to be held remotely this year, they will still be productive. I encourage all parents to sign up for conferences, even if your child is getting high grades. There is always room for improvement and strengthening communication between parents and the school is a great way to support future success. Having your child attend conferences with you is a great way for everyone to hear the same messages.
3. Our virtual open house will be available for you to see soon. We will be sending home a youtube link as soon as all of the video clips have been put together to form a virtual show that will allow you to see what life in a socially distanced school looks like.
4. Please continue to closely monitor your student's health each morning. Please make sure students do not go to school if they have any of the covid symptoms or if they have possible exposure. Please follow safety guidelines closely to help us ensure staff and students remain safe.

5. Please make sure your child comes to school with a mask that fits them well. We have seen several cases where children come with masks that are too big for them and, as a result, the masks don't provide the protection for which they are designed.
6. If your child is going to be out of school for some reason, please call the school by 8:15 am and let us know the reason. This is necessary so that we know if they are out because they are experiencing COVID symptoms. Failure to do so will likely result in students not being able to board the bus or enter the building.
7. There is a lot in the news out there about social gatherings and travel during the Holiday season. We want everyone to remember how important it is to follow guidelines to ensure safety and also to not put students in a situation where they have to quarantine for some length of time.

Thanks again for all you do. With your help and the dedicated service of faculty and staff, we will have another three quarters of quality learning ahead of us.

Best Wishes,

Stephen Gratto

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