



April 3, 2020

Wa-Nee Community School Parents,

Yesterday afternoon, Governor Holcomb announced that all schools must remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Although this decision will make learning more difficult, we support our government's efforts to ensure the health and safety for our students, families, and community.

Upon returning from spring break, we will utilize the following schedule until our last school day (Friday, May 22, due to snow make-up day)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Remote Learning (8:00 – 3:00)	Teacher Office Hours (8:00 – 3:00)	Remote Learning (8:00 – 3:00)	Teacher Office Hours (8:00 – 3:00)	Remote Learning (8:00 – 3:00)

Over the past several weeks I have had the privilege to watch our school community rise to the challenges of these unprecedented times. Although the remainder of the school year will look different as our classrooms have moved to the kitchen table, our staff remains committed to creating learning activities that will best prepare your child for success. Our food service will continue preparing lunches that will be available via curbside pickup, Wi-Fi hotspots have been made available in our schools' parking lots, and staff will be implementing a system to check on student well-being. While our buildings must remain closed, our district will remain open and ready to serve our community.

**REMOTE LEARNING WILL CONTINUE:** Although we will continue with our Remote Learning on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, our staff will be available every day between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM to help with student needs. On Tuesdays and Thursdays our staff will remain available to electronically discuss any questions your student may have with his/her work.

**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PARENT EXPECTATIONS:** Upon our return from spring break, students will begin to return required assignments when completed for a grade. Due to safety concerns, we must ask that work be returned electronically. This may occur through several applications teachers have created or by simply taking a picture and submitting through your cell phone's email. Parents may also make alternative arrangements with teachers/administration if unique circumstances arise.

In the coming weeks parents will be able to view online student progress using our student management system, Skyward. Teachers will be posting updates weekly beginning April 20.

**FOOD SERVICE:** We want to continue to encourage any family who has a need to take advantage of the student meals that are being provided. Meals will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11-1 at the following locations:

- NorthWood Middle School (West Side Entrance)
- Nappanee Elementary School (Main Entrance)
- Millwood Acres (Entrance)
- Meadows (Office)
- Northside Manor (Parking Lot Between Buildings)
- Yellow Creek Mennonite Church (South Parking Lot)
- Harrison Ridge (Entrance on CR 28)
- Recovery Park

Meals provided on Mondays will include a meal for Tuesday and the meals provided Wednesdays will include meals for Thursday and Friday. Meal service will continue to be available through Friday, May 22, and **will also be available during the week of Spring Break (April 6-10, 2020).**



**OFFICE HOURS: PLEASE NOTE: School offices will be open as needed on an appointment only basis.**

We understand the hardship this closing will have on families, however, the health and safety of our community and staff must be our primary concern.

<b>OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATORS AVAILABLE MONDAY – FRIDAY</b>		
<b>7:30 AM – 3:30 PM</b>		
Nappanee Elementary	(574) 773-7421	<a href="mailto:rcripe@wanee.org">rcripe@wanee.org</a>
Wakarusa Elementary	(574) 862-2000	<a href="mailto:kbranham@wanee.org">kbranham@wanee.org</a>
Woodview Elementary	(574) 773-3117	<a href="mailto:athompson@wanee.org">athompson@wanee.org</a>
NorthWood Middle School	(574) 862-2710	<a href="mailto:ipayne@wanee.org">ipayne@wanee.org</a>
NorthWood High School	(574) 773-4127	<a href="mailto:dmaugel@wanee.org">dmaugel@wanee.org</a>

We have created a [web page](#) to help organize all of the COVID-19 related information and will continue to provide the most up to date information as we receive it from state and local government officials.

Again, more than ever, we want to encourage parents/guardians to be prudent and to practice the social distancing guidance from health officials. Please keep your child(ren) home and limit unnecessary travel. Avoid large groups and social gatherings.

**Stay Safe and Stay Home, we are all in this together!**

Sincerely,

Scot D. Croner, PhD  
Superintendent  
Wa-Nee Community Schools