



HARPURSVILLE

CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Harpurville Families:

Another week of our school closure and new reality of social distancing has passed. I hope you are continuing to be well and are finding productive ways to keep busy! Our entire school community continues to ROCK with the support everyone is providing each other! I know that everyone in our school community is missing each other and we all can't wait to be back together in our schools. It will be a special day when we are back! In the meantime, we will continue to do our very best to make sure our students are learning and have access to our grab-and-go meals. With those two things in mind, I have a couple of updates for this week.

Expanded internet at the school...

We have installed some network extenders at the school for your use. The two HCS mini-vans that are out in the parking lot near the bus garage actually have the wireless access points (WAPs) right in them! Each WAP can handle about 30 devices at once. This will allow anyone with one of our district-issued devices to come down to the school and access the school's internet. All you need to do is pull in the parking lot near one of the vans and the device should automatically connect. This can be really helpful for students who need to upload work that they may have completed off-line or they may want to spend a little time interacting with classmates or content. Feel free to use this opportunity as much as you need to!

Grab-and-go meals continue this week with a change in schedule and some locations...

In addition to the Broome County meal pick-up locations, I've posted a note on the website regarding the meal distribution for this week for our district. It can be found in the "letters and special notifications" section on the webpage dedicated to coronavirus information or at this link: <https://www.hcs.stier.org/Downloads/HCS%20Food%20Pick-up%20Procedures%20for%20March%2030-April%203.pdf>. You will notice that we are serving meals on Monday and Thursday only for this week. Rest assured that all children will still be able to receive 5 meals each week. On Monday, each child will receive 3 breakfast meals and 3 lunch meals to cover Monday through Wednesday and then on Thursday, each child will receive 2 breakfast meals and 2 lunch meals to cover Thursday and Friday. Hopefully, this will help everyone so that you only have to come to get meals a couple of times instead of each day of the week. We are also creating several off-site locations for meal pick-up too. The locations and times are listed in the link above. Looking ahead to the week of April 6-April 10, we will be serving meals that week too! I know there have been some questions about whether meals would be available since the week was originally supposed to be the spring break week. Meals will be served!

The district website continues to be the best resource for accurate information...

In closing, please continue to check the website for updates and information related to our school closure as a result of the coronavirus. Our webpage dedicated to this information is located at: <https://www.hcs.stier.org/coronavirusinformation.aspx>. I expect that information will continue to emerge in the coming days and weeks as our society wrestles with this issue. As such, I will provide important updates, as necessary, in this forum. Please be sure to contact your child's teachers, counselor, principal, other administrator, or me if we can be of any assistance. We are here to help!

Best wishes for your well-being and safety!

Yours in education,

Mr. Michael J. Rullo

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