

## **Remote Learning (January 10-14<sup>th</sup>)**

Thank you to those who responded to the divisional survey regarding critical service workers exemption for remote learning. At this point, the survey is now closed and we will not be able to accommodate any additional students in school.

Those who indicated on the survey that they met the divisional criteria and require in-person learning, will be welcome in class on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> (same entrances and exits).

Parents and guardians who are not critical services workers and those workers who can supervise and support remote learning at home will be shifting to a week of remote learning starting on Monday.

**As noted by our division, the goal of this remote learning period is to reduce the number of students in schools in order to stop the transmission of the Covid 19 virus.**

Strathmillan teachers are busy preparing for this shift to remote learning and teachers will be reaching out to their remote learning families with additional information, schedules, etc... Teachers will also let families know if they need to pick up any materials.

Microsoft TEAMS and Seesaw will be the primary platforms used by teachers to connect virtually with your children during remote learning.

## **Ipads**

If you require a device in order for your child to participate in remote learning, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible or contact the school office directly.

I will then be contacting those families with details for pick-up/drop off and the number of devices the school is able to provide at this time. This will begin sometime tomorrow (Friday) and my plan is to have it all rolled out as quickly as possible.

## **Rapid Tests Packages**

The division is working on a further rollout for rapid test packages to all schools. This is for families who indicated they wanted a package but were unable to pick up on January 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as, for all other families who may now wish to have a package. It is NOT for those families who already received a package on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Schools will soon be receiving their allotments with a list of those families who have received and those still to receive. Stay tuned for the details of when these can be picked up, which will likely be next week.

**Masks:**

Students of critical service workers who will be in attendance next week are still required to wear masks when at school. Students may wear a well-fitting cloth mask from home, or may choose to wear a medical mask supplied by the school. With either choice, the direction from Public Health is that these masks should be clean and fit well to maximize their effectiveness.

Some other points:

- a.) **Operational Closure-** Due to staffing shortages, classes may be cancelled, and in extreme cases, schools may need to close. This will be communicated as early as possible so families can plan accordingly.
- b.) **Bussing-** Bussing will continue to operate January 10-14, 2022, to transport students eligible to attend in-class learning. Please be prepared that some runs may be cancelled due to staff shortages.
- c.) **In-Class Learning Resumes January 17th, 2022.** Please monitor SJASD social media accounts and your email for updates related to in-class school attendance.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out and contact me here at the school.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Baker