

Hello Parents,

As we prepare for in-school learning tomorrow, we would like to send a few reminders:

- **The school hours begin and end thirty minutes later this school year. The times are as follows:**

**Tecumseh High School:**

- Students may enter the building at 7:30 a.m.
- The student day will begin at 7:45 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.
- Tardy Bell/First Period begins at 7:45 a.m.

**Tecumseh Middle School:**

- Students may enter the building at 7:30 a.m.
- The student day will start at 7:50 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.
- Tardy Bell/First Period begins at 7:50 a.m.

**Elementary Schools:**

- Latchkey at Donnelsville and Park Layne Elementary opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m.
- Latchkey at New Carlisle Elementary School opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m.
- Students who need to ride a bus to another building (K1 from Donnelsville or New Carlisle to Park Layne and 2-5 from Park Layne to either Donnelsville or New Carlisle and their siblings should arrive at 8:30 a.m.)
- Walkers or car riders eating breakfast may arrive at 8:40 a.m.
- All other walkers and car riders should arrive at 8:55 a.m.
- The student day will start at 9:10 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m.

**Latchkey:**

- K-1 students can attend Latchkey at any of the elementary schools.
  - Students in grades 2 - 5 can attend Latchkey at their home elementary building OR Park Layne Elementary School. Buses are unavailable to transport students between New Carlisle Elementary and Donnelsville Elementary School.
- The bus schedule/transportation times are located on the district website. If you have any questions regarding transportation, the phone number is (937) 845-4492.
- **Those students who are returning to the school setting this week (week of October 19th):**
    - A reminder - Even addresses will attend Monday and Wednesday and odd addresses will attend Tuesday and Thursday. No students will attend on Friday.

- During the days students are not in session, students will have work assigned to them either with paper/pencil work sent home with them and/or uploaded to the Google Classroom.
- Students at the elementary level who are selected to continue with remote learning will have the same schedule of Google Meets as they have had previously.
- Students who signed up for Edmentum at the middle school were sent an email from Mrs. Summerfield with instructions about how to log on to get started.
- Students who signed up for Edmentum at the high school should have received a One Call from Principal Oakes with instructions on how to log on to get started.
- Students need to wear a mask or gaiter that covers the nose and mouth to school. (Bandanas or shields are not permitted).
- Students should bring a water bottle to school and they will have the opportunity to refill their water bottle throughout the day.
- At the middle and high school, students will be permitted to carry their backpacks. (Lockers will not be used).
- Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students. Lunches will include some hot items. We will share an opportunity for students learning remotely to pick up food items once a week, beginning next week.
- **All students who selected to learn remotely and those who selected to return to the school setting will need to stay with their original selection through the second quarter. We have assigned staff members to support the students who are learning remotely and we are at capacity at this time.**
- Beginning next week (October 26h):
  - Tecumseh Local will shift to an adjusted Plan B (Blended Learning) of our learning plan until we feel it is a more appropriate time to bring all students who want to return to the school setting back all at once. The rationale for this approach is the change to Level 3 (red) of the County Alert System in Clark County this past Thursday. Personnel from the Clark County Combined Health District have advised us that the New Carlisle and Medway area are experiencing one of the two largest COVID spreads in Clark County. These positive COVID tests are occurring in a nursing

home in Clark County and from numerous homes throughout Medway and New Carlisle. We decided on this approach, so we will be able to better social distance, closer to the six-foot distance recommended by the CCCHD. Personnel from the Clark County Combined Health District endorsed the use of a blended learning approach for a period of time at Tecumseh Local, as we bring students back into the school setting for the first time, especially with the elevated COVID numbers in our area. **(Please see the COVID concentration map of Clark County above).**

- As indicated, having students attend in Cohorts (Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday) will permit us to deep clean on Wednesdays between the two Cohorts. If we experience an influx in one of the Cohorts, we can assign these students to remote learning for a period of time, if needed, and their learning would look like it did during the first quarter via Google Meets, while the other Cohort can continue to attend school. Fortunately, we have received the Chromebooks we ordered in June this week, so every student will have his/her own device. Two other Clark County Schools have used this Blended Learning Model for the first quarter of the school year with minimal issues related to a COVID spread.
- We will routinely monitor the situation and continue to seek advice from the Clark County Combine Health personnel to determine when we can transition to Plan A (all students attending five days a week). We will keep you informed on a routine basis.
- If you have specific questions related to your child, please contact the building principal at the email listed below:
  - Mr. Oakes (Tecumseh High School) - [aaron.oakes@tecumsehlocal.org](mailto:aaron.oakes@tecumsehlocal.org)
  - Mr. Dixon (Tecumseh Middle School) - [brian.dixon@tecumsehlocal.org](mailto:brian.dixon@tecumsehlocal.org)
  - Mrs. Rrandenburg (NCES) - [kathryn.randenburg@tecumselocal.org](mailto:kathryn.randenburg@tecumselocal.org)
  - Mr. Burkholder (Donnelsville) - [jay.burkholder@tecumsehlocal.org](mailto:jay.burkholder@tecumsehlocal.org)
  - Mrs. Strader (Park Layne) - [karyl.strader@tecumsehlocal.org](mailto:karyl.strader@tecumsehlocal.org)

Thank you!  
Paula Crew