



Penn-Trafford School District

Our Mission: "Effective, Efficient, Quality Education"

Happy New Year to All!

As you know we are in full-remote learning mode this week, January 4 through 8. Next Monday, January 11, we will return to our traditional/digital mode with students in the building and learning at home. For "digital" students, there will no longer be a digital check-in email from Mrs. Inglese. Students that are learning at home must log-on to homeroom each day for attendance. Very much like the remote plan we are on now, digital students must log into homeroom by 8:05 am or be marked absent.

It is no longer necessary for parents to contact us and alert us to Fiona's placement on the digital or traditional plan. If he/she is in school on time, he/she will be marked present. If he/she logs in digitally by 8:05 am, he/she will be marked online present. Otherwise, Fiona will be marked absent.

Semester Change

Thursday January 14 is the end of the 1st semester. Student schedules will change for the 2nd semester on Friday January 15. Students' core classes (Math, ELA, Science, & Social Studies) will not change, only specials, such as Computers, Art, Music, and Phys Ed will change. Every student will receive an updated schedule in homeroom on January 12. If you want to digitally review the schedule with your child, log on to the parent portal app, click on classes, then on top of the page click on Q3. Your child's schedule for the 3rd quarter will be listed.

Extra Math Help

Beginning, Tuesday January 12, Mr. Ising, a highly qualified math instructor will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4 pm in the Library to provide additional math support. Parents need to call Mrs. Beck (724-744-4431) and sign-up for the tutoring each day it is held by 1pm. Students will remain afterschool and report to the library from PLT at 3pm. Parents need to have a ride home here at Penn Middle each day of tutoring at 4pm sharp.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 6 - 2-hour Delay Schedule
- Jan 11 & 12 - Mrs. Wentroble visits 8th-grade Social Studies Classes to present 9th-grade scheduling information (Presentation will be posted via Mrs. Wentroble's Google Classroom for digital students).
- Jan 13 - 2-hour Delay Schedule
- Jan 14

- End of Semester 1
 - Save-a-day
- Jan 15 - Beginning of Semester 2
- Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Day - was a teacher professional development day but now a **regular school day**
- Jan 20
 - 8th-grade schedules due to Mrs. Wentroble, schedules will be entered into Powerschool in Social Studies classes.
 - 2-hour Delay Schedule
- Jan 21 - Quarter 2 Report Cards posted online
- Jan 27 - 2-hour Delay Schedule
- Feb 3 - 2-hour Delay Schedule
- Feb 10 - 2-hour Delay Schedule
- Feb 11 - Save-A-Day
- Feb 15 - President's Day - No School
- Feb 16 - Mid-point of 3rd Quarter
- Feb 17 - 2-hour Delay Schedule

I hope you have a wonderful 2021. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jim Simpson