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Dear Parents and Students:

It's hard to believe that we've reached the final week of first semester, and it goes without saying that it's been a different and truly unique semester. I encourage students to use the next several days wisely to end first semester on a positive note. Afternoon academic support opportunities are available for all students, regardless of in-person or remote status, so please reach out if you need assistance with coursework and assignments.

<u>Infinite Campus</u> will display unofficial semester grades beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21. Although these grades will be visible during winter break, all grades will remain unofficial until January 7, when report cards are posted in Infinite Campus. You will receive an email notification when final grades become available. If you have questions or concerns regarding grades, please contact your individual teacher or school counselor after January 6.

We are currently finalizing the second semester course schedule and teams for inperson learning. Parents who selected to have their child attend classes in-person will receive their second semester team assignments from their principal in the upcoming weeks, prior to the start of classes on January 7, 2021. After you receive your team assignment, please reach out to your child's school counselor if you have questions regarding in-person or remote status. School counselors will be available to assist during teacher institute days on January 5 and 6.

Second semester will begin with seven days of *Remote* learning for all students (January 7-15, 2021), and afternoon academic supports will remain available in-person and remote. Extracurricular activities/athletics will be available in-person as allowed by State of Illinois guidelines. Our *Hybrid* learning scenario will begin on the eighth school day of the semester, January 19, the day following the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

To help with your planning for second semester, updated school calendars for January through March are available <u>here</u>. As a starting point, the calendar shows A/B days and the rotating weekly team schedule for the *Hybrid* learning scenario through March. By maintaining a healthy school environment, the *Hybrid* learning scenario will continue until the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois State Board of Education change safety guidelines to allow the implementation of a traditional schedule. The District 211 Food & Nutrition Services department will continue to provide meals at no cost to all children in the community who are 18 years old and younger for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. Meal bags are available weekly through curbside distribution at all five District 211 high schools. The last curbside meal distribution for December will be Thursday, December 17, and will include meals to last a full week. Curbside meal distribution resumes on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, and will continue each Thursday throughout the remainder of the month. Additional information on meal bag pick-up is available <u>here</u>. At the end of each week of *Hybrid* learning, when in-person students are dismissed from 4th block classes, students may pick up breakfast and lunch-to-go meals meant to last the duration of the following week at no charge. Questions about school meals or meal bags are welcome at *foodservice@d211.org*.

Health and safety protocols, as provided by the State of Illinois and local health agencies, will remain in effect during second semester, including strict cleaning and disinfecting routines, required use of face masks, social-distancing expectations, and completion of the online Daily Wellness Screening Survey each day for any student planning to be physically present on a school campus for any reason. Students who do not pass the screening survey must not come to school and should connect to classes remotely, if able. More information on the Daily Wellness Screening Survey is available <u>here</u>.

Please continue to check the <u>District 211 COVID-19 Dashboard</u> for detailed information by school about the prevalence of COVID-positive cases, individuals experiencing symptoms of infection, and quarantines due to in-school exposure. You can reach out to your <u>school nurse</u> if you have questions about the Daily Wellness Screening procedure or other matters related to COVID-19 in our schools.

My best to you and your family during this month of holidays. I look forward to second semester and the opportunities available in the new year! Thank you for your continued partnership.

Happy holidays.

Sincerely,

Lisa Small Superintendent

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