

September 4, 2020 Update

Good Afternoon WCSD Community:

### **Parent Workshop**

We hope that you had a chance to attend our Parent Workshop this week. The topic was our Remote Learning Plan. If you did not get a chance to view the meeting live, please note that we have posted a copy of the workshop on our [WCSD Youtube Channel](#).

The District will be offering a series of Parent Workshops on the virtual resources and applications that will be used during remote learning. The upcoming workshops will be posted on the [Parent Resources - Parent Workshops](#) webpage on the [School Reopening](#) webpage. Below is information about an upcoming workshop scheduled for Tuesday, September 8. Attendees will view a pre-recorded video and then have the opportunity to participate in a live Q & A with the facilitators.

 <b>Workshop Offerings</b> 				
<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Dates Offered</b>	<b>Link to Submit Questions</b>
<a href="#">Remote Learning Guidelines</a>  Facilitators: Dr. M. Cardwell Mr. D. Lolkema	This session:  Review of Remote Learning Plan K-12 Update on Athletics Update on Music Programs	Parents/Guardians  All Grades	September 3 @ 2:00PM  September 3 @ 6:00PM	Completed
<a href="#">Parent's Guide to Google Classroom</a>  Facilitators: Mr. A. Nikola Mr. D. Roberto	In this session, you will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to join a class</li><li>• About student view of the classroom</li><li>• How to find assignments</li><li>• To use the calendar</li><li>• About the Guardian feature</li></ul>	Parents/Guardians  All Grades	September 8 @ 7:00PM	<a href="#">Questions Form</a>

### **PSAT Update**

We have received some inquiries about the PSAT dates for October. According to the Collegeboard (which is the organization responsible for administering the PSAT and SAT exams) the testing dates for the PSAT are October 14th, 17th, & 29th. In addition, we have just been notified that an additional date of January 26th, 2021 has just been added to the

PSAT schedule. Please contact your child's School Counselor for further information about taking the PSAT.

### School Sports Update

On Wednesday, September 2nd, the Executive Committee of Section One of the [New York State Public High School Athletic Association](#) (NYSPHSAA) met to continue discussions pertaining to the start of the fall interscholastic athletics season. It is really important to understand that, in addition to the Governor's Order, NYSPHSAA, and Section 1 (the division WCSD belongs to), there are also regional and local determinations that will have to be decided as well.

The Section 1 Executive Committee has approved the following:

- The High School sports of cross country, field hockey, soccer, and girl's tennis are permitted to begin Tuesday, September 29th. No open workouts or practices are authorized/allowed to occur prior to the September 29th date.
- A district may choose to delay the start of their fall season beyond September 29th based on their individual district needs.
- The Section I Modified Committee will continue to meet to evaluate the status of modified sports.

As per the DOH guidelines, the sports of volleyball, football and competitive cheer are classified as high risk. Governor Cuomo has permitted high risk sports (volleyball, football, and competitive cheer) to practice, however they are not authorized to compete until a later date. As a result of the information available to us at this time, the Section I Executive Committee has determined:

- High risk fall sports and their ability to practice will be reviewed as soon as new information becomes available from NYSPHSAA and state officials.
- Should a decision regarding competitions for high risk sports not be announced by state officials, Section One will consider moving to a condensed season model to afford the ability for those high risk sports to have competitions.
- While swimming is categorized as a "low-moderate risk" sport, Section One continues to gather data pertaining to the pool/facility availability throughout the region. Section One may have to consider postponing girls swimming to another season.

Once again, please understand that WCSD is making these decisions as part of Section 1 and not in isolation.

The *NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics* guidance document is scheduled to be released today. **Once the District has had the opportunity to review the documents and further guidance issued by Section I Executive Committee, the District will inform the community of their decision regarding the start of the fall interscholastic athletics season.** In the meantime, we will continue to wait for further details and guidance.

## Happy Labor Day

For many of us, it has been a rough and long road since March 2020. As you begin your weekend, we would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Labor Day. This year WCSD wants to especially thank ALL of our ESSENTIAL WORKERS who have been working tirelessly to keep us all safe during these very difficult times. A BIG SHOUT OUT - to all of our WCSD ESSENTIAL WORKERS! Once again, HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Sincerely,

José L. Carrión  
Superintendent of Schools

*\* Please note that during this pandemic, which began impacting schools in March 2020 and the subsequent Governor's Orders, the communications provided in the District's Updates may be subject to change, pending any future modifications made by the Governor's office, the Department of Health, the CDC, and the New York State Education Department. In this ever changing environment, many things are not guaranteed.*

Alberta Done (reviewed at 12:04pm)