



East Millinocket Schools

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Dear Parents and Students:

This letter is to make you aware of the changes taking place as we shift from a total remote learning platform to in-person learning. We will be starting in-person learning beginning **Monday, October 5th**. **Please use the screening tool enclosed in this letter before you send your child to school each day.** Schenck High School will begin at **7:50 am Monday-Friday**. Students will be permitted to enter the building no earlier than **7:30 am**. Please be mindful of these times as you drop your child off each day. Students who are walking, being dropped off by parents, and driving themselves to school will enter through the 500 wing doors (back entrance of school behind the gym). **Student vehicles are to be parked in front of the town pool like in years past and NOT in back of the school.** Bus students will enter the school through our Main (lobby) Entrance. Staff will be outside assisting students with entering our building and ensuring safety procedures are followed. When students enter the school, they will have their temperature checked and continue to their homerooms. Breakfast will be made available to students at this time. School will be **dismissed each day at 11:55 am and buses will be in transit by noon.**

Parents, visitors, and outside vendors will not be allowed to enter the school unless given special permission by school administration. Those who are permitted to enter will be subject to proper screening. **Please note that face coverings are required for both students and parents when on campus and be mindful of social distancing practices.**

For students who will be attending school in person on October 5th, please be prepared to pass in any work that has been done remotely, completed student information sheets and forms, as well as bring your school issued electronic device. Also, be mindful of the fact that we are not using lockers this year. A large back-pack is recommended for book storage.

For those who opt to continue in a remote learning program please let the main office know ASAP. Students must remain in this program for at least 8 weeks unless given special permission by the Principal. Teachers are available for remote support Monday-Friday from 12:30 pm to 2 pm.

Beginning the week of September 28th, there will be a mandatory orientation for students in grades 9-12 who plan to attend in-person. This orientation session will focus on the important changes and information regarding student and staff safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students CANNOT attend school in person the week of October 5th unless they participate in these trainings or make other arrangements with the Principal. Orientation will be held in the gym from 7:50 to 9am on the following dates:

Monday, September 28th- **Freshman**
Tuesday, September 29th- **Sophomores**
Wednesday, September 30th- **Seniors**
Thursday, October 1st- **Juniors**

Students will be excused from online classes missed due to the orientation and are responsible for completing any assigned work. Buses will pick up Medway residents at normal times and will bus students home following the orientation session.

Region III students can still access bussing as they have done so during the past week. The Region III bus will leave each day at 7:45 am and return at approximately 2 pm. If students choose to get breakfast in the morning, they can access the breakfast cart that will be located outside of the library.

School nutrition services will be available for free to all students until December 31st. A "bag lunch" will be available for all in-person learners. Remote learners will be able to access breakfasts and lunches from the school located in their town of residency. For East Millinocket residents who have students enrolled in remoter learning at Schenck High School, meal pick up will be available M-F from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm at the side entrance of our cafeteria beginning September 28th. Please call the office to sign up to participate in this program. If you are a Medway resident and a remote learner, please contact Medway Middle School to access their school nutrition program.

I know this is a lot of information and a lot to take in. If you need any help or need further assistance, please feel free to call me personally at 746-3511 ext. 102 anytime Monday-Friday. I will be more than happy to help. We look forward to working with children in whatever capacity necessary to ensure they get the quality education they deserve!

Sincerely,

Justin Page
Principal