



December 31, 2021

Dear Midview Staff and Families,

The new year is always a great time to look back and reflect about all the amazing things we've accomplished throughout the year. For schools, it's obviously a little different because we're just nearly halfway through the school year. Nevertheless, I still think it's important to reflect upon ways to be more positive, helpful, and supportive of our students, staff, parents, and community.

I shared a quote with our staff that, I feel, should have a huge impact on the way we carry ourselves and approach the new year:

What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year! -- Vern McLellan

This quote is so important because it directly puts us in charge of what we bring to every situation with which we are faced. Taking control of our own actions and attitude are vital to our success throughout the year and I felt it was very important to share as we try to improve upon what we do every day.

Happy New Year Middies!!!

Lorain County Public Health Update and Updated Midview Reopening Plan:

I know there are a lot of news stories regarding schools going to remote learning or instituting mask mandates upon returning from winter break. I also know there are a lot of opinions that exist on both sides of the argument. For the past year and half I have worked closely with our health department and have tried to make decisions that are best for our staff and students. I have tried to weigh all options and benefits, while also being as safe as possible.

Therefore, I have personally spoken with Mark Adams, the new Lorain County Public Health Commissioner, regarding our plan to return to school and here are the details of our conversation:

1. He supports us returning on **Tuesday, January 4th to in-person learning.**
2. **He supports us continuing to strongly encourage masks for staff and students because the CDC has not changed anything in regard to their stance on masking.**
3. He supports our plan which can be accessed below by clicking on the link.
 - a. Based upon the CDC's new guidance on the isolation period, I have updated page 9 of our reopening plan to reflect these changes. Please click on the link below to review the changes.
 - b. **Essentially, staff and students can return to work and/or school after five days of isolation, provided they are symptom free. However, to return after five days, you must mask while in school for an additional five days.**

[Update Midview Reopening Plan 12.30](#)



**SWC Sporting Events and Masking:**

Currently there has been conversation regarding masking at SWC sporting events. Currently Amherst and Midview are the only two schools without mask mandates for extracurricular activities. I am sharing this information so that you are prepared when you attend away events. If you have any questions, you can contact our Athletic Director, Dan May at dmay@midviewk12.org.

Winter Break Extension:

I know I have shared this a few times, but I still wanted to remind all parents' attention that our winter break will be extended, for students, by one day. ***Students will not have school on Monday, January 3rd.*** This day will be used as a professional development day for teachers and will be a "no school" day for students.

Students will return on Tuesday, January 4th. I appreciate your understanding as we work to continue to improve our instruction and work with students across the district.

No School January 3rd for Students Flyer**Midview Gear/Online Store:**

The Midview Gear store is still open. With them maintaining their online stores and spirit wear ordering with only items they have in stock. That could be sizes, brands, etc., order fulfillment has been much better. Below is a link to our newest Midview gear store.

Midview Online Store**Positive Covid Cases & Updated Covid-19 District Dashboard:**

We were recently notified that two (2) West staff members (one instructional and one non-instructional), one (1) East non-instructional staff member, one (1) MS student, two HS instructional staff members and two (2) HS students and one (1) transportation staff member have recently tested positive for COVID-19. We have confirmed the results and information with the family and have contacted all close contacts.

Our student totals by building, as of today are:

HS: 10, MS: 4, East: 6, West: 1, and North 6:

Stay home if you have any symptoms at all and wear a mask as much as possible.

I've also updated our weekly and year-to-date numbers on the Midview Covid Dashboard.

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Take care,

Bruce

Dr. Willingham
Superintendent

