



# TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

We are now just a few days away from bringing the students back to our school campuses and we couldn't be more excited. As promised, we are striving to provide you with up to date information to keep you informed.

### TEACHERS RETURN TO SCHOOL

This week has been an exciting week as the teaching staff members returned to campus to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. The staff participated in four days of professional development that included sessions on safety, technology, curriculum, wellness and equity. The teaching staff members were also given extra time to prepare their classrooms and lessons for the safe return of the students.

### STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

A friendly reminder that instruction for both the Hybrid and Virtual only students will begin on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

### FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE-IMPORTANT

Due to the short week, **the Hybrid model** will not have an all virtual Wednesday during the first week of school. Below is the Hybrid cohort schedule for the first week.....

- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>..... Cohort B (in-person)/Cohort A (virtual)**
- Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>..... Cohort A (in-person)/Cohort B (virtual)**
- Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>..... Cohort A (in-person)/Cohort B (virtual)
- Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>..... Cohort B (in-person)/Cohort A (virtual)



### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Bus passes were mailed home last week. If your child is participating in the Hybrid Model, you should have received a bus pass. If not, please contact the Transportation office at (856) 629-9500 ext. 1210. The transportation information is also available via the parent portal on our Realtime Student Information Software. Simply log into Realtime and select "Transportation", there you will find your child's bus number/animal and pick up/drop off times. We are asking for your patience as we transition into the new transportation routines.

### **TRANSPORTATION WAIVER INFORMATION**

The District is taking a different approach toward transportation efficiency in the 2020-21 school year. A transportation waiver form will be distributed at the end of September. In the meantime, a short survey will be conducted to gain the necessary information. The waiver is a formal procedure to ensure those students who are transported daily by their parents/guardians are not counted as requiring a bus seat, which will allow for more efficient bus routes. Also, by providing the District with this information, the pick-up and drop-off procedures can be improved upon. **Please click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.** Please submit one (1) survey per student.

### **VIRTUAL ONLY STUDENTS-MATERIALS PICK-UP**

The students that selected the **VIRTUAL ONLY** instructional model may pick-up their instructional materials from their respective schools on **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> between Noon and 3 p.m.** Parents/guardians should have received information regarding the materials pick-up from their child's respective principal. If you are unable to pick-up the items during the times listed, please contact your child's building principal to set up alternate pick-up plans.

### **SCHOOL SPECIFIC MAILINGS**

School specific information was mailed out on **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. All parents (regardless of virtual or Hybrid) should have received the school specific information. Most of this information is available via the parent portal on our Realtime Student Information Software.

### **KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021**

**The 2020-2021 Kindergarten registration is being done online.** To register a child in Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year, please begin by filling out the online pre-registration form found on the district website under the student registration tab. The required forms and documents can be either dropped off or mailed/emailed to the district. **We have updated the Kindergarten registration webpage with all of the new information.** If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten registration, please email Ms. Taylor Schiavone at [tschiavone@franklintwpschools.org](mailto:tschiavone@franklintwpschools.org)

### **2020-2021 GLOUCESTER COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

We are beyond excited to announce that 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Miss Jami Centrella has been selected as the 2020-2021 Gloucester County Teacher of the Year. Please join me in congratulating Miss Centrella.



Please be assured that our school district is here to support our students and the school community. Our faculty and staff is working hard to make the best of this difficult situation. Please let us know how we can be of an assistance. Stay safe.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Walton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. Troy Walton  
Superintendent of Schools