



School Information and Updates Friday, January 15, 2021

FULL ONSITE FOR GRADES 9-12 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2021

Prairie Families:

The College Community Schools Board of Directors met last night in a special session to discuss our current return to learn plan efforts. Due to success in mitigation at the K-8 levels, continued lowering/stabilization of local rates of infection, continued cooperation by families in our mitigation efforts, and the ongoing educational and emotional well-being of students, the Board endorsed the following:

Effective January 25th, 2021, students in grades 9-12 will return to full onsite learning. To allow for transition of a new semester and transition to full onsite instruction, the week of January 19th will remain hybrid for students in 9-12. PK-8 will continue full onsite.

Monday - No School - Martin Luther King Junior Day & Staff Clerical Day

Tuesday - Cohort B Day

Wednesday - Cohort A Day

Thursday - Cohort B Day

Friday - Cohort A Day

We again thank our families for their patience, understanding and support as we navigate this pandemic. We have learned a great deal since August about how to maintain a safe environment at school and those efforts are paying off daily. We will continue to place safety for staff and students, as well as the educational and emotional well-being of students, at the center of our decision-making.

In Service,
Doug Wheeler
Doug Wheeler, Ph.D
Superintendent of Schools

All updates and dashboards related to CCSD's response to COVID-19 can be found at the following link: <https://www.cprairie.org/district/covid-19-updates/>

INCOMING AK/KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

We look forward to meeting our newest Prairie Hawks when they begin Kindergarten or Alternate Kindergarten in August. **For the health and safety of all involved, our traditional AK/Kindergarten Round-Up events will not be held this spring.** Each school will find alternative ways to greet incoming AK/Kindergarten students and families as well as share and gather important information about your child's transition to AK/Kindergarten. You can expect to hear from your child's Elementary Principal by the end of May. You will then receive periodic information from your school throughout the summer. Currently, our first day of school is scheduled for **Monday, August 23**. We look forward to partnering with your family in the years to come.

PRELIMINARY ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN! (PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, AND AK)

- If your child will be 4 years old by September 15, 2021, they are eligible to enroll in preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Click [here](#) to complete the Preschool Preliminary Enrollment Form. If you have questions about Prairie Hawks Preschool or wrap-around care, please contact the ECC Office at (319) 848.5296.
- If your child will be 5 years old by September 15, 2021, they are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten or AK for the 2021-2022 school year. Click [here](#) to complete the AK/Kindergarten Preliminary Enrollment Form. If you have questions about AK or Kindergarten, please contact the District Enrollment Specialist at (319) 848.5202.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES FOR SECOND SEMESTER

The second semester busing information has been posted in your Portal account. Please look at your Portal account prior to Tuesday, January 19th to verify your student's busing. With the return to full onsite for PK-8th grade students, expect increased ridership. We made several changes to bus routes for next week to help with overcrowding and to accommodate for the returning students. As we begin the second semester we will continue to follow these rules:

- Students and staff will still be required to wear masks while on the bus.
- Students will have an assigned seat and must sit in it at all times.
- Siblings will be required to sit together on the bus.
- There will be no eating or drinking allowed on the bus.

We have received many questions regarding why students are not allowed to sit in any seat other than their assigned seat while on the bus. We understand that at times there will be open seats on the bus but we cannot allow students to move around. Driver's seating charts are used when we are contact tracing to determine which students were in close contact with a positive student. If students are not in their assigned seat, we risk not notifying the correct students.

Contact the Transportation Department at 319-848-5204 if you have any questions.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Curbside meals are available Monday-Friday 10:30AM-11:30AM from the west staff parking lot drive through at Prairie Hill Elementary. Meals will be available for daily or weekly pick up for virtual and hybrid students. (Pick up will not be available on January 18th- No school.)

For weekly meal pick up, please schedule ahead by calling or emailing Food and Nutrition at 319-848-5337 or vscott@crprairie.org or mmiddleton@crprairie.org.

If you are not able to pick up at the scheduled time, we may be able to make arrangements to accommodate your needs. If you do not have access to the necessary equipment to cook frozen meals, we can make accommodations to the meals we provide to your children.

All meals for children 18 years and younger are **free** through the rest of this school year. Participation in the breakfast and lunch programs helps the Food and Nutrition Department to stay financially stable.

PRAIRIE BACKPACK - RECEIVE OR SUBMIT INFORMATIONAL FLYERS

Prairie Backpack is College Community's "green" approach to distributing informational flyers to parents and our school community. If you would like to be notified of school sponsored activities and community events and opportunities, [click here](#) to subscribe.

If you would like to submit a flyer, you can now do that online. We now have an online process to submit all flyers. This fall we launched a new district website, www.crprairie.org. At the bottom of the new district page is our Prairie Backpack logo which you can click to submit. You can also [Click here to submit a flyer](#) for Prairie Backpack.