

# Onteora Central School District

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Good morning, Everyone!

We have all been working hard trying to reimagine our classrooms to best support our students during this difficult time. We are so appreciative of our families: you have been understanding, supportive, and you have continuously offered support and assistance. I know that this is a difficult time. We will continue to keep you updated and support you in every way that we can. We have an amazingly strong Onteora community!

I wanted to reach out with some important instructional updates so that families can be prepared in the likely event that this closure is extended.

- Classroom instruction will be delivered through the Onteora Google Platform which includes: Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Google Meet/Hangout for video conferencing.
- Classroom instruction will begin for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade on Monday, March 30, 2020. The home packets that have been provided can be utilized to keep students engaged through Friday, March 27, 2020.
- High School students are already in communication with their teachers, and classes are officially back in session on Friday, March 27, 2020.
- Please remember that this platform is accessed best through your CHILD's Onteora GMAIL email address, so be certain that you are logged in to Google as them. If you cannot log in, please send an email to [DistrictLogins@onteora.k12.ny.us](mailto:DistrictLogins@onteora.k12.ny.us) and a support person will contact you.
- We will provide families with links to additional resources to support their children at home through our Onteora Website <https://www.onteora.k12.ny.us/>.
- Teachers will be communicating with their students (parents in our younger grades) regarding scheduling and coursework later this week.
- We will continue to monitor student progress and make adaptations as this process unfolds. Please communicate with your child's teachers and their building principal directly if you have any concerns or circumstances that they need to be aware of to ensure your child's success during this rapidly changing time.

We will be contacting each family that requested an electronic device by phone today to inform them of the schedule and procedure for device pickup. This will ONLY be for those families that have already requested a device.

We are also aware that there are students that do not have internet access, and have sent home a phone message asking any family without internet access to please call (845) 657-6383 x1023 and leave their name, child's name, school building, and contact information. Please help us get that important information to those families if you have the ability. We are working on a plan to provide materials to these families to support the continuity of instruction for our students.

We are working around the clock to make sure that we have reached all families, and that we are meeting everyone's needs. Please continue to look at the Onteora home page for updates and additional information regarding our response to COVID-19. We are also posting community resources on our webpage so that everyone is aware of all of the resources available.

We are going to take week 1 slow and steady. It is important that we start small and do this right! As we explore a new world of learning with your students, please have patience with us. We are doing our best to meet this rapidly changing need. Also, please do not feel overwhelmed or allow this process to cause you any unnecessary anxiety. We have a lot of support available and we are all learning together! Reach out for support if you need it. We will help each and every one of you, and support all of our students through this learning process.

I want to take a moment to recognize everyone who has been working around the clock to make sure that we are ready to support our community in every way. I feel incredibly lucky to be a part of the Onteora Community. Please continue to reach out. While you may not get an immediate response, please know that we are reading every email! Your words of support, ideas, brief messages, and questions have shaped, and will continue to shape, what we are doing. We are stronger together!

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

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