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Mt. Ascutney School District Vision

To honor, encourage, and celebrate the excellence, diversity, and aspirations of each learner through creative and motivating challenges.

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Dear Windsor Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers,

We are thankful for this beautiful fall weather. All of our classes are getting outside and we are very thankful to live and work in this beautiful town.

New Information for ALL:

Parent teacher virtual conferences

Parent teacher conferences for grade K-12 will be held the week of November 9 -13. Friday November 13th will be an asynchronous learning day for all students in grades K-12.

For grades K-8 this means that from November 9-12th Teachers will be teaching in person until 12:30. They will schedule parent/teacher conferences for these afternoons. There will be no remote expectations for students during these afternoons. Parent teacher conferences can be scheduled on Friday November 13th during morning and afternoon hours or agreed upon times with parents for flexibility. Please remember all meetings are virtual via google meets or via phone calls. You will be hearing directly from your child's teacher to set up a time.

9-12 parent teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday November 10th and Thursday November 11th from 3:30- 5:30 as well as during the day on Friday, November 13th from 8am - 11am. Please contact Suzanne Ambrose at sambrose@wsesu.net to schedule your appointment. Please remember all meetings are virtual via google meets or via phone calls. Please let us know if you need flexibility around these dates and times.

Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 11. [Lifetouch Photography](#)

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Hearing and vision screenings will take place the first week in November. Opt Out forms have been sent home with your student. We are doing screenings for grade K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 12 along with all students on Individual Education Plans.

Travel Guidelines

The Health Dept. encourages school administrators, school nurses, and designated school personnel to share the link to the travel map/info on the ACCD website with parents and families. We encourage you to consult the map before planning a trip outside of VT. [Here is the link](#) to the map. It is updated on Tuesdays.

If you are traveling over the Thanksgiving break, please share with the administration and/or school nurse.

Vermont Legal Aid

During these difficult times, new financial help programs are available to many Vermonters. The state does not want people to be struggling to pay bills, so please apply, even if you don't usually get public help. Vermont Legal Aid has more information on these programs on our website: <http://vtlawhelp.org>. Vermont Legal Aid is also able to help individual tenants and homeowners. Call us at 1-800-889-2047.

1. Help with past-due rent
2. Moving to a new home
3. Emergency housing for people who do not have a home
4. Past-Due Utility Bills
5. Mortgage Assistance Program (and maybe Property Tax Assistance)

High School Information:

Asynchronous days will be added to our HS students schedule. On October 23, students in grades 9-12 will have an asynchronous day from 8am -3:15pm. There will be no in person

learning. The HACTC buses will still run.

Parking Permits are necessary for students to park on campus. Please see Wendy Moody for registration.

Our school counselors, Greg Pickering and Jessica Vivian, are scheduling virtual parent meetings. If you would like one please contact Suzanne Ambrose at sambrose@wsesu.net

Elementary and Middle School (K-8) Information:

We have started afternoon remote learning. Teachers have been communicating expectations with students and parents. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions. **Please complete the afternoon work and more importantly please let us know how we can support you and your child during this time.**

Students may bring a snack to eat from 8:00 - 8:30 am if they do not want to have the school breakfast.

Physical Education classes are starting across all K-8 classes, please make sure your child has sneakers on their PE class days. Sneakers are necessary for safe participation.

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Many classrooms have opened windows and it would be helpful for students to have a sweater or a sweatshirt in school.

All elementary students are permitted to wear Halloween costumes on October 30th. Halloween masks, costume weapons, and accessories are not permitted. Teachers will be in contact about individual classroom celebrations.

Helpful links:

[School Website with daily bulletin](#)

[WSESU 2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

[Health & Safety Handbook](#)

We thank all of you for your continued commitment to the safety and health of our students and staff.

Warm regards,

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