

December 10, 2020

Dear Students, Families and Staff,



Winter...

The recent snow storm reminds us that we live in New England! Should we have a day where it is deemed unsafe to come to school due to inclement weather, I will call a **SNOW DAY** with **REMOTE LEARNING** at home for everyone. A **ONE CALL** will be sent out and the message will be **POSTED** on our website and local TV channels. Since **SNOW REMOTE LEARNING DAYS** are *new* for all of us, here are some guidelines:

- Staff and Students will work from home and log on for teaching and learning according to their school's daily schedule.
- Attendance will be taken

Should we have a day when it is deemed necessary to only call a **2-hour delay due to inclement weather**, we will proceed as we have done in the past. A **ONE CALL** will go out and the 2- hour delay will be posted on our website and local TV channel. Each school's start time will be delayed by 2 hours.

Should you have any questions about the **SNOW REMOTE LEARNING DAYS** or 2- hour delays, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administrators.



If your child needs a winter coat, please reach out to your child's school nurse. The *It Starts at Home Organization* provided each school with new winter coats for anyone who may need one!



As a reminder, the bus windows are cracked for air circulation and students on the buses should dress appropriately for their ride.



Hybrid Update

We continue to make ongoing adjustments to make this school model effective for all our students. Teachers are doing great things in their classrooms working with in-person students and students on-line simultaneously. We continue to ask parent/guardians to assist with monitoring the at home learning piece. Our partnership and ongoing communication is key to each and every one of our student's success!

Picture Day

Bartlett High School

December 14th for Cohort A & C,

December 17th for Cohort B

Date to be determined for Cohort D



Webster Middle School

Cohort A and C occurred earlier this week

December 10th for Cohort B and C

December 10th for Cohort D from 2:30 – 4:00

Park Avenue Elementary School

Cohort A, B, C occurred this week

December 11th for Cohort D

For more information on pictures, call your child's school.



Flu Shot Reminder

Webster Public Schools is enforcing all school immunization requirements. New immunization this year include:

- A mandatory **FLU shot** all enrolled students. Documentation of your child's flu shot need to be given to school nursing offices **by 12/31/20**.
- The **meningococcal conjugate vaccine** for all students entering **grade 7** and those in **grade 11** must get it on or after their 16th birthday. Documentation of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine needs to be given to the school nursing offices.

You can send a picture of the documentation of your child's immunization via email to your school nurse, or you can send the paperwork into school with your student.



PAE Nurse - Sarah Phillips - sphillips@webster-schools.org
Rachel Taylor - rtaylor@webster-schools.org
WMS Nurse - Danielle Jalbert - djalbert@webster-schools.org
BHS Nurse - Kathy Pepin - kpepin@webster-schools.org
WMS/BHS - Stephanie Poletta spoletta@webster-schools.org

Please contact the nursing office at your child's school if you have any questions about the requirements or accepted immunization exemptions.



Abbot BionaxNow Rapid Testing for COVID

As I have previously shared, we are one of the districts who will have Rapid Testing Kits for COVID-19 in our schools. These kits will be used on symptomatic students and staff who are participating in the *in-person* learning model. The COVID-19 Rapid Antigen COVID-19 Diagnostic Test is FDA approved and delivers results in 15 minutes. Our school nursing staff has been thoroughly trained on how to administer the test using a nasal swab.

Parents/Guardians must sign a permission slip in order for our school nurses to administer this test to symptomatic students. Please be on the lookout for the permission slips.

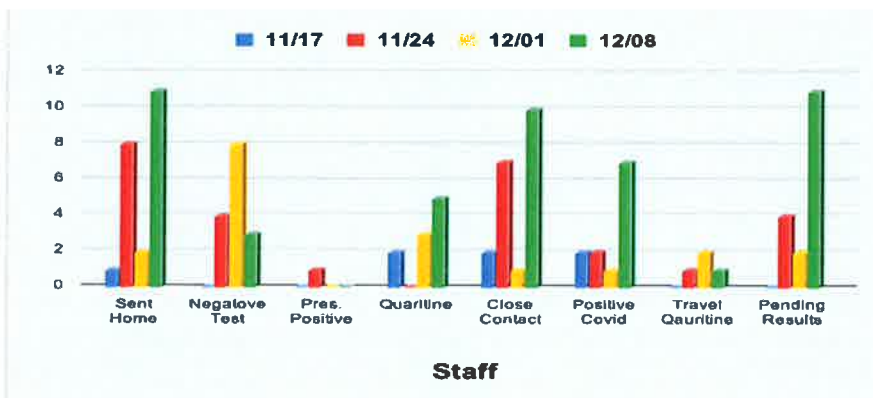
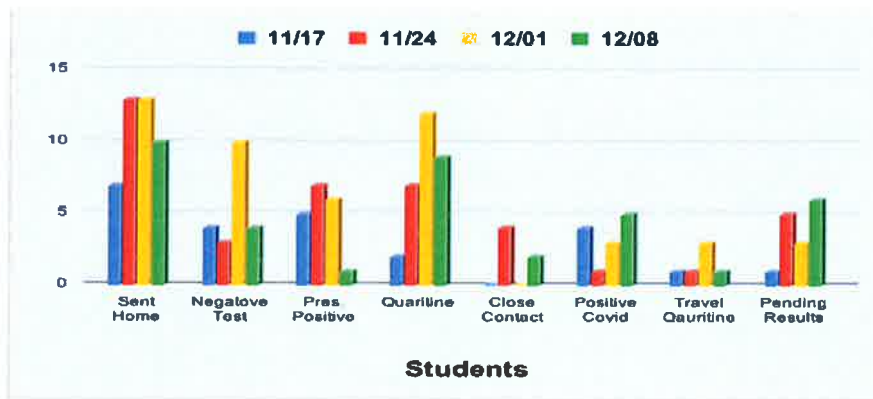
A special thank you to our dedicated nursing team, Kathleen Pepin, Danielle Jalbert, Sarah Phillips, Rachel Taylor and Stephanie Poletta.



COVID Dashboard Data

This past week (Tuesday 11/2/20 to Tuesday 11/8/20) we reported 12 additional positive cases and in our district. We continue to keep you updated, our nurses continue to do close contact tracing and privately reaching out to any confirmed close contacts, our custodians continue to do deep cleaning, and all our students and staff continue to implement the safety guidelines of wearing masks, social distancing and increased handwashing. Our weekly updates are meant to keep everyone informed.

We learned we have two clusters in the district and have reached out to get the Mobile Rapid Testing Unit to come to our district to test those associated with the clusters. We continue to monitor all situations closely and work with the Webster Board of Health, Department of Public Health and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



Food distribution Centers

A graphic with a yellow background and blue and yellow sunburst rays. The text is centered and reads: **To-Go Meals Schedule**
Every Monday - 6 Meals (3 Days)
Every Thursday-4 Meals (2 Days)
Park Ave OR Webster Middle
Pick Up 10:30 - 12:30
FREE for 18 and under
For menus go to <https://www.webster-schools.org/>

Watch for announcements regarding distribution over the holidays. We are finalizing plans for a 5-day distribution on Dec. 22nd and 29th. We will post location and times for those potential 5-day distributions as soon as they are finalized.

Thank you to our Food Service Director Ellen Nylen and the Cafeteria Staff across our district for all their hard work in preparing delicious and HEALTHY meals for our students!



Winter Sports Update

Signups for basketball at middle and high school went out today with the understanding that the Southern Worcester County League, which we are a part of, decided to wait until January 4th before a final decision is made to proceed with practices and games. With the increased COVID cases, we are working with our Board of Health Directors and monitoring local data as well as establishing safe protocols. For now, we are proceeding with the sign ups and coaching assignments and outlining the safety protocols that will need to be adhered to. We fully understand the importance of playing sports, along with finding the balance of proceeding with safety measures to assist with mitigating the spread of COVID. More information will be forthcoming.

When we proceed with SWCL Basketball, we will also be starting a basketball clinic program for our second language learners through the REAL MADRID grant we received from Mapfre.

Please contact Athletic Director, Tony Paranto with any questions.



Before and After School Care at Park Avenue Elementary

The Webster Public Schools **Before and After School Program** is pleased to offer child care at **Park Avenue Elementary School** during the school year for school age children. The program is offered for students from *Kindergarten through Grade Four* during their current model of instruction. Public health and safety measures will be followed based on the state of Massachusetts and the Department of Early Education and Care guidelines.

Due to current safety guidelines, there are limited spots available.

For Information, please visit the www.webster-schools.org website or contact:
Lois Taylor at 508-808-1887 or
Donna Healy at dhealy@webster-schools.org.





Congratulation to the 2020-2021 Bartlett High School National Honor Society Inductees!

ABENA BONSU

PAIGE BLYTHE

JOSEPHINE CORRIDORI

REBECCA COTTON

TALIA GARDNER

CAMDEN HEENAN

CASSIDY JONES

COLIN MINARIK

SOPHIA NAPIERATA

MADISON NUTTAL

JESSICA PEETS

LILIANNA SIGALOVSKY

GABRIELLA VILLEGAS

ARYANAH WALKER-SANCHEZ

AMANDA WARCHAL

ERIQA APPIAH-DANQUAH



Design Selection Update for Bartlett High School Renovation

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Design Selection meeting for an Architect for the Bartlett High School Building project occurred on December 1st. Monique Pierangeli, Ted Avlas, and I, were part of a 12 member committee to interview the top three candidates: Dore and Whittier Architects, Flansburg Associates Inc, and Miller Dyer Spears Inc.

Flansburgh Associates Incorporated have been selected as our Architects for the Bartlett High School project. The next School Committee Building Committee is scheduled for December 17th, 6:00 p.m.



Dates to Remember

December 21st thru January 1st – No School/ Winter Break

December 21st, 22nd, 23rd – Professional Development Days

January 4th, 2021- School resumes

Wishing everyone a peaceful and safe holiday season!



Kind Regards,

Dr. Ruthann Petrino-Goguen, Superintendent



Dear Parents and Guardians of English Language Learners,

We are in the process of re-establishing a Parent Advisory Council. The purpose of this council is to provide parents with an opportunity to provide input to the school district as well as for the school district to increase parent involvement in our program. We are excited to offer this opportunity for you to meet with us

and share your concerns, ideas, and feedback regarding how we can improve the delivery of services to our students who are second language learners.

We will be holding three Parent Advisory Meetings this year. The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 16, 2020** and will be held via ZOOM. We will hold one meeting at **11:00 AM** and a second meeting at **6:00 PM**, to meet your scheduling needs.

The other meetings will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 2021** and **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**. Reminders will be sent to you prior to these meeting dates.

We look forward to meeting you and to your participation in our program!

Sincerely Yours,

Ruthann Petrino-Goguen, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Patricia Mackay, Ed.D.
Director of English Language Learners

ZOOM LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://webster-schools-org.zoom.us/j/84528297614?pwd=bnFBZVYvNHc4VXREZm5XNTlpVkhRUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 2829 7614

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