



HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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District Office

September 8, 2020

Dear Homer Schools Community,

I am writing to update you on some items of interest as we prepare for the return of students on Thursday, September 10th, whether that be in-person or those learning from home.

First Week School Schedule

Thursday, September 10, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 2, 3, 6 students, Grade 9 (M - Z), Grade 12 (M - Z)
Friday, September 11, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students, and Grade 7 (M - Z) thru Grade 12 (M - Z)
Monday, September 14, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students, Grade 9 (A - L), Grade 12 (A - L)
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students, and Grade 7 (A - L) thru Grade 12 (A - L)

** Any student not attending school in-person, beginning on September 10, 2020, will be learning from home.

School Meals

In an effort to ensure that children receive nutritious meals on a daily basis, the district is offering school meals both for the in-person and home learner. To see details of meal options available to your child, please take a look at the Food Service page of our website at www.homercentral.org, or click on the link [here](#). Meals for students learning at home will be available for pickup at two district locations. Please see the "Pickup Meals" menu for details.

Improved Two-Way Communication

In an effort to further improve communication with our school community, the district is introducing some exciting new features. Please see information about those below:

New Website...The district's new and improved website will be going live on Thursday, September 10th. This will allow for more high interest, timely material to be shared with our community stakeholders. The District's Community Engagement Committee worked to create the site and to make it available later this week. The web address remains the same at www.homercentral.org.

Parent Square - We are excited to let you know that this year we'll begin using Parent Square to communicate with you at the school, and in your child's classrooms and groups. Parent Square provides a simple and safe way for everyone associated with school to connect. When fully implemented, with Parent Square you'll be able to

- Receive all school and classroom communication via email, text or app
- View and download photos
- View the school and classroom calendar and RSVP for events
- Easily sign up to volunteer and/or bring items

You will soon receive an invitation email or text to join Parent Square. Please click the link to activate your account. It takes less than a minute. You can use Parent Square on any device. You can download the free mobile

app for Android or iOS and you can also use it from a computer at: www.parentsquare.com

The district is doing a soft rollout of Parent Square this fall and will have all staff using it by January 2021.

Google Classroom- The district is using Google Classroom again this year. In an attempt to more fully involve parents in their children's learning, we will be syncing guardians with your children. Please be on the lookout for a message inviting you to register with the tool.

The staff and I are excited about the reopening of school later this week. Please feel free to contact your child's school if you have any questions about their return on Thursday. Take care and thank you for entrusting your child's education to us.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Turck

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Superintendent of Schools