



Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

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Dear APW Students and Families,

Welcome back!

We are so excited to welcome you back for the 2020-2021 school year! We have missed you so much. It has been too long since we closed our school back in March. We have eagerly anticipated the opportunity to bring our students and staff back to school. We understand that you have many questions and concerns with sending your child to school during this pandemic and will do our very best to assist you. Our administrative team has worked tirelessly this summer to create a safe learning environment that will meet the needs of all learners.

Student Schedules - In order to comply with New York State Department of Health and State Education Department guidelines while still providing students the opportunity for in-person interaction with their teachers and peers, APW students will attend school using a *Hybrid Learning Model* which means that your child will attend school on either Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays. The school schedule and your individual child's schedule is included in this letter that will identify which days they will attend. Students who attend on Thu/Fri will report for their first day of school on Thursday, September 10th. Students who attend on Mon/Tue will report for their first day on Monday, September 14th. Regardless of what day your student is physically scheduled to attend school, every student is expected to start instruction on Thursday, September 10th.

100% Virtual Students - Teachers will reach out to students who have chosen to be 100% virtual learners once the school year begins. Teachers will assist students with gaining access to Google Classrooms so they can participate in class lessons, assignments, and assessments.

Safety - To ensure the safety of our students and staff, it is required that everyone on campus wears a face covering (face mask, not a gaiter or bandana) at all times in the hallways, and when there is movement within the classroom. Students are also required to keep a six foot distance from one another at all times.

Breakfast/Lunch - Breakfast and lunch will be delivered to each classroom daily. Please send your child with a water bottle as the drinking fountains will not be operational due to shared use. Students will have access to our touchless refillable water bottle units during the school day. Students will have the option of bringing home breakfast and lunch for the days they are not in attendance at school. These meals will be provided for students at the end of the day on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up and Student Drivers - If you choose to drive your child to school or you are a 12th grade student driver with an approved parking pass, you will be dropping off and entering the building through the Athletic Entrance on the right side of the school. Please refer to the document included in this letter that will explain this procedure.

Instruction - Please refer to our school district website (www.apwschools.org) and select the "Reopening" tab to access information on how we will be delivering instruction to our students this school year.

Student Lockers - Students will not have access to lockers this year due to social distancing requirements and to limit student movement throughout the building.

Class Materials - Due to our modified instructional model, students will be initially asked to bring notebooks and writing utensils to school. A majority of student work will be accomplished on Chromebooks and laptops.

Technology - Students will be provided with a Chromebook or a laptop as necessary when they attend school. If you are in need of a reliable computer device when your student is learning from home, please contact the main office so we can assist you. If you need assistance with school related technology at home, please email our technology department at FamilyHelpdesk@apw.cnyric.org or call the **Family Helpdesk Voicemail** at 315-625-5240.

We believe to our core that this school year **will be successful** despite state mandated restrictions. We also believe that our students will continue to learn, grow, and making positive strides in their academic journey. We are committed to having a positive attitude and working collaboratively with you to provide your child with the best experience possible. Please understand that we are here to serve the families of APW and we encourage you to reach out to us at any time.

Go Rebels!

Joseph Olsen & Kristin Moses
Principal and Assistant Principal