



Loranger Memorial School

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Hello Loranger Families,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. The transition back has been an interesting one with the impact that COVID-19 has had on Loranger and the district. If you have not yet seen Superintendent Suttie's Community Update from earlier today, you can view it [here](#). In short, It does extend our closure for the first three days of next week. All students at Loranger will be back to in person learning on Thursday, December 10th. This does not include any students who are enrolled in our remote learning academy.

Mr. Suttie also mentioned the virtual parent forums that we will be hosting starting next week. The forum for Loranger is scheduled for next Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00PM. Here is the link to attend:

RSU 23 Virtual Parent Forum Meeting Link:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/210901373>

Please also take a minute to read Mr. Suttie's [Holiday Travel Memo](#).

LMS Red Plan

I want to share out again our Loranger plan for closure, even though you all have been following it this past week. We will utilize this schedule for Monday and Tuesday next week, and Wednesday will follow our typical practice of Wednesday remote days with only a morning meeting.

- 8:30 Morning Meeting
- 9:00 Class Time
- 11:00 Class Time
- 1:00 Class Time

Based upon grade level, the 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00 blocks will be different, and one of those blocks will be an allied arts section. These times will begin with a synchronous event with the teacher, and then may transition to a number of different things up to and including individual work time, collaboration with a peer, or continued video instruction. Along with this schedule, each teacher will have availability starting at 2:00 to meet with students or families if necessary. We hope that this consistent schedule has improved our remote learning from last spring.

Masks in Public Places

A quick reminder that masks must be worn by all in public spaces as per an executive order released by Governor Mills. This is put in place regardless of the ability to maintain physical distance. The executive order does include school property in its definition of public settings.

Please remember if you are on our campus in any capacity to wear your mask at all times. Thank you.

Cooler Weather & Warmer Clothing

Due to the current pandemic, many of our classes continue to go outside to utilize physical distancing as much as possible. Please be sure to send students with proper clothing and outdoor gear. Our 3-5 students also go outside for recess. Our cut off for outside recess is feels like 18° so it is important that students have the appropriate clothing to participate. Anything colder than feels like 18°, or when it is wet and rainy we will stay inside. If anyone is in need of warmer clothing, please reach out to our School Counselor, Judy Milligan at jmilligan@rsu23.org for assistance.

Snow Day Information

Superintendent Suttie recently sent out a [memo](#) regarding Snow Days. This year on snow days we will be having remote learning days. This will allow us to maintain our current end of year school date of June 11th. Teachers and grade level teams are working on details of the plan for remote learning days, taking into account the possibility of power outages. Each teacher/grade level team will be finalizing their plans and communicating those out to families when they are complete.

School Nutrition Program

As a reminder, breakfast and lunch are available daily at school. Until THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR breakfast and lunch will be FREE TO ALL STUDENTS. Please still fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application to determine if your child qualifies for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at Loranger and on our website at: <https://rsu23.org> on the Food & Nutrition Services page. School lunch menus are also posted to the website. Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Services Director with any questions at ctrinder@rsu23.org or 934-4461 ext. 1239. We are looking forward to serving healthy and tasty meals all year!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, December 9 - LMS Parent Forum
- Friday, December 11 - End of Trimester 1
- Wednesday, December 23 through Monday, January 4 - Holiday Break

Have a great weekend!

Matthew Foster
Principal