



CLINTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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"Where Children Come First"

June 5, 2020

Dear Families & Staff,

Thank you for your assistance in the student item pick up this week. What a smooth and effective process. We are one week away from the end of new instruction and the close of the marking period. The dates below are important to note:

- June 9th is the last day for new instruction
- June 12th, PowerSchool will go offline for the input of student data **(Changed - so parents can view missing assignments)**
- June 10 - 12 are full days for students and are the days that remain for the completion of assigned work
- June 15 & 16 are half days, and teachers will be accessible between 9 am and noon.
 - Staff will set available hours 6/10 - 12 & 15-16, they are in Professional Development, or closeout procedures.
- June 16th is Virtual Graduation
- June 16 (PM), June 17 - 19, Material/Technology Drop Off dates. A schedule will follow.
- PMG drop off of materials (no tech) will begin on June 11. Additional details will follow through school newsletters.
- June 30th to July 30th - Virtual ESY

In addition, we will begin sharing the schedule for parent drop off of materials. This will be very similar to the pick up process, with bins and carts available to drop off items, at designated times and will take place at both RVS and CTMS. The "pick up" and "drop off" were at different times, to allow students to keep their materials through the end of instruction. Students at PMG will have a different drop off schedule, as they do not have technology to return. Students attending the ESY program are asked to hold onto their devices to use during that program. For all devices, we will record the drop off of your technology. We will have spreadsheets of names and a staff member will check off your return of chromebooks, chargers, ipads, etc. This will occur after school has ended on June 16th, to allow students access to their materials to complete assignments. Another change in the end of year dates is that parents will have the ability to review missed assignments in PowerSchool through June 12th. Please make sure that all work is turned in by June 12th, to be entered into PowerSchool, to allow the time to complete report cards.

Fourth Marking Period Reporting:

K-5: The work for the final marking period will be reported through the use of narratives from the teaching staff and include participation, work completion, and mastery of content.

CTMS: Traditional grades A-D with accompanying comments when appropriate. A "D" will be earned for the final marking period by students "who do not actively engage in learning by not completing and submitting the majority of assignments and not responding to teacher feedback."

We have many plans in place for this summer. Our Health website ([here](#)) will continue to be maintained over the summer months. In addition, we will continue to post stories, STEAM activities, Summer Reading programs, and other links to activities that your children may access, so that they can continue to learn and use the same strategies we are currently using. A "Summer" tab will be created on our Health website before the end of the school year. Information on reopening will also be posted on our websites, once that becomes available.

Members of our staff have joined reopening subcommittees, and are ready to hit the "go" button, once we receive guidance from the Health Department, the Governor and the Department of Education. Reopening is a larger issue than just for one school district and a coordinated effort must be in place. Earlier this week, we sent out a survey from the NJDOE on reopening. This survey is gathering feedback from families regarding a broad range of items that will impact reopening. If you have not done so, please take the time to complete this. We will keep everyone informed once we have more information to share - we understand that everyone is anxious for news.

Preparing for the fall will be our focus. Many of our staff members have joined committees focused on the reopening of school, from scheduling, training, facilities, health and wellness, to technology, and more. Our goal is to be prepared for the fall in whatever capacity that may be. We are working on many hybrid options and looking to create systems and platforms that easily transition

between home and school. Advances often come from challenges, and we are going to keep our technology skills sharp, and technology integrated into our curriculum at all levels.

Sincerely,

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