

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you read in the email sent last night from Dr. Smyser, we will start the school year learning remotely through at least October 16th. The plans and communications we sent regarding the start of school in person will now shift to explain how we will begin and operate remotely for 1st quarter. While we are in remote learning, the Group A and B designations are not applicable.

We know remote learning requires consistency, clear communication, and creativity to engage students in the classroom content and school culture. We are committed to ensuring our Pirates receive an excellent education, they are connected with their peers and teachers, and they have the resources they need to be successful. Our staff built a wealth of knowledge and strategies through 4th quarter of remote learning last year, and have been working all summer preparing for hybrid and/or remote learning. We will be creating tutorial videos for parents on all schedules, learning platforms, and procedures through the quarter to ensure you have everything you need to support your child. To guide that work, please take a few minutes to answer the questions on this Google Form - **Pirate Family Feedback.**

At this time, we are not 100% sure we will hold the laptop/schedule/planner pick up and school pictures on August 17th. We hope to have that answer as soon as possible, and will communicate as soon as we do. There is important and critical planning to be done by your Pirate staff prior to the start of school. You can look for us to communicate the following as we finalize plans and logistics.

1. Supply lists
2. 6th Grade WEB Transition day and activities
3. What will be consistent school-wide and by grade level
4. How and when teachers will communicate with students and parents
5. How attendance will be taken
6. Grading procedures and policies
7. Student attendance and learning expectations by school, grade level, and teacher
8. The daily remote learning schedule

If you qualify to apply for free/reduced lunch and fee waivers, here is the [link](#) to complete it. Please email our Office Manager, Anne Kirven, at akirven@psdschools.org if you need assistance.

Many of you have reached out with thoughts and questions these past months. Please let us know whatever you need, and continue to share your perspective as we work to create a positive learning experience for our Pirates in our current learning structure. Enjoy this accompanying [video message](#) from our Pirate Administration.

Best,

Alicia Bono; Principal

Matt Ellis; Asst. Principal