

Oneonta CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME OF THE YELLOWJACKETS

Academic Continuity Plan ANNOUNCEMENTS and GUIDANCE for STUDENTS and THEIR FAMILIES

April 3, 2020

Dear Oneonta City School District Students, Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community,

As we transition to the possibility of yet another extension in our school closure, we wanted to share some important information concerning our collective effort to provide continued instruction to our students. First and foremost, we recognize that this is a very difficult time filled with many uncertainties. It is our hope that this document will provide clear expectations to reduce the amount of stress you and our students may be experiencing.

As mentioned in a previous correspondence, grades have not been assigned to any student work since March 16th. Circumstances are very different from family to family and trying to coordinate your pre-school closure life with the current home instruction environment can be taxing. The school work offered thus far and that which will be offered is primarily supplemental in nature with some degree of new material blended in. As such, feedback will continue to be provided on such work but please know that our students will not be penalized if they cannot complete something or if the content is too difficult to sort through in this home instruction environment. It is our sincere desire to advantage our students in any way we can during this tremendously challenging time.

With the hope of creating some semblance of normalcy and sense of belonging relative to school, please find information below that lists how we hope to accomplish this goal:

What you can expect from teachers:

Content Delivery

- All K-5 teachers may post content daily or as frequently as possible or consistent with their traditional schedule to either **Schoology** or **Google Classroom** ideally no later than 8:30 a.m.
- All 6-12 teachers may post content daily or as frequently as possible or consistent with their traditional schedule to either **Schoology** or **Google Classroom** ideally no later than 7:45 a.m.

Student Specific Support

- All K-5 teachers should be available between 8:25 a.m.- 3:05 p.m. every school day Monday through Friday to address student questions, concerns and offer support.
- All 6-12 teachers should be available between 7:30 a.m.- 2:20 p.m. every school day Monday through Friday to address student questions, concerns and offer support.
 - Many of our teachers will be reaching out to students regarding scheduled "Office Hours" - these are times in which students can get help during that specific time. However, teachers will still be available for assistance throughout the scheduled school day.

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Student Expectations and Guidelines

K-12: Since the plan is to post content daily or as frequently as possible, we are asking that our students check in daily, if possible, to Schoology or Google Classroom to check for assignments, new assignments, or activities. Likewise, students and families, appropriate to grade level, should check their OCSD email or personal email as regularly as possible.

- Certainly, we as professionals, fully understand that our students may not be able to check in every single day for various reasons. We understand and we are sensitive to the needs of our families.
- Please also note that we wish to encourage continued flexibility for all. Our students can, and should be encouraged, to check in at any given time that works best for them and their families. We acknowledge the fact that there may be multiple students in each household. As such, our students are encouraged to engage with materials at any point throughout the day or in a manner that is most effective for the student and your family.
- Students should report any issues or concerns involving technology to their child's Library Media Specialist via their District email:
 - Mrs. Stalder - High School mstalder@oneontacsd.org
 - Mrs. Forbes - Middle School sforbes@oneontacsd.org
 - Mrs. Ewing - Greater Plains jewing@oneontacsd.org
 - Mrs. Hamilton - Riverside dhamilton@oneontacd.org
 - Mr. Parmerter - Valleyview mparmerter@oneontacsd.org
- Teachers will be providing feedback on submitted assignments as needed or appropriate and as such, encourage student participation as often as possible.

Technology Needs

K-5 Students- If you feel that your Elementary-aged student would benefit from having a District Chromebook at home during the closure, please navigate to <https://bit.ly/OCSDChromebook> and submit a separate request for each child that needs one.

We will make arrangements based on the responses we receive to distribute Chromebooks.

A request can also be made on our district webpage in the yellow banner.

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:

Parent Guide to Google Classroom in 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lowi-gmbys&feature=youtu.be>

Parent Guide to Schoology

<https://bit.ly/3aHk8jE> (obtain Parent Code from classroom teacher)

Parent Guide to Preparing Your Student for Video Conferencing

<https://bit.ly/ParentZoom>

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SCHOOL RESOURCES

Recognizing that children and adults thrive on social interactions, during a time when social distancing is necessary, providing an on-line platform for students to safely interact with their teachers and peers can be very helpful. In addition to offering this platform, our commitment to supporting students and families emotional needs are outlined below:

- Elementary and Middle School Food Backpack programs will continue on a weekly basis. If you are a family that is in need of food but are not currently enrolled in the program please contact your school's guidance counselor or principal.
- Breakfast and lunch program will continue to be offered

Social and Emotional Needs

Counseling staff will be available by phone and email during regular school hours for the extent of the school closing. Counselors will be checking their messages on a daily basis.

If you have an emergency or are in crisis, please call 911.

Oneonta High School (607) 433-8243

School Counselors

Mrs. Garcia	ext. 2121	sgarcia@oneontacsd.org
Mrs. Kaschak	ext. 2122	kkaschak@oneontacsd.org
Mrs. Segal	ext. 2123	nichola@oneontacsd.org

School Psychologist

Mrs. Szerszen	ext. 2234	kszerszen@oneontacsd.org
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School Social Worker

Mrs. Foster	ext. 2127	ffoster@oneontacsd.org
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Oneonta Middle School (607) 433-8262

School Counselors

Mr. Mason	ext. 3435	rmason@oneontacsd.org
Mr. Scanlon	ext. 3454	tscanlon@oneontacsd.org

School Psychologists

Mrs. Rutherford	ext. 3430	drutherford@oneontacsd.org
Mrs. Zimmerman	ext. 3430	lzimmerman@oneontacsd.org

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Greater Plains Elementary (607) 433-8272

School Counselor

Mrs. Herger ext. 4403 sherger@oneontacsd.org

School Psychologist

Mrs. Rutherford ext. 4406 drutherford@oneontacsd.org

Valleyview Elementary (607) 433-8252

School Counselor

Mrs. Hoffman ext. 6403 khoffman@oneontacsd.org

School Psychologist

Mrs. Zimmerman ext. 6406 lzimmerman@oneontacsd.org

Riverside Elementary (607) 433-8273

School Counselor

Ms. Hoose ext. 5403 mhoose@oneontacsd.org

School Psychologist

Mrs. Beckerink ext. 5406 sbeckerink@oneontacsd.org

TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

General Ages – From the National Association of School Psychologists

[Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)

Preschool, elementary – From PBS/Daniel Tiger

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)

Tweens, Teens from NY Times

[Talking to Teens and Tweens About Coronavirus](#)

Social Story with Visuals

[COVID-19 social story](#)

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We hope this document will be helpful to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

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