

Oil City Area School District



September 6, 2020

Dear OCASD Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy as you enjoy this Labor Day weekend. I'm pleased to say that the first week of school went very well. It was wonderful to see so many smiling Oiler faces (even if I could only see everyone's eyes)! Students and staff are doing an amazing job in wearing their masks and following the social distancing protocols.

Whether you have chosen to send your student(s) to school via the face-to-face option, to attend the OCASD Virtual Academy, or to attend the OCASD Cyber School, we appreciate your patience as we work to provide the best education possible. We are thrilled to have our Oiler community back together for the 2020-2021 school year.

Please remember the following points:

- There is no school on Monday, September 7 due to the Labor Day holiday
- Group A students will report to school on Tuesday/Wednesday
- Group B students will report to school on Thursday/Friday
- Venango Technical School students will report to their shop (AM or PM) Tuesday through Friday

Please be sure to continue to screen your student(s) for COVID-19 related symptoms each morning before your child(ren) heads to school. The latest version of the symptom screening tool can be found on the OCASD website (www.ocasd.org). In addition, if your student(s) has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify your child's building principal immediately. Once that information has been reported, we enact our COVID-19 response protocol and notify the Rapid Response Team at the PA Department of Health. From there, we follow the guidance provided by the health experts. To date, there have been three (3) OCASD individuals who have been potentially exposed to a person who has been confirmed to have COVID-19. Per the instructions from the PA Department of Health, those individuals have been directed to isolate or quarantine for a prescribed number of days based on their specific circumstance. If there is a positive case at one of the district's schools, contact tracing will begin and families of students and staff will be notified.

As always, thank you for your support of our schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the main office at your student's school.

Stay healthy,

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