

Franklin Borough School

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Dear Franklin Borough School Families,

I hope this email finds you and your family well during these challenging times. As we enter into our fourth week of remote learning, I would like to share some information and updates with you.

Spring Break - Please remember this is a short school week. Spring Break begins Friday, April 10, 2020 and ends Friday, April 17, 2020. No remote learning will take place during Spring Break, and the school building will be closed.

Report Cards - Third marking period grades are available on the *Realtime Parent Portal*. You may reach teachers via email if you have questions or concerns about your child's grades. If you have any problems logging into Realtime, please email Mrs. Panagakis at hpanagakis@fboe.org for assistance.

Superintendent's Roundtable Award Recipient - It is with great pleasure that I announce that Franklin Borough School's Superintendents Roundtable Award recipient for the 2019-2020 school year is Emily Paucello. Emily is an exceptional student who excels in many areas and whose involvement in the school community makes Franklin Borough School a better place. Please join me in congratulating Emily!

Remote Learning - Thank you for continuing to support your child's at-home learning. Please continue to encourage students to check the [Remote Learning Plan](#), *Google Classroom*, and their school email daily.

Online Learning - In fulfilling its commitment to remotely educate all Franklin Borough School students, teachers at Franklin Borough School may use online platforms/applications (apps) such as *Zoom* and *Google Hangouts* to facilitate face-to-face interaction between teachers and students. Franklin Borough School has made reasonable efforts to ensure that such conferencing is confidential, and access to platforms/apps for such interaction is given only to students in the assigned group of a particular app.

However, when teachers provide online interactive services in a group format, students are able to see other students in the group. During online group interaction, Franklin Borough School is unable to control who else may be in the room in which a student is receiving these services. This includes other family members, and others who are living with or in the room with the students, who may observe the session as well as other students in the group.

Therefore, Franklin Borough School expects that all parents/guardians will review and implement the following guidelines and expectations to ensure the confidentiality rights of all students are protected during instructional methodologies which include group communications, and/or video conferencing:

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- 1) Neither Franklin Borough School nor parents/guardians shall make or maintain recordings of the course content or classroom activity or other group communication that is conveyed via video conferencing services.
- 2) Parents/guardians shall make every effort to ensure that no one other than the student scheduled to participate in a video conference service can see or hear the conference.
- 3) If parental or other third-party involvement in a video conference is necessary to enable a student to participate, the individual assisting the student shall not re-disclose any personally identifiable information about any student involved in the video conference.
- 4) If the parent's/guardian's electronic equipment malfunctions in any way, the planned video conference will continue as scheduled.
- 5) The parties agree that this does not apply to the video or audio-taping of any course material by teachers that have been or may be made available to students from time to time.

The safety and confidentiality needs of all Franklin Borough School students remains a priority during online/remote learning.

Building Access - The school building is now accessible only by appointment. If you need a Chromebook or any other item from the school building, please email a school administrator to schedule a time to pick up the needed item.

- **Mr. Giacchi** - jrgiacchi@fboe.org
- **Dr. Vallacchi** - lvallacchi@fboe.org
- **Mrs. Ryder** - cryder@fboe.org
- **Voicemail** - 973-827-9775 ext. 7212 *Voicemail is checked in the morning and afternoon.*

Please do not show up to the building unannounced as the building is staffed on a limited basis.

School Lunch - Breakfast and lunch are available for families who qualify. You may pick up meals on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the auditorium entrance of the school.
Meals will be distributed during spring break.

Attendance - If your child is sick, please continue to call the attendance line at school at 973-827-9775 and choose option 1 for attendance so that we may track student illnesses. This will help the administration as we make decisions moving forward.

YMCA - The YMCA has asked me to announce that they have a *Virtual Distance Learning Support Program* available for members of our community. This program can help alleviate the stress on those of you who are working from home and providing educational instruction to your children. The live, one-hour long *Virtual Distance Learning Support Program* sessions offer students in grades K - 8 remote, one-on-one support with school assignments. For more information about the YMCA's new program, visit <https://www.metroymcas.org/distancelearning/>. Should you decide to participate in this program, you may use the code *LearnWithUs2020* to receive \$10 off your child's first session.

Finally, since I can't say this enough, thank you! All of us working together will ensure we are successful supporting each of our students. Your willingness to work with our faculty and staff as one cohesive unit supporting students is inspiring!

Best wishes to you and your family.

Stay healthy,

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