

## **North Salem Schools COVID-19, Coronavirus Update No. 9 March 18, 2020**

### **Food Pantry**

We would like to thank "Feeding Westchester" for providing over 15,000 pounds of food for our community this morning. The food pantry will return to North Salem on Wednesday, March 25th from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the front of the MSHS. The pantry offers free fresh vegetables, fruit and meats for those in need. We will be ordering additional dry goods for the coming week like pasta, grains and other pantry items. All are encouraged to come if they need food. Additionally, from 5pm - 7pm tonight, the ambulance corps will be open for food pick-up. It is located at 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.

### **Westchester County Is Directing Food Distribution and Healthcare Worker/First Responder Childcare**

This afternoon the county released its childcare and food distribution plan. We have posted it to our webpage.

### **Board of Education Meeting**

The next Board of Education meeting will take place on Wednesday March, 25 at 9:00 am. Due to the social distancing guideline, the meeting is not open to the public. The meeting can be viewed live through the district website.

### **New Technology Survey**

As we transition to distance learning, we know there are more families who are in need of technology in order for their children to access the learning resources. Click [THIS LINK](#) to let us know your needs. The second distribution of chromebooks will take place on Wednesday, March 31, 2020 from 9:00 - 11:00 am outside the MS cafeteria.

### **Learning Plan - UPDATE**

As we transition to distance learning, we will roll out our plan in several phases.

- Phase One - March 23-31 - Current School Closing Dates
- Phase Two - Beginning April 1st should we remain closed

Phase One begins on March 23rd with the Distance Learning site going live for PQ and the MS/HS.

From the PQ homepage, parents will find a button on the homepage to Distance Learning Resources with grade level specific resources and folders with activities for students.

At the MSHS, parents will find a button on the homepage for Distance Learning Resources. This will provide general learning resources for students beginning March 23rd with teacher specific activities available on Friday, March 27th.

During Phase One, the activities provided are meant to be maintenance of skills and past learning. These activities are an opportunity for families to think about how they might schedule their days around school learning for their children should we continue to remain closed. None

of the work posted in this phase will be graded. Students are encouraged to return any completed work should we return to school on April 1st.

Phase Two will begin should we remain closed beyond March 31st. Students in Grades 3-12 will access lessons from Google Classroom as the primary platform for lesson delivery. In Grades K-2, we hope to have students accessing lessons from the SeeSaw platform.

Specific information for accessing these resources will be sent to families on Monday, March 23rd.

We know that this new learning landscape will be both exciting and challenging. Our success with students will be dependent on our ability to be patient and work through the growing pains. We appreciate your cooperation as we transition into this new learning environment.

Next Update Tomorrow

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