



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

### OCTOBER 18, 2021



#### Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes

Please call the safe arrival line @ 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy.

Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for last-minute dismissal changes.

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#### Harvard Reading Program Update:

On Friday, students in Grades 4 and 5 Zoomed with Harvard Student Athletes to talk about the importance of reading.

#### HWRSD Problem Solving Process Quick Guide

HWRSD is committed to meeting the needs of all of our students and promoting student self-advocacy at developmentally appropriate ages. If a situation arises where a student or parent/caregiver/caregivers have an Academic, Social-Emotional, or Behavioral Concern, the following Problem Solving Process should be followed.

##### Elementary Level

**STEP ONE:** When a parent/caregiver has a concern, it is important that the parent/caregiver/caregivers first begins with the staff member most closely associated with the situation. By placing a phone call to the main office, the parent/caregiver/caregivers can leave a message with the appropriate staff member. Details are listed below:

- Academic or Social Concern – Classroom Teacher
- Social/Behavior Concern (within the classroom) – Classroom Teacher
- Behavior Concern (recess) – Classroom Teacher
- Bus Concern – School Principal
- Lunchtime/Recess Concern – Classroom teacher
- Specialist Class Concern – Specialist Teacher: Art, Library, Music, PE/Health

**STEP TWO:** After meeting with the appropriate staff member, most situations can be resolved or explained. If the parent/caregiver continues to have concerns, the next step would be to meet with the next tier of support as outlined below. By placing a phone call to the main office the parent/caregiver/caregivers can leave a message with the appropriate staff member.

- Academic or Social Concern – Adjustment Counselor
- Behavior Concern (within the classroom) – Adjustment Counselor
- Behavior Concern (Recess) – Adjustment Counselor
- Bus Concern – Principal
- Lunchtime/Recess Concern – School Counselor

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday, October 26**  
**Early Release 11:15am**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*

**Wednesday, October 27**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*  
**Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #2**  
 6-9pm

**Friday, October 29 \*New Date**  
*Halloween Happenings 5-7pm*

**Tuesday, November 2**  
*School Picture Retakes 9-11am*  
**Early Release 11:15am**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*

**Wednesday, November 3**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*

**Thursday, November 11**  
*No School - Holiday*

**Wednesday, November 17**  
*Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #3*  
 6-9pm

**Friday, November 12**  
*No School - Teacher Workshop*

**Wednesday, November 24**  
*Early Release 11:15am*  
**Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26**  
*No School - Thanksgiving Break*

**Saturday, December 4**  
*Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm*

**Wednesday, December 9**  
*Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #4*  
 6-9pm

- *Specialist Class Concern – School Counselor*

**STEP THREE:** *If steps one and two are unsuccessful at rectifying the situation satisfactorily, a phone call or meeting with the principal may be necessary. The parent/caregiver/caregivers should contact the school secretary to schedule a time to speak with the principal on the phone or in person.*

**District Parents Council (DPC):**

*The Superintendent is starting a District Parent Council (DPC) that will consist of three parents from each level, elementary, middle school, and high school. The DPC is an advisory council to the Superintendent designed to maintain direct and open communication between the Superintendent and parents while also providing a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and concerns. The meetings will be about an hour and more than likely be held at 3 PM, one time per month. Please sign up [here](#) to be considered for the DPC.*

**SUPERINTENDENT MEET & GREET:**

*In an effort to improve district communication, Interim Superintendent, Eric Tracy has been hosting meet and greets across the district and the last one this month is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> @ in the High School Café at 8:30 am. ALL of the meetings are open to ANY parent with students in the district who would like to learn about the district initiatives, goals, and ask any questions. We hope to see many of you on Tuesday.*

**ASPEN and policy acceptance - please review!**

*We still need many of our K-5 families to go into Aspen to verify that the handbook and district policies have been reviewed, as well as to confirm that the Aspen information is up to date. Please take a moment to log in, click the **Initiate** button, start a new workflow, and go through the tabs along the top. If your login is not working, reach out to [aspenhelp@hwschools.net](mailto:aspenhelp@hwschools.net).*

**COVID SAFETY Checks:**

**Wednesday, December 22**

*Early Release 11:15am*

**Thursday, December 23 -**

**Friday, December 31**

*No School - Winter Recess*

**Monday, January 3**

*Back to School!*

**Monday, January 17**

*No School - Holiday*

**Monday, February 21 -**

**Friday, February 25**

*No School - February Break*

**Monday, March 14**

*No School - Teacher Workshop*

**Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22**

*No School - April Break*

**Monday, May 30**

*No School - Holiday*

**Thursday, June 16**

*Last Day of School - No Snow Day*



# WEEKLY COVID POOLED TESTING PROGRAM

## SIGNUP AND SWABBING

### WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN POOLED TESTING?

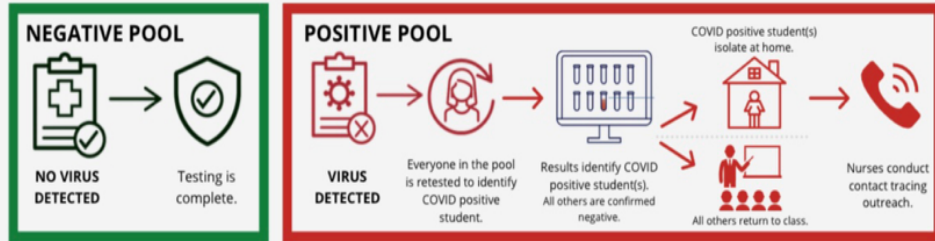
Participation in pooled testing helps identify asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic COVID positive individuals.



## RESULTS

### UNDERSTANDING POOLED TESTING

Being part of a positive pool does not automatically require you to quarantine. Contact tracing by nurses will notify those who need to quarantine.



Pool testing is proving to be a very effective strategy helping to keep our students and staff healthy and safe at school! If you haven't already done so, please consider signing your student(s) up using this [consent form](#) (one for each child). If you have any questions about COVID testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net).

### Electronics Collection fundraiser at the high school:

Saturday, October 23, 10a-2p

See our website for more information