

Milford Central School

Reminders from Mrs. Wenck

Friday, February 11, 2022

Dear Parents, Community members, Students and Staff,

As I have shared in prior letters, there continue to be multiple changes regarding COVID 19 regulations from the NY State Department of Health, Governor Hochul's office. The most recent changes continue to involve the mask mandate. As of this moment what I can share is that the mask mandate for the general public has been lifted. This means that masks are not required in public places such as grocery stores or restaurants.

However, this does not apply to public schools. For schools, the mask mandate remains in place until at least the beginning of March. Therefore, until further notice, all individuals entering the school building are required to wear masks and do so appropriately.

On a different note, on Saturday February 19, 2022, the winter vacation break will begin. In preparation for students to return to school on Monday February 28th, we want to assist parents/guardians by offering families At Home COVID-19 Test Kits for each child.

Over the past three school years, much has been learned about how the COVID-19 virus is transmitted. We have seen COVID-19 "surge", again and again, after school breaks. To assist in mitigating the spread of the virus, having At Home COVID-19 Test Kits available and testing your children before the return to school can assist in reducing the spread of the virus. If you are interested in receiving At Home COVID-19 Test Kits, which is optional, and using the kits to test your children, it is recommended to do the test on Sunday morning, February 27th, and again in the morning on February 28th before sending your child to school. If the test turns out positive you will know to keep your child home. This could save both you and the school a lot of time, worry, and the possibility of spreading COVID to others in school.

If you are interested in receiving At Home COVID-19 Test Kits for each of your children, they will be available for pick-up Monday through Friday (2/14/22 – 2/18/22) during school hours. Please contact the school nurse or the main office to either make arrangements to pick up the tests or have them sent home with your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Jolene Chase our school nurse.

Test kits will be available for interested faculty and staff as well.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Romona N. Wenck, Interim Superintendent

Important Information and Reminders

***1 Sports Merger with Laurens:** For several years now, our Track and Field program has been merged with the Laurens program. The original agreement for the merger was for three (3) years. Due to the success of the program, we have continued with the merger. This past fall, due to low participation numbers, we successfully merged our Boys Varsity Soccer Teams, and for several years, we have had students participating in the Laurens Color guard program.

At this time the Board is considering a three-year trial merger for all sports teams. I have been asked to develop a cost analysis for such a merger but that will be very difficult. The main costs will be for transportation, sharing of officials' fees, uniforms (if needed), coaching salaries, and equipment. When all is said and done, I do not anticipate any cost savings. Mergers do not usually provide a cost savings. We have not and are not considering a merger for financial reasons. The most important fact involving mergers is that mergers provide programs for students, which I, and the Board believes, needs to be our focus.

Before making a final decision on this, we would like to know what our parents, students and community members think about this concept. Should you have any questions, thoughts or opinions, we would like to hear from you. Reach out to our Athletic Director, a Board member or to me.

***2 CROP Update:** The CROP program will be starting on March 7th and will be open to students in grades 1 and 2only!!