



Thursday, November 19, 2020

Dear Nature Hill Families,

As you know, Nature Hill will switch to the hybrid purple/gold learning model from Monday, November 30, through Friday, December, 18. Oconomowoc High School will also switch to the hybrid purple/gold model during this time.

This short-term learning model change is intended to reduce the number of student and staff quarantines and COVID-19 cases we are experiencing in our schools due to home or community contact. The continued increase in staff quarantines has required teachers to teach remotely while the District provides a substitute teacher or qualified supervisor for the students learning at school. The variability of these absences is making it very difficult to find substitute teachers and qualified supervisors for students who are learning at school, sometimes resulting in entire classes or grade-levels being sent to virtual learning.

In mid-December, we will evaluate the learning models, quarantine information, and COVID-19 cases among staff and students, to make a determination on our return to school after the winter holiday break. The District will share additional information with families before the OASD winter break which starts on December 19.

Intermediate Student Schedule for November 30-January 3:

- November 30-December 18: Learning in the hybrid purple/gold model
- December 19-January 3: All OASD students and staff off school for winter break

Intermediate Student Group Designations Assigned by Last Names

Student cohort designations remain as they were in fall. In general, students are assigned by their last name.

Last name starting A-K	Purple Group
Last name starting L-Z	Gold Group

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Intermediate Hybrid Purple/Gold Calendar

November 2020						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
29	30/B day					

December 2020						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1/A day	2/B day	3/A day	4/B day	5
6	7/ A day	8/B day	9/A day	10/B day	11/A day	12
13	14/B day	15/A day	16/B day	17/A day	18/B day	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Key	
 	PURPLE DAYS - Purple Students Learning at School/Gold Students Learning Virtually
 	GOLD DAYS - Gold Students Learning at School/Purple Students Learning Virtually
 	GREEN - No School For Winter Break

Intermediate students will continue to follow the current A/B Day rotation for explore classes on their in-person learning days and their virtual learning days.

- [Click here for the full Purple/Gold model calendar for November and December](#)
- [Click here for the Intermediate Schools A/B Day calendar](#)

Nature Hill Hybrid Purple/Gold Daily Schedules

All students are expected to attend their CPR/Cyclone Circle time from 7:30-7:55 a.m. For each class, students learning virtually will connect for a portion of the class period to receive the instruction from their teacher.

- [8th Grade Purple/Gold Hybrid Schedule](#)
- [7th Grade Purple/Gold Hybrid Schedule](#)
- [6th Grade Purple/Gold Hybrid Schedule](#)
- [5th Grade Purple/Gold Hybrid Schedule](#)

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Attendance

Attendance will be taken for students within the first 10-minutes of class. If a student is not logged in and has not contacted their teachers within the first 10-minutes of class, they will be marked absent from that class. If a student is more than 3-minutes late to a mandatory meeting, they will be marked as tardy.

There are two ways that families can report a student's absence to school, either by calling the school attendance line or using the Skyward Family Access system.

Reporting Illness Through the Nature Hill Attendance Phone Line: (262)-569-4942

For families who prefer to call the school attendance line to report an absence or illness, please remember to leave the following information:

- Parent/guardian name and phone number
- Student name
- Reason for absence
- If the student is ill, please explain all of their symptoms
- If the student has been exposed to COVID-19, please give information on that exposure
- If the student has tested positive for COVID-19, please confirm the date of the test result

Reporting Illness Through Skyward Family Access

Families can also report a child's absence through the online [Family Access system](#).

[Please use these step-by-step instructions](#) to record the absence in Skyward. If the District Health Team or School Administration have questions about your child's absence of illness, you will receive a phone call to request more information.

Student Health Symptom Reporting

Student attendance will be expected for all virtual classes. If a student is too ill to participate it is expected that families notify school of student illnesses and report their absence on virtual learning days.

Illness Guidelines

The coronavirus is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge you to speak to your child about the following prevention measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

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The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, and coughing. Some people with coronavirus have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. In some situations, the virus can develop into pneumonia. Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital.

[2020-21 OASD Illness Guidelines](#)
[Exposure Exclusion Expectations Letter](#)

Student Services Support

OASD Student Services Staff are available as a resource to support students who may be struggling with anxiety or other mental health concerns. The counselors, school social workers, and school psychologist can provide individual support for students and families. Please reach out to the student services staff at school if your child is struggling or if you need support in navigating these unique times.

Nature Hill Student Services Staff

Counselor – Brenda Barker	<u>BarkerB@oasd.org</u>	(262) 569-4950
Counselor – Peihua Reinke	<u>ReinkeP@oasd.org</u>	(262) 560-4311
School Psychologist – Heather Olwig	<u>OlwigH@oasd.org</u>	(262) 569-4952
School Social Worker – Nicole Mara	<u>MaraN@oasd.org</u>	(262) 569-4953

Students Can Request a Virtual Meeting

Students can ask for a meeting with Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Reinke, Ms. Mara, or Mrs. Olwig.

- [Click here for the NHI Student Services Meeting Request Form.](#)
- [Click here for a full list of mental health resources for Nature Hill students and families](#)

Student Food Service Options

OASD students will have the opportunity to order meals for their virtual learning days. Meals are packed based on the number of virtual school days your child will have each week and families can pick up those meals at OHS Main Campus. Student breakfast and lunch will continue to be free because of the USDA sponsored free meal program.

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How to Order Students Meals for Virtual Learning Days from November 30-December 18:

1. [Click this link to reach the online order form.](#)
2. Submit your student's order before 2:00 p.m. on Fridays so their meals are available the following week.
3. Pick up meals on Mondays, between 4:00-6:00 p.m. for your child's virtual learning days that week.
4. If a holiday or non-school day is on a Monday, meal pick up will occur on Tuesday, between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
5. If a school week is shortened because of a holiday or non-school day, the number of meals will be adjusted accordingly.

[Visit the OASD Food Service page for more information on ordering meals during virtual learning](#)

Need Technology Support?

If you are having technology trouble or have questions about some of the common learning tools, please visit the Technology & Innovation website at www.oasd.org/TechHelp. Students who need technical support can also [submit a tech support ticket using this form](#), which is also available on their student bookmarks. For those who do not have reliable internet access at home, please contact our help desk to request a hotspot.

You can also contact the Help Desk at HelpDesk@oasd.org or (262)-560-2126.

I understand that these are challenging and uncertain times. Please know this was a decision that was made honestly and with consideration of our need to balance the public health needs of our community as this pandemic continues to grow worse in our region with our responsibility to provide high-quality instruction in this environment. Our goal will continue to be to find a way to provide as much face to face instruction as possible while maintaining as much consistency as possible.

Thank you for your support during this unprecedented school year. I know that nothing about this has been easy, and there is frustration, stress, and anxiety among families and students right now. We will continue to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Chuck Olson
Principal