



ANNOUNCEMENT:

**The Week of Jan. 19-22 will be Digital Learning Days
All PCSD students will learn remotely**

January 15, 2020

Dear PCSD Community:

Throughout this unique school year, the changing COVID-19 environment has required that we remain flexible and ready to adjust as circumstances merit. As you may be aware, recently we have seen a rising number of new positive cases of COVID-19 throughout our community, and this spread is impacting our school operations with a significant number of COVID-19-related absences and quarantines for students, teachers, and school support staff.

Therefore, the week of Jan. 19-22 (following the MLK Day holiday) will shift to Digital Learning Days for all students. All PCSD students will learn remotely.

It is our intention to resume in-person instruction on Monday, January 25th and we will continue to update our community. We are fully committed to providing in-person instruction as long as it is safe and operationally viable, and we work closely with the Department of Public Health (DPH) to help with those determinations. We **strongly encourage** all families while at home to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting large gatherings, practicing social distancing, wearing masks when social distancing is not feasible, and frequently washing hands.

Thank you for continuing to be flexible as we adapt our plans to ensure the safest and healthiest possible learning environment. I apologize for any inconvenience this schedule change may cause, but I believe it will help ensure that we are able to return to in-person instruction.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Otott
Superintendent

Extended Closure

Digital Learning Days Parent Information**OVERVIEW**

For future extended school closures, we may pivot to "Digital Learning". Teachers will provide assignments via Canvas, our learning management system, for students to complete at home. Teachers will also hold live sessions, provide feedback, conference with students, and be available for questions through Canvas during normal work hours. The following are expectations for an extended closure.

DAILY ASSIGNMENT EXPECTATIONS**Kindergarten-5th Grade**

Monday- Thursday: a schedule involving ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies

Friday: Students will complete work for specials as well as necessary small group/individual sessions with their teacher

6th-8th Grade

Mon/Tues: Math, Science, Connection A

Wed/Thurs: Social Studies, ELA, Connection B

Fri: Complete weeks assignments and participate in individual conferencing as needed.

Each day's work should be approx. 90 min/class

9th-12th Grade

Assignments in each of their classes, can shift to weekly assignments. Each day's work should be approx. 90 min/class

REQUIREMENTS

- All Digital Work will be housed in Canvas in clearly labeled modules.
- Teachers will assess learning and record grades as they would in a face to face classroom.

SYNCHRONOUS VS ASYNCHRONOUS

All students will be given synchronous and asynchronous opportunities in all classes. Teachers will communicate with their students when synchronous sessions are occurring and how students should access them.

DIGITAL ACCESS CONCERNS

- Parents can request a device from school.
- Students may download offline course content from Canvas.
- Local businesses and libraries may offer wi-fi in parking lots.

ELEMENTARY SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Each special will post one weekly activity for each grade level. These will be due each week on Friday.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Make sure your student can access Canvas.
- Set up your parent account.
- Combined work from all classes totals 2-3 hours for elementary students and 4-5 hours for middle and high school students per day.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- Check with your child's teacher for details on how to connect with them through Canvas on the Digital Learning Day.
- K-5: Should adhere to the schedule followed by PVEA
- 6-8: School will develop a schedule for synchronous sessions.
- 9-12: Students and teachers will follow their face to face schedule.

NEED HELP?

- Utilize the Canvas parent and student guides
- Contact your child's teacher

Learn more at

<https://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Page/36386>

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