



XENIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Community Update from the Superintendent

Friday, December 18, 2020

Dear Xenia Community Schools Families,

As we head into winter break, I want to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a restful two weeks off to relax and spend time together.

This has been a year that no one is likely to forget any time soon, and I want to thank all of our students, family, and staff for their efforts to keep us learning together — whether in person or online — throughout this first semester.

See you on January 4, 2021!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriel Lofton, Superintendent

DISTRICT UPDATES

MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM

Over the past two weeks our cafeteria staff and First Student bus drivers have teamed up to deliver thousands of meals to Xenia students! In the first week alone, we served 19,656 meals, including breakfast and lunch to each student.

Meals are being delivered to neighborhoods by cafeteria staff along our usual bus routes through Friday, December 18. Remember that there will be no meal service when schools are closed for the break. Service will resume on Monday, January 4.

Need info about the bus route? [Check the schedule online.](#)



XCS staff got a little assistance this week from the best delivery expert we could find. We did hear that he had years of experience making sure that children get what they need!

WEATHER EVENTS AND INTERNET OUTAGES

As we head into winter, we want to clarify how we will operate when weather forces the delay or cancellation of district-provided transportation services for the 2020-21 school year. Because students are currently learning from home, we will not have traditional "snow days" as we have had in the past, but other activities may be curtailed.

Essentially, there will be times when we may have to delay or cancel transportation services; this will not impact our students, as we are already operating at a 100% remote learning model.

However, even though our students are in remote learning mode, our teachers are still educating students from their regular classroom. First Student is still providing transportation to students to the Greene County Career Center, as well as to charter and private schools in the area.

If Greene County is at a [level 2 or 3 emergency](#), OR it is otherwise determined that it is unsafe to travel, staff are not required to come into the building. At that time, teachers can deliver instruction remotely; students should be aware that teachers may need to adjust their planned instruction for the day, based on available resources or other logistical constraints.

[DOWNLOAD](#) *the complete information page.*

WEATHER EVENTS & OUTAGES: 2020-2021

We all know that Ohio weather can be unpredictable! Take a moment to review the information below to prepare for weather events, as well as power and/or internet outages during the school day when learning online.

WHAT ABOUT SNOW DAYS?
Because students can learn from home with the tools put into place for the school year, we will not have traditional "snow days" as we have had in the past, but other activities may be curtailed. Note that when students are learning in person (Plan A), the district will shift to remote learning if there are cancelling classes as we would have in a traditional snow day.

WEATHER EVENTS
Any announcements will be made to staff and families via One Call, our website, social media postings, and traditional media notices (local channels 2, 7, 22, 43).

WHEN ON PLAN A (in-person + remote learners):
In the event that snow or other weather conditions make it unsafe to report to buildings during in-person instruction, the district will transition directly to 100% remote learning for the day for all students and staff. There will be no delays planned due to weather events such as snow.
Students who opted for remote learning through Edgenuity should continue with their regular teacher and continue to follow their weekly schedule.

WHEN ON PLAN B (100% students are remote):
If the weather event takes place when 100% of students are learning from home, and teachers are still reporting to buildings, teachers will instead deliver instruction from home.

MEAL SERVICE
Note that meal service for online learners may be delayed or cancelled due to serious weather conditions that make travel unsafe. Be sure to check announcements for details.

POWER-OR-INTERNET OUTAGE

STUDENTS
If you lose power or internet at home, please do the following, if possible:

- Contact your teacher or school to report the outage.
- Continue to work on previously assigned learning activities.

EMPLOYEES
If you lose power or internet at home, please do the following, if possible:

- Report the outage to your supervisor.
- Send a message to your students to engage in alternate learning activities, if you teach in-person students. If you are unable to send a message, ask your principal or supervisor to do this for you.
- If the power or internet goes out during class, contact your principal or supervisor and ask that a message be shared with your students.

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Want to keep up with the status of our schools throughout the year?

Visit the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) at XeniaSchools.org.

Updated numbers will be posted by Thursday of each week, and will be shared from this weekly newsletter. Travel advisory information is also included on this page.