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Dear Students and Parents,

I want to start off by saying thank you students and parents for being flexible while we navigate through students being out of school sick. The Governor came out yesterday with a plan for what schools should be doing with students and staff who have symptoms and what happens during the testing process. We sent out our plan in a flowchart format on Aug. 25th so please refer to that if there are questions. It is also posted on our website under [Covid Return To School Requirements](#). If your child is feeling ill, please keep them home and follow the flowchart. If your child has symptoms while at school, we will be sending them home and following this flowchart as well.

Over the past week, our food service director, accountant and clerk have worked very hard on getting our school approved through the state for a free breakfast/lunch program. I am pleased to let you know starting Monday, we will be serving breakfast and lunch to any *student* grades K-12 for FREE. Students will be asked to put in their number so we know how many are being served but NO charge will be made towards the student's account. This will take place through December 31st. I feel this is a help to our community and a benefit to our students.

We have been having a few issues with our spectator policy for allowing guests at games. Please remember names of guests must be submitted 24 hours prior to the game. For away games, we need to be able to send those names to other schools. This is now set up on our website for parents to use and submit names. We would like to continue moving in this direction of allowing fans and opening up more as we go, but we ask that you help us by following all our guidelines especially getting names in on time, social distancing and wearing masks.

Lastly, I want to thank our staff for the job they are doing. It is a challenge with students at school and online at the same time and they are doing exceptional work. Again if you have questions, please feel free to get ahold of the building principals or check our website and Facebook page for the most current information.

Sincerely,

Drea O'Donnell
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