



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

Mr. Stephen Dimitroff
High School Principal
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September 23, 2021

Dear Parents and Families of Akron High School,

As you know, our students' safety and well-being is our first priority. Our High School community is currently experiencing several positive cases of COVID-19 and have been directed by the Erie County Department of Health to pivot to remote learning for one week. All High School students will report for in-person instruction and follow their regular schedule on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Friday, September 24, 2021 will be deemed a "Superintendent's Conference Day" to allow teachers to prepare for remote learning; student attendance will not be taken. Beginning Monday, September 27, students will begin their transition to distance learning for 5 school days and will return to in-person instruction on Monday, October 4, 2021.

In consulting with students, parents, and teachers to generate feedback throughout our planning during our pivot to remote learning last year, we heard a common theme. We must devise a plan that provides structure and consistency for our students. Therefore, students will follow the exact schedule as if they were attending school in person. Periods will be 41 minutes long, which includes three minutes in-between each class to transition. We have not removed lunch from their daily schedule to allow for an additional break from screen time. We have attached a copy of the High School schedules for you. **Students will need to check their school email accounts regularly for invites to google meets from their teachers.**

During these periods, students will follow their schedule and be given appropriate direct instructional experiences from teachers. Direct instruction may or may not last the entirety of the class period, as instruction is dependent on the scope and sequence of each course. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and check in with their teachers during the 9th period scheduled each day from 2:40pm - 3:18pm. Students will have assignments, similar to their regular homework, which they may need to complete daily outside of their 41 minute class periods. Our 9th period is an opportunity for students to meet with their teachers to ask questions or for clarification of previous instruction. If possible, students should pre-arrange a Google Meet with a teacher prior to 9th period to ensure the teacher is available during that time. We understand that students and/or parents may have additional questions for teachers or staff members. When emailing or messaging teachers, we ask for your patience in allowing for at least 24 hours for a response.

Morning CTE BOCES Programs

Transportation will continue as it does on a regular day of school. Early pickups will continue on their current schedule. The buses will leave in front of school at the same time they normally leave. Students will be transported home after their morning program.

Afternoon CTE BOCES Programs

All midday buses will leave school at their normally scheduled time. Students that drive should plan to be at school prior to the bus leaving. If your child requires transportation from home, please call the bus garage at (716)542-5026 ASAP. Students will be transported home after their afternoon program.

We recognize that this pivot to remote learning has required our community to alter our Homecoming plans. Our Homecoming assemblies and events will be postponed for the week of **October 18th**, culminating with the parade and football game occurring on **Friday, October 22nd**. We are tremendously proud of how hard our Student Council has worked to create community-centered events and we look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate their team work, dedication, and creativity; our students continue to amaze us! Athletic events occurring during this remote period will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date, if possible.

We expect that all students will be fully engaged with both cameras and microphones on. It is imperative that all students check their Akron school email and Schoology accounts daily to stay on top of their assignments and remain fully engaged in their learning. We are committed to planning for a smooth transition for students, teachers, and families. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Dimitroff, High School Principal
Mrs. Mary Fial, Middle/High School Assistant Principal

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:06- 8:51 Homeroom/Period 1 (Pledge & Announcements 8:06) (45 min)

8:54- 9:35 Period 2

9:38-10:19 Period 3

10:22-11:03 Period 4

11:06-11:47 Period 5

Early Lunch 11:47 – 12:20 Early 6 11:50 – 12:31

Late 6 12:23 – 1:04 Late Lunch 12:31 – 1:04

1:07-1:48 Period 7

1:51-2:34 Period 8 (Announcements 1:51) (43 min)

2:40- 3:18 Period 9