



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

### OCTOBER 11, 2021



#### Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes

Please call the safe arrival line @ 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy.

Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for last-minute dismissal changes.

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#### District Parents Council (DPC):

The Superintendent is starting a District Parent Council (DPC) that will consist of three parents from each level, elementary, middle school, and high school. The DPC is an advisory council to the Superintendent designed to maintain direct and open communication between the Superintendent and parents while also providing a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and concerns. The meetings will be about an hour and more than likely be held at 3 PM, one time per month. Please sign up [here](#) to be considered for the DPC.

#### ASPEN and policy acceptance - please review!

Less than half of our K-5 families have gone into Aspen to verify that the handbook and district policies have been reviewed, as well as to confirm that the Aspen information is up to date. Please take a moment to log in, click the **Initiate** button, start a new workflow, and go through the tabs along the top. If your login is not working, reach out to [aspenhelp@hwschools.net](mailto:aspenhelp@hwschools.net).

#### COVID SAFETY Checks:



## WEEKLY COVID POOLED TESTING PROGRAM

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#### SIGNUP AND SWABBING

Families complete the consent form.

#### WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN POOLED TESTING?

Participation in pooled testing helps identify asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic COVID positive individuals.

Students self-administer a shallow nasal swab.

All swabs from each person in a pool are collected.

Pooled swabs are tested.


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#### RESULTS

#### UNDERSTANDING POOLED TESTING

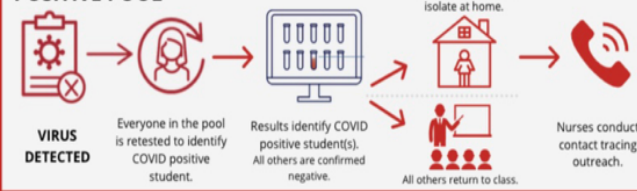
Being part of a positive pool does not automatically require you to quarantine. Contact tracing by nurses will notify those who need to quarantine.

#### NEGATIVE POOL



**NO VIRUS DETECTED**      Testing is complete.

#### POSITIVE POOL



**VIRUS DETECTED**      Everyone in the pool is retested to identify COVID positive student.      Results identify COVID positive student(s). All others are confirmed negative.      COVID positive student(s) isolate at home.      All others return to class.      Nurses conduct contact tracing outreach.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, October 11**  
*No School - Holiday*

**Tuesday, October 26**  
**Early Release 11:15am**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*

**Wednesday, October 27**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*  
*Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #2*  
6-9pm

**Friday, October 29 \*New Date**  
*Halloween Happenings 5-7pm*

**Tuesday, November 2**  
*School Picture Retakes 9-11am*  
**Early Release 11:15am**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*

**Wednesday, November 3**  
*Parent Teacher Conferences*

**Thursday, November 11**  
*No School - Holiday*

**Wednesday, November 17**  
*Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #3*  
6-9pm

**Friday, November 12**  
*No School - Teacher Workshop*

**Wednesday, November 24**  
*Early Release 11:15am*  
**Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26**  
*No School - Thanksgiving Break*

**Saturday, December 4**  
*Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm*

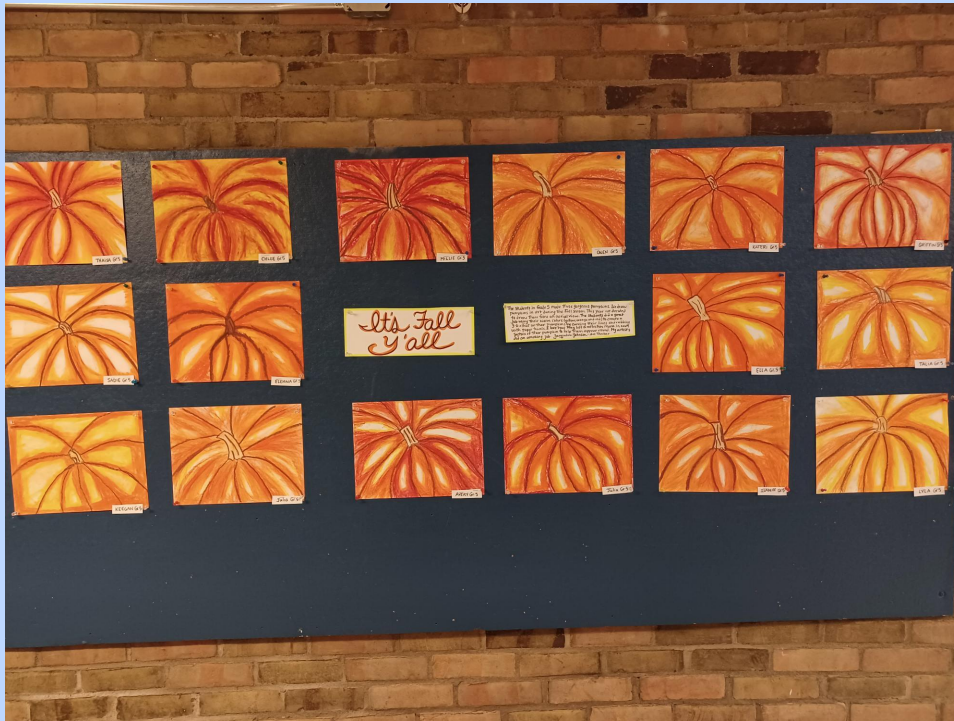
Pool testing is proving to be a very effective strategy helping to keep our students and staff healthy and safe at school! If you haven't already done

so, please consider signing your student(s) up using this [consent form](#) (one for each child). If you have any questions about COVID testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net).

### **CORI Forms:**

If you plan to volunteer in the school in any capacity, we will need a current CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) on file. You can find the form [HERE](#) but you will still need to present a license or passport in person to Donna in the office. She will verify the ID and make a copy to submit with your form. CORI checks are good for three years so contact Donna to check on your status.

### **Grade 5 PUMPKINS!**



**Wednesday, December 9**  
*Portrait of a Graduate Meeting #4*  
6-9pm

**Wednesday, December 22**  
*Early Release 11:15am*  
**Thursday, December 23 -**  
**Friday, December 31**  
*No School - Winter Recess*

**Monday, January 3**  
*Back to School!*

**Monday, January 17**  
*No School - Holiday*

**Monday, February 21 -**  
**Friday, February 25**  
*No School - February Break*

**Monday, March 14**  
*No School - Teacher Workshop*

**Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22**  
*No School - April Break*

**Monday, May 30**  
*No School - Holiday*

**Thursday, June 16**  
*Last Day of School - No Snow Day*