

Honesdale High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Despite these trying times, I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Because students will not be able to access Honesdale High School for the remainder of this school year, we have developed a plan that allows you to retrieve your student's belongings.

This week our custodians and teachers have been working to collect and consolidate every student's possessions in bags in our gym. We have gathered the following items:

- school supplies and textbooks from hall lockers
- baseball equipment from the team room
- boys' basketball and wrestling awards
- spring sports awards for seniors
- art projects
- welding helmets
- carpentry tools and projects
- band instruments
- physical education clothing/shoes
- Gertrude Hawk fundraiser candy

You or your student may pick up these items at the Honesdale High School gym entrance located by the girls' locker room. **To avoid any traffic congestion on local streets, please do not enter the campus from Grove Street or through the high school main circle.** Please enter the high school bus lane from Terrace Street. Please continue down the bus lane past the middle school and turn right at the district office. Please continue a short distance past the district office. Please turn right immediately after the middle school ramp entrance onto the service road that runs behind the middle school. Follow the service road to the back of the high school gym where you will stop, give us your students' name, and receive your child's belongings. If your student is in band, you will pull forward, bear right, pick up the band instrument at the music room, and exit through the main circle. If your student is not in band, you will pull forward, bearing left, and proceed to exit the campus.

The following will be the pickup schedule:

- Wednesday, May 6 – students with lockers on the 3rd floor – 9 AM to 3 PM
- Thursday, May 7 – students with lockers on the 2nd floor – 9 AM to 3 PM
- Friday, May 8 – students with lockers on the 1st floor – 9 AM to 3 PM

Please follow these distribution guidelines to avoid traffic congestion and long delays. If you have more than one student in the high school, and they have lockers on different floors, you may pick up all your students' possessions in one trip. If this plan does not work with your schedule, please contact me (cpietraszewski@whsdk12.com) to make alternate arrangements.

If you or your student has already retrieved some items from the high school, you should still be sure to drive through and pick up any other items we collected.

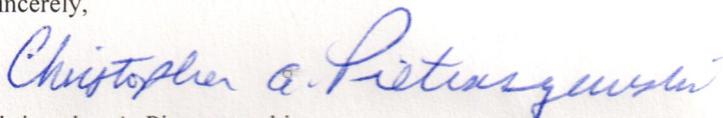
In order to maintain the health and safety of everyone involved in this process, our staff will be wearing gloves and masks, and we will be following social distancing guidelines. Please remain in your vehicle throughout the entire retrieval procedure. Please make sure that we can place the bag in your trunk or in your rear passenger seat without making contact with anyone in the vehicle.

We will also be using this schedule to allow for the return of sports equipment, library books, and other school property that is no longer needed. Baseball players should return a black batting helmet, a red bag, white baseball pants, and two game jerseys (one red, one white). Track athletes should return their track shorts and their track singlet. Softball players who have uniforms should return a red Nike jersey, a black belt, and black softball pants. Please be sure the items are clean and placed in one bag. Please be sure the bag is clearly labeled with your student's name.

Students should **NOT** return any textbooks or school property that they need for their 4th marking period classwork. Later this school year we will arrange for students to return textbooks, iPads, and other school property.

Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation. I hope you continue to stay well throughout these challenging times. Please contact me via email or telephone if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Pietraszewski

Honesdale High School

April 23, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

There is nothing more important at this time than making sure we take care of each other. As one of the cornerstones of this community, I want to assure you that Honesdale High School recognizes our responsibility to serve our students and parents. Although we are predominantly an academic institution, our goal right now is to do everything we can to support the health and welfare of our students and their families.

Honesdale High School, in conjunction with the other schools in the Wayne Highlands School District, has implemented a Continuity of Education Plan. This plan, which can be reviewed in detail on our website, is being delivered and maintained through our school district's online Google Classroom. At this point, all our teachers are using Google Classroom. We are requiring all our students to join their current teachers' classes through our Google Classroom student domain ([whsdk12.me](https://www.whsdk12.me)). Electronic resources will be shared with students using this secure online platform. Teachers will moderate lessons and post activities to their online classrooms. Our high school students, who have been using Google Classroom regularly for the past few years, will be able to maintain their strong connections with the faculty and staff of our school.

Since the school closure, our teachers have worked diligently to develop quality educational experiences to review and enrich lessons presented earlier this year. Next week they will continue to provide great opportunities to help our students practice and master content and skills previously introduced. Beginning May 4, our teachers will move forward and present new academic information. Students are required to engage in these remote learning plans, and their participation will be used for grading purposes which are outlined below. We expect our students to be working consistently on these lessons. Their endeavors will provide structure, a goal-oriented sense of purpose, a feeling of accomplishment, and a connection to our faculty and staff.

During this time, we are striving to provide as much assistance as possible for our students. To access the Google Classroom codes, you will need to visit the Wayne Highlands School District website at <https://www.whsdk12.com/>, click on the Google Classroom icon, and then, under Classroom Codes on the right, click on Honesdale High School. You may visit our website at <https://www.whsdk12.com/googleclassroom> for more guidance about students joining Google Classroom as well as specialized support with this online platform. If your child needs help with his/her e-mail username or password to access Google Classroom, or if your student requires technical support, please call our technology office at 570-253-1950 or e-mail ipadhelp@whsdk12.com. Besides the weekly academic lessons posted to Google Classroom by our teachers, a wealth of engaging learning opportunities can be found on our district website at <https://sites.google.com/whsdk12.com/learning-opportunities/home>. Also, please feel free to participate in the free Grab and Go Breakfast/Lunch program available from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Honesdale High School.

The end of the 3rd marking period will be recorded as March 13, 2020. If your student has any makeup work to complete for the 3rd marking period that was unable to be finished and submitted due to the school closure, your child should contact his/her teacher(s) as soon as possible. On May 6, we will be mailing home your student's 3rd marking period report card. For the 4th marking period, students will earn an Outstanding, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory for all their classes based on their participation, effort, and engagement in our remote learning plan, which will soon include new academic content. Those 4th marking period grades will then be taken into consideration along with a student's numeric grades from the first three marking periods to determine the student's end-of-the-year final grade. In the next few weeks, we will communicate and implement a plan that allows students to recover personal items from the school while following current social distancing guidelines.

At Honesdale High School, we are aware that this is a difficult, complicated situation. We understand that our students and parents are facing numerous challenges. We do not want to create additional stress or overwhelm any of our families. Because we are all in this together, we hope to work cooperatively and compassionately with our community to support our students and parents. Please feel free to call me (570-253-2046) or email me (cpietraszewski@whsdk12.com) if there is any question we can answer or any need we can meet at Honesdale High School. Stay safe and stay healthy as we overcome this challenge together.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Pietraszewski