



WINTHROP SCHOOL

FAMILY UPDATE #13 2020-2021

JANUARY 11-JANUARY 15

Great Week Back

It was wonderful to have our hybrid students back last week after our winter break. Students came back rested and ready to learn. Classes jumped right back into their school routines, including a review of expectations about social distancing, mask wearing, and hand-hygiene, before moving into academics. We continue to be thankful that there has been no indication of community spread attributed to in person learning at Winthrop, despite the uptick in positive cases in Hamilton and Wenham. I continue to remind families that limiting exposure outside of school will allow us to keep our students learning in school.

Afternoon Pickup Procedures

We have a growing number of families who are picking up their students at dismissal due to the colder weather. Please remember not to block the traffic on Bay Road, if the pickup line extends past the Winthrop driveway. If you are coming northbound past the Safety Building, you can pull over to the right to let the traffic pass. If you are going southbound and turning left into the Winthrop driveway from Bay Road and are blocking traffic, please consider driving past the intersection to turn around and come back on the other side. Thank you for helping to keep our pickup procedures safe and efficient.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is growing. If your child has lost a water bottle, sweatshirt or any other gear, either have them check the lost and found or email a description of what you're looking for to d.brockenbrough@hwschools.net and Mrs. B. will check for you.

Out-of-State Travel Reminder:

For weekend travel plans that include out-of-state travel, you will need to seek COVID-19 PCR testing and upload the negative results to the SNAP portal prior to your child returning to school. For instructions on how to upload to the health portal, see our [how-to video](#). If you have any difficulty, you can email a copy to Mrs. Baker. Please see <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order> for changes and details (10 and under only require a parental test).

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 12

Picture Day for Cohort A and APL Students

Thursday, January 14

Picture Day for Cohort B and APL Students

Friday, January 15

Remote Learning K and Gr 1 students in both cohorts

Monday, January 18

No School

Tuesday, January 19

All K and Gr 1 start 4 days

Mon. Feb 15 - Fri. Feb 19

Vacation Week

Monday, March 15

No School - Teacher Workshop

Friday, April 2

No School

Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23

Vacation Week

Monday, May 31

No School

Monday, June 14th

170th Day of School

Important COVID links and travel information:

[Massachusetts Travel Orders](#)
[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

For free COVID-19 PCR testing, visit a [Stop the Spread location](#).
Another option for COVID-19 PCR testing at a cost is [Veritas Genetics](#).
Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our school community safe!

School Picture days this week:

Tues., January 12 for Cohort A and APL Students

Thurs., January 14 for Cohort B and APL Students

You should have previously received information to order photo packages. If you have not, please contact Mrs. Brockenbrough.

Winter Gear:

While the winter weather has us mostly eating lunch inside now, we still will go out for mask breaks and recess daily. We will eat snack/lunch outside as the weather allows. Thank you for making sure your child has appropriate boots, coats, mittens, and hats to be comfortable while we are outside multiple times each day. When there is snow on the ground, students must have boots and snow pants to be able to play in the snow. If your child has extra snow pants/boots, they can be left at school for convenience.

Massachusetts Flu Vaccine Requirements extended to February:

Please remember that all PreK-12 students (including remote students) are required to get a [flu vaccine](#) by February 28 unless exempt due to a religious or medical exemption. Nurse Jess Baker is tracking our compliance so be sure to submit your vaccine paperwork to the nurse's office.

Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes In person days, 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 dismissal changes.