

Greetings Middle School Families:

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the New Year and the return to school for most students. While the last couple of months have been trying for us all, the staff of Frontier Middle School is prepared to safely greet our students and welcome them back on January 4, 2021. A few important points for your consideration are listed below. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us:

- 1) We will begin with locker distribution for all students when we return to school. Please have your children bring their locks with them, or if they are new to the building (sixth grade etc.), they can purchase one from their homeroom teacher for \$6. This will begin on your child's first day back and continue until all students have their locks. Your child must have a lock to have a locker. If your child does not want a locker, they are welcome to carry all of their items as they have until now. Please email or call one of us so we can ensure all of your child's teachers are aware. If your child forgot the combination, our staff is able to look it up for them.
- 2) As we maintain social distancing practices, students will be allowed to access their lockers during AM homeroom and at the end of the day. They still should plan to carry their backpacks with necessary classroom supplies and lunches. However, items that are not regularly needed (textbooks, binders, composition notebooks, etc.) can be stored in the locker. Cell phones must remain in the locker. Due to the volume of students going to the cafeteria at a given time, we cannot permit students to go to their lockers before lunch. Teachers will explain all locker procedures and help your child to know which items can reasonably be stored in the locker.
- 3) January 4th will be a day of attendance for Cohort A students. In most cases, this is students with the last name beginning with the alphabet A-K.
- 4) If you are a parent that requested for your child to return to hybrid learning, this will begin with the second semester on February 1, 2021 in accordance with all district students.
- 5) If your child is going to be absent from in-person school or unable to participate in their asynchronous day due to illness or an appointment, please contact our attendance clerk, Kathy Grant, at [kgrant@frontiercsd.org](mailto:kgrant@frontiercsd.org) or (716) 926-1730 ext. 3412. Students are asked to email each of their teachers as well to let them know. Teachers will instruct students how missed work will be accessed and made up. This is a great opportunity for adolescents to learn to advocate on their own behalf.
- 6) We will be keeping some windows open to keep fresh air flowing through our building, when possible. Please ensure your child has proper attire in case some of their classrooms or the lunch rooms are chilly.

We hope to see everyone back next week and are looking forward to all that 2021 has to bring!