



# Bolivar-Richburg Central School District

*"The foundation of every nation is the education of its youth." ~ Diogenes*

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September 16, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

With our first two weeks of classes completed, I am happy to report that we are off to a wonderful start in all our buildings. At the Early Childhood Development Center building, we welcomed a record number of new students to our 3-year-old Pre-K program (14-students). It is hard to believe that we just started this program a few years ago with an early childhood grant from NYSED. At our Elementary building, students have settled into their new classes and are busy at work while having fun. Our Jr./Sr. High has seen remarkable success implementing the new protocols for cellphones and backpacks. Students must keep cellphones off and in their locker from 8:00 a.m. until 3:10 p.m., and we no longer allow backpacks to be carried throughout the school day for school security purposes. It should be noted that this success would not be possible without the strong support we have seen from faculty, parents, and the students themselves. Thank you.

We are seeing success outside the classroom also with our interscholastic sports programs. Our very own Coach Steve Smith was named WNY High School Football coach of the week this past week. We are busy conducting auditions for the fall play at the Jr./Sr. High, and the Elementary school will be hosting a family event called "Read with Us Under the Lights" on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. More details will be sent home.

## **COVID Protocols:**

As a School District, we are following the most recent NYS-DOH and CDC guidelines with regards to COVID. We are not requiring staff and students to wear mask or social distance. There is no mandatory contact tracing which lead to further quarantines if we thought you were exposed to a person who was COVID-19 positive. But we do have to follow the NYS-DOH and CDC recommended quarantine guidelines for a person who tests positive for COVID-19.

- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days at home even if they do not report having any symptoms.
- For those with symptoms, day 1 is the first full day after symptom onset (Day 0 is the day of symptom onset).

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- Those with symptoms may resume attending school after the day 5 if:
  - They are fever free without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours and their symptoms are improving; AND
  - They wear a mask through day 10 (day 1 is the first full day following symptom onset).
- For those that had no symptoms, day 0 is the day they were tested (not the day you received your positive test result) and Day 1 is the first full day following the day they were tested—if someone develops symptoms within the 10 days of testing the clock restarts at day 0 on the day of symptom onset.
- Those with no symptoms may resume attending school after the day 5 if:
  - They wear a mask through day 10.

Note: After having ended isolation, if COVID-19 symptoms recur or worsen, restart isolation at day 0. Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset.

- Staff and student’s parents/guardians should be advised to talk to a healthcare provider about their symptoms or when to end isolation.

If you have questions, or need a free at home COVID-19 test kit(s) please contact our school nurses:

**Mrs. Stephanie Pierce, RN: (585) 928-2881** - Elementary School, Jordan-Parker Christian Academy, and Transportation Department

**Mrs. Rachael Johnston, RN: (585) 928-2561** – Jr./Sr. High and Early Childhood Development Center

**WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME WITH ILLNESS**

It can be hard to know when to send children to school if they tell you that they do not feel well. Usually, the best place for them is in school, but there are times when keeping them home to rest or call for an appointment with your health care provider is also acceptable.

**Please keep your child home and/or contact your child’s doctor for:**

- Fever greater than 100.0° (taken by mouth)
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Severe sore throat along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, or after exposure to Strep throat infection
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts
- Large amounts of mucous (liquid) from their nose, with face pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ear
- Severe headache, especially with fever

If your child has a fever, it is not a good idea to give them medicine like Tylenol or Advil and send them to school. Once the medicine wears off, the fever may return, and you will be called to come and pick up your child.

**Please keep children home for 24 hours after the fever ends or they have completed 24 hours of medication if prescribed by your health care provider.**

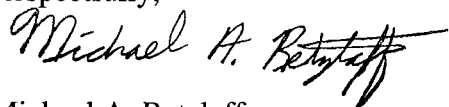
If you find your child is frequently asking to stay home from school, if they are falling behind or appear anxious about school, or if there does not appear to be any physical symptoms, contact your school nurse, school guidance counselor, and your health care provider to discuss your concerns.

**Final Comments:**

Thank you for taking the time to read this important letter. Many of you have commented on how beautiful all the capital improvements look, including the new stadium Astroturf, and our newly reconstructed parking lots at the Bolivar Campus. This is just Phase I of the \$15.3 million capital improvement project. You will be seeing more construction starting next spring as we start Phase II.

Please join us to support our interscholastic sports teams during our upcoming Homecoming week September 26 – 30, 2022, with the parade on Friday evening before the football game at 7:00 p.m. Go Wolverines !!!

Respectfully,



Michael A. Retzlaff,  
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Bolivar-Richburg Central School District