

Highland Families,

MAPS

We have completed our district wide academic assessments for the winter session. This provides important data for parents. Maps measures growth for students from fall to winter in reading, language usage and math. I recommend that parents ask their school for an Individual Student Summary. Once you have the report, there are two areas to focus on. First, did your student show gains from fall to winter. Secondly, what percentile does your student fall into. This should help set goals with your student and effectively communicate with their teacher on areas of improvement and accomplishments.

Covid-19

As you know, the Covid-19 crisis is evolving. In response, we have moved our quarantine procedures to level three. Initially we quarantined all students who were in the room with an individual who tested positive. Next we moved to level two “direct contact” in which we quarantined students who were within 6’ for a period of 15 minutes or longer of a person who tested positive. Our current “level 3” practice is to provide an option for parents. If your student had direct contact to someone who tested positive you can quarantine your student for the designated time period or have them continue to attend class. However, if you choose to have them continue school, they must go through the symptom screener each day and wear a mask during the quarantine period. This level change is in response to our experience and national data which has determined that transmission at school is “extremely rare”. As we move into spring, we will continue to monitor students who have been exposed with direct contact and adjust accordingly. Obviously, our goal will be to move to the final level which would be to quarantine only students who are ill or have tested positive.

CDLS

We have 25 students who are currently using CDLS virtual learning. Currently 83% of these students are on pace to complete their coursework. Third quarter ends on March 12 and that will be another opportunity to move to in-person if interested. Please watch our website and future updates for virtual registration information for next year.

Athletics & Activities

Our winter sports season is underway! This is the first indoor season that CHSAA has conducted since the pandemic started and there are some restrictions that don’t seem logical. However, we are excited that our students can compete. Each district is handling spectators differently and parents will need to be flexible and understanding particularly when traveling to other schools.