



October 26, 2020

Bishop Hartley Families,

The following information pertains to remote learning days in November, report cards, and parent-teacher conferences.

### **Remote Learning Days in November**

As we enter the final week of Quarter 1, we want to thank the Bishop Hartley community for fully embracing all the new protocols and procedures to keep one another safe. As we enter the end of fall and beginning of winter, we must remain disciplined in our efforts to keep everyone healthy with our actions inside and outside of the school building.

Administration would like to publicly commend our teachers for their efforts and performance during this school year. While we are sure you are aware, many teachers are spending most of their evenings and weekends planning, grading, keeping up with student/parent emails, and adjusting to life in hybrid model. This is on top of the integration of the Hawks Learning from Home (full remote learning model) which brings a unique set of challenges. Despite all of this, our teachers are rising to face these challenges with grit and resiliency.

Administration and faculty have lost valuable time to collaborate and meet with academic teams to assist professional development. Additionally, we are focused on ensuring our teachers are emotionally and physically healthy enough to sustain this level of effort and work that will be required of them the rest of this school year.

With this in mind, we are adding the following all remote days to the academic schedule:

- Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>



On these days, students will NOT report to the school building. Asynchronous learning will take place on these days. This means that students will be working independently on material provided by teachers through PowerSchool. Examples of asynchronous learning tasks could include an introductory activity to a unit, a flipped classroom video, or an article that will be discussed in class.

There will not be any Microsoft Teams meetings. Teachers will be checking their email throughout the day while they are working on grading, planning, and collaboration with colleagues.

### **Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Report cards for Quarter 1 will be mailed home the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note that Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> are Parent-Teacher Conferences. These will take place virtually between 12:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Information is forthcoming about how to sign up for an individual conference with a teacher.

One final note: The main office will be closed on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is work being done in the building that day that requires the water to be turned off. Please email or leave a voicemail for any office personnel that you need to speak with on this day.

Thank you for your continued support of our teachers. They are working extremely hard to provide a faith-based, rigorous education for our students.

God bless and Go Hawks!

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