

**September 17, 2020**

**October 9 - Picture Retake Day** - Students who did not have their photo taken on Registration Day will have their photo taken and will receive their student id card on this date.

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**Virtual Parents/Students:** A reminder that if you are out sick and/or have an appointment for the day, or a portion of the day, you need to report that absence to the high school office, 872-2161.

Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 18th, is our first Activity Period of the year. Please see the attached bell schedule.

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#### **Student Attendance Virtual Learner vs In-Person Learner**

One thing we've been experiencing is parents of students attending school in person calling in to excuse their children for being absent for various reasons and stating their children will "just attend virtually for the day." Please know that if your child is scheduled to attend school in person, he/she will be marked absent when not attending in person. This is the case for a variety of reasons. One is that not all our classes are set up for virtual delivery. Another is due to the sheer management of attendance of over 1,000 students. When taking attendance, our staff are looking for those students who are present in person and those who are officially designated "virtual learners." Those in-person learners who elect to attend virtual for a day, or a portion of the day here and there, will be marked absent, whether or not they attended virtually.

Prior to the start of the school year, we asked parents to select whether their children would be attending school in person or virtually. Our hope was to provide families with a choice that would meet their comfort level. We asked families to make that decision so our staff could prepare accordingly as there are a number of factors that come into play when planning and delivering instruction remotely.

Since school started, we have had a number of families who originally selected the virtual option change their minds and now those students are attending in person. We've also had a few families elect to change from in person to virtual. We've done our best to accommodate those changes. While we want to be flexible for our families, our desire is to not have students bouncing from virtual to in person and vice versa. This is not ideal for the student, the student's classmates, or our staff as it makes planning difficult.

We know attendance is an important factor in the success of our students. Another important factor is our ability to plan and deliver effective instruction. Our hope is that consistency in student attendance will allow us to plan and deliver instruction more effectively. Thank you for your understanding.

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### **Free School Lunch - USDA Extends Federal School Meal Plan Waivers**

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it will extend federal school meal waivers until December 31, 2020. According to the USDA, this means the free meal program we ran last spring can continue operating as funding allows. The Rosendale-Brandon School District applied for and was granted a waiver that will allow the District to offer free lunch to all students, regardless of income or enrollment, through the end of 2020 "as funding allows." See attached document for more information.

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**Virtual Wisconsin Education Fair!** Calling all Juniors and interested students! Normally, we would have had the chance to attend the "WEF" (Wisconsin Education Fair) in person, but this year it is being offered virtually on a few different days. By attending, you can interact with over 150 colleges, universities, or military branches. You must register on your own to attend. This is a FREE event! Check out these links to learn more!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaOXWLzjviA&feature=youtu.be>

- Link to register: <https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/wefs>

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**Apparel Sale** - The Laconia Business Department is having an apparel sale from now until September 25th. Orders will be in on October 12th and will be distributed as quickly as possible. See attached flyer for more information or go to:

<https://laconiafall2020.itemorder.com/sale>. All funds raised will go to the Laconia Locker.

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Yearbook sales are going online **only** this year! We have used this successfully in the past and believe it will create an improved experience. Just go to this link [here](#) to purchase a yearbook for your student online! Any questions? Contact [the yearbook staff](#).

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**FDL County Health Department Return to School Flowchart** - for the most recent version click on the links below:

[Return to School Flowchart \(English\)](#)

[Return to School Flowchart \(Spanish\)](#)

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**RBSD Employment Opportunities** - see attached

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The Eldorado Emergency Medical Responders are holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on September 27, for more information see attached flyer.