



CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF WESTERN NEW YORK

January 10, 2022

Dear CAWNY Families,

I know the hardship that COVID-19 has brought to families and for a school to go to remote learning is not good news, but that is the news I bring to you today. We have 5 teachers out for most if not all of this week with 4 of the 5 out because of issues related to this virus. Plus, we have a very limited supply of substitute teachers; certainly not enough to carry on. However, all the teachers would be able to teach remotely this week. And so, I have made the decision that we will go to **remote learning this week for all grades K-12**.

Here is the plan:

CLASSROOM MATERIAL PICK-UP

- The building will be open tomorrow, Tuesday, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for families to come in and pick up students' packets, textbooks and/or binders. *Please* come in for class material; it's important that you do this so that your child doesn't fall behind! Teachers will be giving instruction and assignments every day. (Note: K-5 material won't be ready until noon.)
- The building will also be open Wednesday through Friday (8:00-3:00) if you should later find out you need something else.

K-5 CLASSES

- Tuesday morning K-5 teachers will come into school to prepare packets of work for their students to work on for the remainder of the week. **These packets won't be ready until noon.**
- Included in those packets will be the schedule that they will follow for online Google Meets.

6-12 CLASSES

- Upper school classes will meet online according to their normal bell schedule (see below).
- Remote learning is not nearly as effective as face-to-face but, like face-to-face classes, participation is the key to learning. Therefore:
 - Students are *required* to log onto their Google Meets, then **keep their cameras and microphones on, unless otherwise instructed by teachers**, and be active participants (asking and answering questions). (I filled in for Mrs. Farrington before Christmas and a few students would log in, but then would turn their cameras and mics off and seemed to disappear.) With the cameras on, we can be certain students are focused on their schoolwork and not video games or Tik Tok.
 - Students are *required* to complete assignments and be prepared to turn them in as instructed by the teacher AND by the posted due dates. Midterms are coming up in 2 weeks and now is *not* the time to fall behind!
- Teachers will be contacting parents if students are not properly participating.

When school resumes, please keep your children home if they are not feeling well. We love your children but not the germs they sometimes carry!

Also, **let me remind you that we don't have school next Monday, January 17th**, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. So, in-class learning will resume, Tuesday, January 18th.

Let me end with something positive...This sickness and all things negative, even evil, associated with it (death, political posturing, family and friends avoiding each other or, worse, arguing with one another over vaccines, quarantines, masks, mandates, etc.) are not from the God of Peace and Lord of Life. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; but Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). Declare that truth over yourselves and your children. Plead the blood and lordship of Christ over your family. Choose to live in faith and not fear.

Sincerely and In Christ,

Kirk Barnum

Grades 6-12 class schedule:

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| 8:18 – 8:57 | Period 1 |
| 9:00 – 9:39 | Period 2 |
| 9:42 – 10:21 | Period 3 |
| 10:24 – 11:03 | Period 4 |
| 11:06 – 11:45 | Lunch |
| 11:48 – 12:27 | Period 5 |
| 12:30 – 1:09 | Period 6 |
| 1:12 – 1:51 | Period 7 |
| 1:54 – 2:33 | Period 8 |