

## **10/23/2020 Announcements**

### **Schedule Change**

FOR ONE DAY ONLY, Timberlake will have school virtually on Friday, November 6th. The football team will be traveling nearly 4 hours one way on November 5th to play at Bluejacket. Those traveling will include students of all grade levels, as well as staff. Timberlake will take this opportunity to thoroughly clean areas that are more easily accessible on a day off. Teachers will provide instruction for assignments in reading & math at the elementary, and core classes at the JH/HS prior to November 6th and assign work on these topics that is to be completed by our return on Monday, November 9th. Students will be counted present per Timberlake virtual day policy if all work is complete and submitted by the due date.

### **Covid-19 Update**

While we are extremely thankful that we have been able to avoid widespread disruptions to school so far, we do feel it is a good time to send a reminder of our precautions and ask that everyone is diligent in helping us remain relatively unaffected. Our kids NEED in-person learning and a collective effort is the best way for this to continue as cases are getting closer to home. Please note the following precautions from our original return to learn plan. It is crucial that these are followed with no exceptions for us to be able to remain in school. Keeping sick or potentially exposed staff and students home is our most effective weapon against Covid.

- Temps are continuing to be checked twice daily and before entry to buses and school
- Timberlake will stick strictly to the sickness (fever) policy
  - Students must be fever free for 48 hours with no medication before returning to school (see Student/Parent Handbook-pg. 7).
  - Students must be free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning
- Anyone in a household with a pending Covid test shall stay home until a negative test result is returned or until the appropriate quarantine period concludes with a positive test
- Health department guidelines for quarantines shall be followed any time there is a positive test or direct exposure to a positive case in all situations
- 1st-6th Grade students will report directly to their classroom each morning
  - PK&KG students will report to the cafeteria for breakfast upon arrival
  - 1st-6th Grade students will eat breakfast in their classrooms
- School buildings WILL NOT be open until 7:40 am for students
- Timberlake continues to recommend the use of masks per CDC guidelines
- No visitors allowed beyond the office (includes cafeteria and gymnasium)

### **Elementary Spook Parade Changes**

Friday, October 30th at 2:00, students will gather on the football field for the spook parade, weather permitting. Parents are welcome to attend while socially distancing in the stands. Students will remain on the field and each student will announce who they are. KG-6th grade students are welcome to wear their costumes to school or they can bring them to change into before the parade (PK must bring costume). Please note that all costumes must be school/age appropriate and weapons of any kind are not allowed. All class parties will be held before the parade, but unfortunately parents/guardians will not be permitted to attend due to Covid-19 protocols. An all call will be sent out prior to 12:15 pm if weather forces a cancellation.

## **Timberlake Home Basketball Precautions**

Schools across the state as well as locally have been in discussions on how to safely host indoor sports such as basketball. The priorities for Timberlake Schools are as follows:

1. Keep students, staff, and the community healthy and safe
2. Remain open for in-person instruction
3. Allow our students opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities
4. Allow families and community members to watch and support our students

The following precautions are our best attempt to meet these 4 objectives. They are not as restrictive as many in our area, but it is crucial that they are followed so that more invasive steps don't have to be taken which could include games with limited or no fans.

- The use of masks by fans are Strongly Encouraged unless seated and socially distanced
- Timberlake strongly encourages social distancing between families when possible
- Home game nights with 4 games will be played at Helena. 5-6 games during the afternoon and a potential 7-8 only night of games will be played at Jet
  - 20-21 COVID MEASURE ONLY-Games will return to Jet next year
- Rows nearest the court will be shut down to allow for social distancing from players and officials. Sites will be handled differently due to differing distances from the court.
- Separate areas for home and away fans will be clearly defined
- Basketballs will be swapped out and cleaned at points during games
- Basketballs will be locked up and the court is off limits following games
- Kids will not be allowed to run around or hang out in the cafeteria. They need to sit and watch the game with an adult or stay home.
- Timberlake will be purchasing extra live stream events and plans to stream ALL 5-8 and HS games at timberlaketigers.tv this season (pending staff availability for each game).
- While we appreciate our loyal following, we are hopeful that streaming all games will limit large crowds and allow for greater opportunities for social distancing.

It is important to note that many of our away games will have more restrictive protocols including the possibility of fan limitations and required masks. We ask that all Timberlake fans represent our school and our kids well by respecting the wishes of the opposing schools. Keep in mind that many of our neighbors have been much more negatively impacted than we have. Please refer back regularly to the Timberlake website for updates regarding these games and protocols. We will update regularly as new information is made available.

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