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December Update

December 1, 2021



Dear Hearst Families,

The Holiday Season has officially arrived! I want to take a moment to thank all of our families and staff for supporting our students in acclimating to returning to school. I know it is not easy, but I am thankful for all of the support and work everyone has put into supporting our children. As we move into the Winter Season, please make preparations to ensure that your child is ready to be outdoors for recess whenever conditions are safe. School provides not only a place to learn and grow, but to develop healthy habits of daily activity, time to socialize, and blow off some steam! Remember: students with 95% attendance are more likely to succeed academically. Let's make this a top priority for our students.

Mrs. Chrobak

Please see below for exciting news, updates, and information...

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS: Keeping Students and Staff Safe

Here's what this means for your family:

Vaccines have now been approved for children ages 5 years and older. Please use this link to find available vaccine appointments for your child:

<https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>

Submit Copy of Student Vaccination Records

If your child is vaccinated, please share a photocopy of their vaccination card with Nurse Johnson or Nurse Timmons. One of the school nurses will enter student vaccination records.

Parents/guardians of fully vaccinated students are urged to submit a copy of their child's COVID-19 vaccination record to their child's school. Student vaccination records will be entered into the student's electronic record in ASPEN, where they can be stored safely and used to inform the contact tracing and quarantining process.

Covid Safety Reminders:

- If your child is not feeling well, keep them at home.
- If your child has tested positive for Covid, keep them at home and [Self-Report](#)
- Students must wear their masks at all times. Their mask must be worn above their nose and below their chin.
- You can find District Guidance here regarding isolation, quarantining and Contact tracing
[CPS Protocols for Families](#)
[CPS Contract Tracing for Families](#)

Thanksgiving Travel!

Soon, all school aged children who are vaccinated will no longer need to be quarantined after travel. However, for now, the travel rules for CPS still apply.

With cases on the rise and the Thanksgiving holiday coming, we encourage all parents and guardians to have their children tested for COVID-19 before and after Thanksgiving, especially if you will be traveling to a state designated as ORANGE by the [City of Chicago Travel Advisory](#).

- If you have traveled with your children to an orange state, and your child is NOT vaccinated, they should get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days.

[CPS Travel Guidance for Families: CPS Family Guidance for Families](#)

Hearst's Attendance

Please help us maintain a high attendance rate monthly. Our goal is 92%! Our Fall Harvest Fest was a Huge Hit! We are proud to celebrate our students' commitment to being in school Every Day. Thank you to all our families who continue to support our Attendance Initiative by sending their students to school EVERY DAY! As a reminder, each time your child is absent from school, an absence note is required when they return. Thank you for your help in improving our attendance and academic achievement.

15th Week Progress Reports-Dec. 17

We are about to reach the midway point of the second marking period and the students are doing a fantastic job! As a reminder, we will be sending progress reports home with students on Dec 17th . If you have questions regarding your child's progress so far this year you are encouraged to do some of the following: routinely check Parent Portal for grades and assignments, contact teachers for specific details regarding your child, or call the office for any additional information.

Winter Recess and Arrival

Kids learn better when they have time to move and play! We will send students outside for recess as much as we can. Our outdoor recess policy is as follows: Students will go outside for recess in any temperature 20 degrees above, so long as the 'feels like' temperature isn't below 15 degrees. Students will go outside in snow but not rain. Please be sure to send your children with mittens and hats as the weather gets colder. Also, as the weather gets colder, it is particularly important to drop students off as close to 8:45 as possible.

Tardy Students & Abandon Students/ Avoid Early Dismissals

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late for school as well as students who are routinely not picked up at dismissal. Both of these situations create a safety concern. Hearst staff works extremely hard to ensure that students are safe BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER school. Parents and families play a critical part in making sure our children are safe. Let's teach our students how important it is to be on time and ready to learn. Students who are not picked up at 3:45 will be brought to the security desk and CPS Policy for Children Left Stranded. If, after school, a parent/guardian or person on the student's emergency contact form does not pick up a student who cannot travel home independently, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Principal or the Principal's designee, who must be a member of the professional educational staff of the school building, will remain with the student until the student is picked up by a parent, guardian, or emergency contact OR until a police officer or *Department of Child and Family Services Division of Child Protection Investigator* (CPI) takes *protective custody* of the student.



Save The Date!

PICTURE Re-Take Day

Dec. 17



A NOTE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Hi Hearst Families,

We've enjoyed photographing all of your smiling faces the last couple years. I'm really sorry but THE picture images from original picture day didn't save properly and **we need to photograph everyone again on December 17th**. We will send a veteran photographer that will make sure we get the best picture possible on December 17th. Anyone who placed an order just needs to be photographed as the orders from the original day will roll over to December 17th.

Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

[Order Online](#)

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Important Links

- [SY21/22 CPS Calendar](#)
- [Hearst School Website](#)
- [Hearst School Registration](#)
- [Hearst December CALENDAR](#)