

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SCHOOL #156

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NEWSLETTER

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WINTER 2021

From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Olmsted Community!

I am excited to announce that as of November 17, 2021, I have been approved as the Principal of Frederick Law Olmsted #156. It is a blessing and an honor to continue to serve the Olmsted community as your instructional leader.

As we continue to provide students with the best educational opportunities available, this issue addresses safety protocols, educational supports available, and upcoming events.

We ask that you continue to partner with us as we encourage our students to think, explore and create in a family of learners!

We would also like to thank Mrs. Grasso and Mrs. Delano-Kerr for their years of service to Buffalo Public Schools. Congratulations on your retirement! We welcome Mrs. Giambelluca to our Physical Education Department.

Stay safe!
Principal Cotto

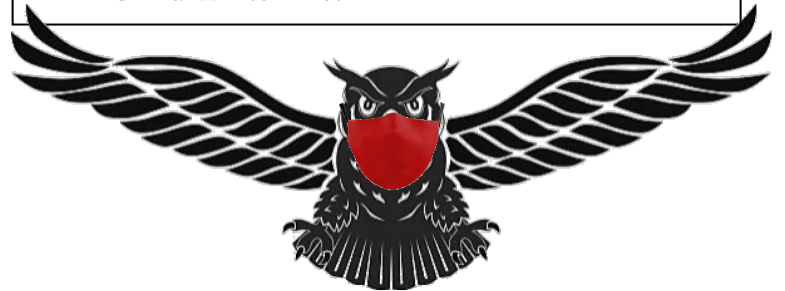
UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 18 SBMT Meeting
- 25-28 MS Spirit Week & Winter Carnival
- 31 Early Release (5th to 8th Grade & Yellow Bus Students)

FEBRUARY:

- 14-18 Winter Sports Spirit Week
- 15 SBMT Meeting
- 21 President's Day – NO SCHOOL
- 22-25 Mid-Winter Break



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Frederick Law Olmsted at Kensington School #156

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Mrs. Claudio-Cotto, Principal

SAFETY PROTOCOLS: ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

When students enter the building, they will do so as follows:

- Grades 5-8 and all yellow bus students will enter using the MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS on Suffolk Street
- Grades 9-12 students will enter using the AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE on Oakmont Street

All students will be expected to:

1. Complete the daily screener prior to arrival – QR CODE →
2. Receive a temperature check prior to entering the building using the thermal scanner
3. Wear a mask at all times



Students experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 are expected to stay home for the day and seek the advice of a healthcare professional prior to reporting to school. It is imperative that everyone keeps health and safety at the forefront.

HOMEROOMS OPEN AT 7:55 A.M.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN HOMEROOM BY 8:00 A.M.

Students will be dismissed as follows:

- Grade 5 & 6 students will be escorted based on their specific dismissal information, as provided to the District and school:
 - Yellow busing students to the bus
 - Students on larger buses will be using the Main Entrance doors
 - Students on smaller buses will be using the Hempstead doors near Suffolk St.
 - Students being picked up to the Middle School Cafeteria
 - A parent/guardian is to report to the MS Cafeteria doors to sign out their child using a QR code.
 - Walkers to the Hempstead Ave. exit doors
 - Grade 7 & 8 students will be dismissed from period 11 based on the information provided to the District and school:
 - Yellow busing students to their bus
 - Students on larger buses will be using the Main Entrance doors
 - Students on smaller buses will be using the Hempstead doors near Suffolk St.
 - Students being picked up to the Middle School Cafeteria
 - A parent/guardian is to report to the MS Cafeteria doors to sign out their child using a QR code.
 - Walkers to the Hempstead Ave. parking lot exit doors
 - Grade 9-12 students will be dismissed at the bell based on their mode of transportation:
 - Yellow busing students to their bus using the Hempstead doors near Suffolk St.
 - NFTA busing students to their bus using the Oakmont St. doors near Suffolk St.
 - NFTA SPECIALS #12, 19 (S. Buffalo) and 23 will be available on the Oakmont St. side every day. **Please do not block the side street for buses!**
- Students being picked up to the HS cafeteria to wait for their parent/guardian to arrive.**
- Walkers to the Oakmont St. doors near Suffolk St.**
- Any student staying for a club/sport is to report to their designated area, as per their Advisor/Coach, by 3:00 p.m.



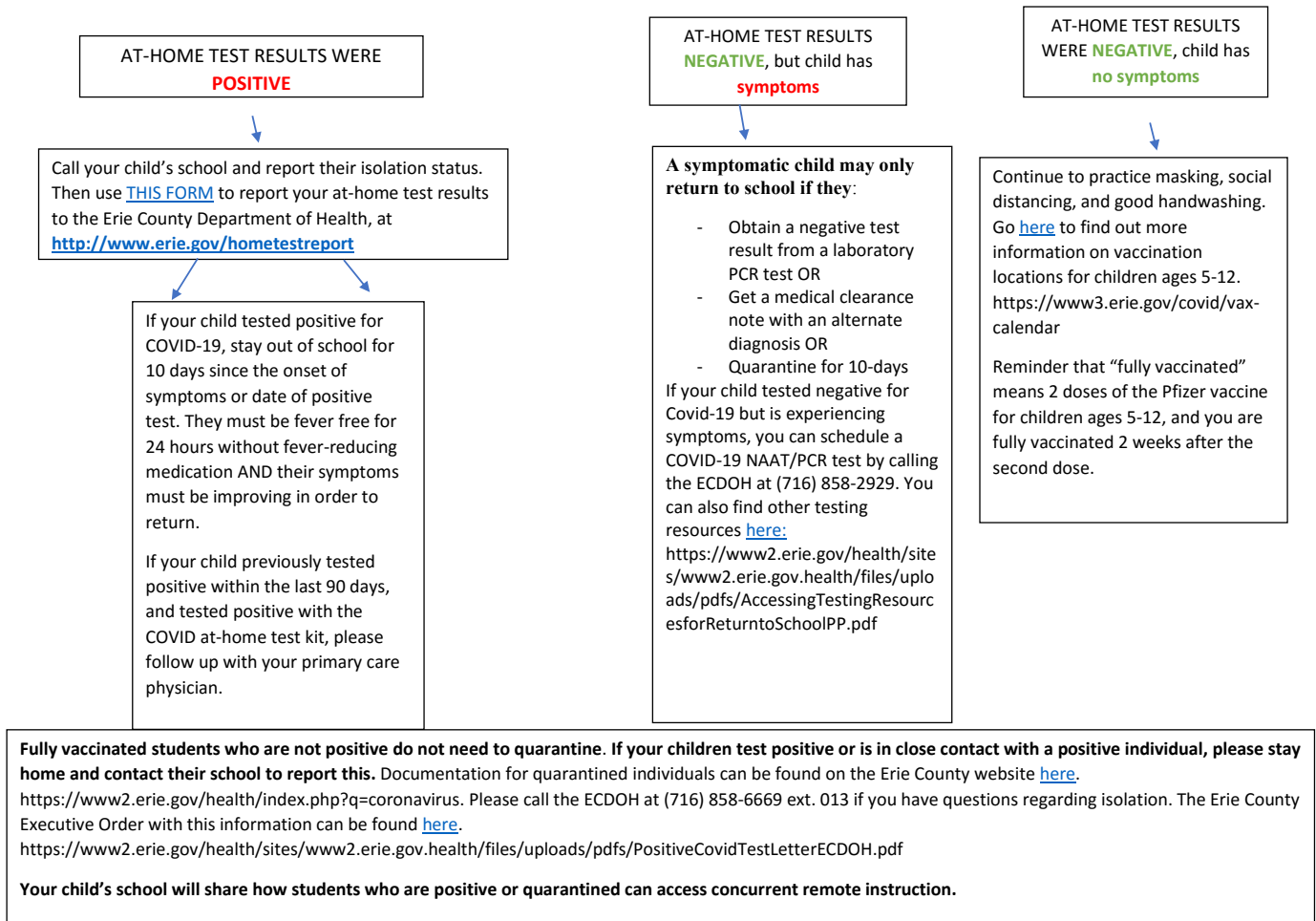
CARPPOOLING?? Please be sure to add whomever is picking up your child to your student information sheet. Individuals not on Infinite Campus, will not be able to pick your child up.



SAFETY PROTOCOLS: COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Students were given at-home test kits. Here is additional guidance on what you must do based on different scenarios:

What to do once you receive your child's At-Home COVID-19 test results Buffalo Public Schools



LINKS:

Positive At-Home Test Reporting Form: <https://www3.erie.gov/covid/form/form-to-report-a-positive-covid->

COVID Test Scheduling:

<https://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/pdfs/AccessingTestingResourcesforReturntoSchoolPP.pdf>

Vaccine Information: <https://www3.erie.gov/covid/vax-calendar>

Erie County Department of Health Information: <https://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=coronavirus>

What happens if your child is sent home because they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms?

In order for your child to return, you have one of three options:

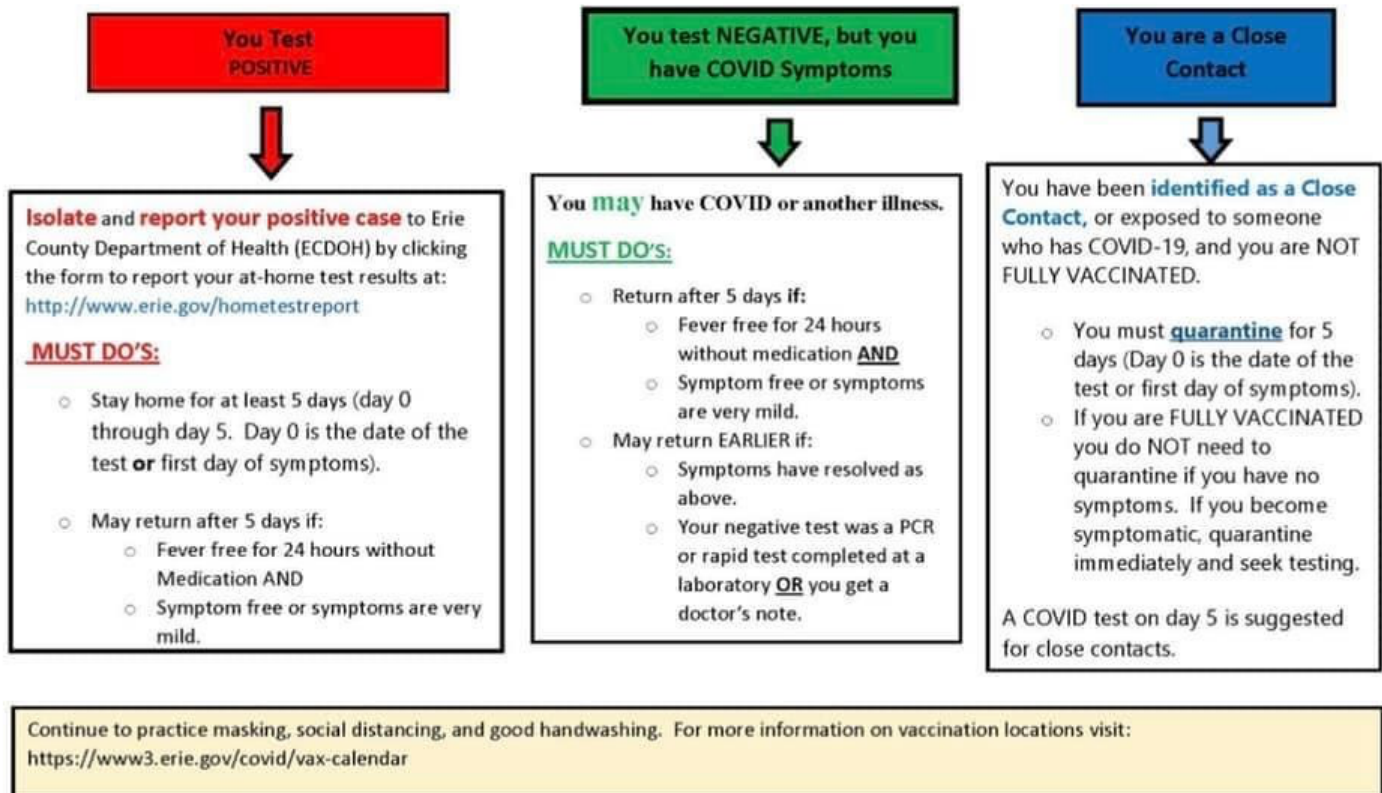
1. obtain a negative COVID-19 test
 - a. at-home test kit results are not accepted for symptomatic individuals. You MUST have a lab performed PCR or Antigen test
 - b. email your results to Mrs. Dulak, Mrs. Cotto or Nurse Bugman
2. obtain a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis
 - a. email or fax your note to Nurse Bugman
3. stay home from school for a minimum of 5 days **and** symptoms must be improving

Individuals must be improving enough to participate in school, not have rhinorrhea (runny nose) or cough severe enough to make mask wearing difficult or unhygienic. Your child MUST be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications to return to school. *If your child returns to school and continues to display such symptoms, they will be sent home immediately.*

If you have any questions, please follow up with your child's Health Care Provider and/or call the Erie County Health Department.

Buffalo Public Schools Isolation and Quarantine Procedures

Updated Draft as of 1/10/22 (Please know that the contents of this flow chart may be updated as information from either the CDC, NYSDOH, and/ or the ECDOH changes). All updates will be shared as they become known.



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS: IN-SCHOOL

Canisius College

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ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO
PERSONAL, ACADEMIC, AND CAREER COUNSELING
COLLEGE TOURS
IN & AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AND MENTORING
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE
SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT INFO
EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS
COMPUTERIZED POSTSECONDARY EXPLORATION
EVENTS WITH ACCLAIMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
SAT & ACT PREPARATION
CULTURAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN SUMMER PROGRAM



To enroll in the program visit the website below or scan the QR code

<https://admissions.canisius.edu/register/academictalentsearch>



Tutoring and SAT Prep classes take place on-site in Room 103

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students MUST enroll to partake in all services. For more information, please reach out to the Guidance Department.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS: AFTER SCHOOL

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

High School students can receive academic support in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, French II or French III. Art Club classes are also available and resource support. Classes meet Monday-Thursday from 3-5 PM. Please contact your child's Guidance Counselor for enrollment.

ACADEMIC STUDY TABLE

High School students participating in Athletics are eligible to attend Academic Study Table for additional support. Please see Mr. Fredo for more information.

Students may also log into District-sponsored programs for additional support using the Clever app on their devices:



ARC Adventures



ARC Bookshelf



Castle Learning



Continental eBooks



i-Ready



IXL



MobyMax



myLexia



Nearpod



TalkingPoints



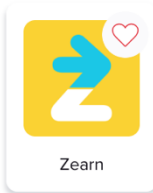
TalkingPoints ELL



ThinkCentral



Tinkercad



Zearn

UPCOMING EVENTS: HALF-DAY SCHEDULE



At their meeting on December 15, the Board of Education approved early release days for elementary schools and schools that have a 5 - 12 configuration for Grades 5 - 8 and yellow bus students at the 9-12 level, at those schools. Each school has been allocated 2 early release days.

Frederick Law Olmsted #156 will release at 11:30 a.m. for students in Grades 5-8 and yellow bus students in Grades 9-12 ONLY on **January 31st and March 10th**.

Additional questions/concerns.... Here's how to contact us:

Guidance Counselors:

Ms. Lukasik

Middle School

adlukasik@buffaloschools.org

Mr. VanRemmen

High School (Last Name A-L)

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Mrs. Caruana

High School (Last Name M-Z)

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All Guidance Counselor Offices are in Room 228

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Ms. Dunklin

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