



# PENNCREST

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

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Dear PENNCREST School Community:

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well. We are sharing the following information to keep all students, parents and staff members current with ongoing developments related to COVID-19. As always, this information is subject to change based on directives, mandates and guidance from various Pennsylvania Departments, Agencies and Offices. [COVID-19 communications and updates are on the PENNCREST web site.](#)

## Everybody Eats Update

The Secretary of Agriculture recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will extend several flexibilities for school meals for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.

The PENNCREST School District will offer a free breakfast and lunch to each student who is present during the school day through June 11, 2021.

This program also includes all PENNCREST Cyber Academy students. PCA breakfast and lunch distribution will occur in a drive through style “brown bag” package. Each meal package will contain breakfast and lunch servings for the upcoming days. Interested families must complete the [weekly participation survey](#) by Friday of the previous week. Meals will be distributed every Wednesday from 1:00pm –2:00pm when school is in session at Cambridge Springs Jr/Sr High School, Maplewood Jr/Sr High School, and Saegertown Jr/Sr High School.

## Winter Weather Notification

We will conduct a district wide test notification call, text and email on Monday, November 2, 2020 at noon. Please log into [ParentPortal](#) to ensure your contact information and method are accurate.

Community members may opt-in via <http://asp.schoolmessenger.com/penncrest/subscriber>

More information regarding winter weather is located on the [PENNCREST Website](#).

Reminder: If school is closed, learning will continue virtually.

## Remote WiFi Locations

Seven of our nine Remote WiFi locations are currently online and ready for student use. Please visit <https://www.penncrest.org/wifi> for detailed information and maps to our WiFi locations.

- Blooming Valley Volunteer Fire Department
- Cambridge Springs Campus
- Chapmanville Volunteer Fire department

- Little Cooley United Methodist Church
- Maplewood Elementary School
- Maplewood High School
- Saegertown High School
- St. Hippolyte Church
- Venango Volunteer Fire Department

## **Fall Sports Guidelines**

### Indoor Competitions

Girls' Volleyball & Junior High Girls' Basketball

- Gym is limited to 2 teams
- Essential game workers, board approved coaches and athletes
- Two (2) spectators per participant for both home and away teams
- The gymnasium is not permitted above 20% capacity

### Outdoor Competitions

Varsity Football

- Essential game workers
- Board approved coaches
- Participants (Athletes, Cheerleaders & Band)
- Home team participants will receive 4 admission tickets
- Away team will receive 50 admission tickets
- The stadium is not permitted above 25% capacity

Girls' and Boys' Soccer, Girls' and Boys' Cross Country & JV & Junior High Football

- Essential game workers
- Board approved coaches
- Athletes
- Spectators permitted, capacity not to exceed 250 persons

## **Winter Use of Facility Requests**

The District will begin to process use of 20-21 winter facilities use requests. Interested organizations must complete the [PENNCREST Use of Facilities Application](#) and send it to the building principal for consideration and processing.

Cambridge Springs, Maplewood and Saegertown Jr/Sr High School Athletic Teams are not permitted to host tournaments for the 20-21 school year at any PENNCREST facility.

All school affiliated, community-based, and PENNCREST athletic feeder programs grades K-6, may submit a facility use request form for the 20-21 winter season. All teams and participants must adhere to the following:

- PENNCREST PIAA high school sports teams have priority
- Approved use may be subject to change, postponement and/or cancellation
- Concessions are not permitted during games, practices, leagues or tournaments
- Only coaches and participants are permitted in the schools and gyms during practice
- Parents and spectators are not permitted in the facility during practices
- PENNCREST facilities will not host any multi-team events or tournaments

- No leagues or tournaments are permitted
- Matches and games are limited to 2 teams, coaches, game managers and spectators not to exceed 20% capacity
- Participant daily health screenings are required
- Face coverings and social distancing are required according to the PA Department of Health

We appreciate your ongoing patience and support.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool**

Superintendent