

Inside The Tigers' Den
Parent Newsletter
April 5, 2021



Dear parents, here are some notes and updates:

Self Care: it is still important for everyone to take care of themselves.

- Eat right, sleep well, drink water, and get some exercise.
- The respect, grace and patience you want....give it out too

Calendar:

- Monday, April 12, 2021 classes resume.
- Please join the Parent Advisory Committee. Our next meeting is Monday, April 12th at 5:00. *Note: this meeting is not for you to address situations that are personal to you and your children. This meeting is about Seminole Academy growth, not grumbling.*

<https://mtcps-org.zoom.us/j/92557437423>

- Updated office hours for Mr. Lucas. The best times to call or schedule an appointment are: 8:00am-9:00am, 1:30pm-3:30pm, and 4:30pm. As much as I would love to, rarely will you get an appointment on a walk-in basis.
- Thursday April 15 and Friday April 16 are ½ days for parent teacher conferences. Please be prepared to receive your students from the bus right after 12:00. Or, if you pick them up, be on time, please.
- Wednesday April 28th is a late start (10:05). During these late start Wednesdays, teachers meet to discuss how to provide a guaranteed, viable curriculum to the best students in the world.
- MSTEP testing begins when we come back from spring break. Please make sure your students are eating well and sleeping well. Remote students must come in to take their tests. I am making arrangements for testing to happen on Wednesdays when the building is mostly empty.

Technology:

- Our old laptops are black. Our new ones are grey. If you have an old one, please bring it back and let us give you a new one.
- *We need to take better care of the laptops. We can't afford to replace 2-3 laptops when you break them. We did not order 1500 laptops for 500 students.*
- I have some hotspots, but not a lot. If you really really need one, call me.

Expectations:

- Everyone, including students, their siblings and parents should be dressed appropriately while in class or on zoom. While on camera, please protect your own privacy.
- I do not allow parents to choose their teacher. Nor do I entertain requests to switch teachers. The expectation is that you and the teachers will communicate and work together. A guaranteed and viable curriculum is the gold standard at Seminole Academy no matter what teacher you have.
- Please do not park in handicapped parking spots. It is unfair and illegal.

Personnel:

- Mrs. Jennifer Ptaszek (puh-tah-shick) is joining us in 4th grade on April 12th. She is replacing Ms. Jenny Spratt, who earned a different job at Seminole.
- We have a long term sub for art, Ms. Natalie Plesa. She is not a certified teacher yet. I did not want to take art off the schedule so I found someone who would sub for the rest of the year. Soon she will be setting up art zoom classes for remote students. She will be providing an art experience for enrichment purposes only. There will NOT be 3rd or 4th quarter grades for art.
- We are also looking to hire custodians and lunch aides. If you would like to volunteer in the cafeteria, let me know.

School Board Meeting:

Thursday April 15th at 6:30 p.m. Community comments are welcomed at the beginning but not addressed during the meeting.

The zoom link will be posted soon at:

<https://www.mtcps.org/district/school-board/>

Be well,

Matthew Lucas