

November 5, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to November! It is hard to believe how quickly this fall is moving and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. We are so thankful for all of you and how we have been able to work together to make returning to school this fall a reality.

CURRENT STAGE: YELLOW

We anticipate we will be remaining in **YELLOW** for a period of time. As you know Latah and Nez Perce Counties are officially in the **Yellow** stage as well due to community outbreak.

As of today, we have been cleared by the Health Department to bring students in grades 7-12 back to face to face instruction starting Mon., November 9th. We do not have any new student cases reported over the past week and currently anticipate all students will be eligible to return on the 9th.

We know that with your continued diligence and support we can continue to keep our community, staff and student risk low. **We have been asked about timelines if we end up moving to a different status. We typically communicate with our local Health Department every Weds. Should we need to move to a different status that would occur on the following Monday to give parents and staff time to make necessary changes.**

Masks:

Masks will continued to be required for all activities and events within the building. Visitors must wear a mask to enter the building.

Athletics:

Genesee School District Protocols: **YELLOW stage**-masks are **REQUIRED** for all sporting events. We are currently under Stage 3 in Idaho which does have occupancy limits of 50 for sporting events. Junior High Volleyball will resume on 11/9, with 3 games remaining. **Home fans only up to 50 people** will be allowed for JH VB games through November 12th. Mr. Caldwell will be working with players to determine a gate list for entry.

Girls Basketball will begin on Monday 11/9, and Boys Basketball will begin on Friday, 11/13. We are currently working as a league to build a plan to meet the occupancy requirements of 50 fans for basketball games. We should have information out by November 16.

Communication:

We will continue to update information on our district webpage throughout the year. Please bookmark www.sd282.org to keep up with the most up to date information. A huge "Thank you" to all our parents who have been calling and communicating with our office and staff when students need to be absent. We appreciate you keeping us informed.

Free Breakfast/Lunch:

As of November 2nd, we will offer **free breakfast and free lunch** to all enrolled Genesee students. Breakfast is available at 7:30 – 7:55 a.m. Students must sign up in their first hour class for lunch. This will be valid for the entire school year. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Craig at ccraig@sd282.org.

Elementary Students/ Online Learning/ IDLA

If you have an elementary student and have decided to move the student to online learning for second semester, the enrollment window has opened. Classes will not begin until the end of January/beginning of February but we must enroll students before Thanksgiving. If you are interested, please contact Heidi Waisanen at hwaisanen@sd282.org.

Note: If you already have a student enrolled in Elementary IDLA, they will automatically be enrolled for second semester, unless you tell us otherwise. If you are currently enrolled and not planning on continuing, please let us know as soon as possible.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our teachers, office staff or Administration. **Thank you for all your support!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Moore, Superintendent/ Elem. Principal

Mr. Kelly Caldwell, Secondary Principal/ AD