

Good evening Hamburg School community. These are items of interest for the week of January 3, 2022.

COVID Response Letter : If you have not already done so, please view Mrs. Sigman's letter to the community from December 31st. This document includes links to a survey and a couple reports relating to our area. A copy of the letter is attached to this Week Ahead email.

Meeting : There is a Board of Education reorganization meeting this Tuesday at 7PM in the cafeteria.

Potential Pivot to Remote Learning : Due to the sharp rise in COVID transmission in our region, Hamburg School's staff may become symptomatic and need to quarantine. We may experience staffing shortages on any given day. If this is the case, or our school is required to close for other public health reasons, we may pivot to remote learning on a moment's notice. Please prepare for this scenario with friends, neighbors and family members.

Morning Screening : We ask that families review the [Daily Health Screening](#) questions before leaving for school. If a student or staff member answers "yes" to any of the questions, they should remain home and contact the main office.

Marking Period Close : This is the last full week of the 2nd Marking Period. Next week marks the academic midyear point.

Cafeteria Note : Due to a General Mills cereal shortage we had to remove the cereal meal bag from our lunch line. "Cereal Bags" are no longer a swap out option.

PRIDE Survey : Students in grades 6-8 have been asked to participate in an anonymous survey in mid-January. The survey data will help develop safety/bullying and drug education programs for students in New Jersey. If you would like to omit your child from participating, please return the completed [form](#) on the Digital Backpack.

BeforeCare : If you are interested in the possibility of a Before-School childcare program, please call Mrs. Murphy at extension 500. This may support families impacted by the cancellation of the "community bus."

Utility Bills : New Jersey families struggling to keep up with their heating and electric bills can seek assistance through the "Utility Payment Assistance" program. View the [flyers](#) on the Digital Backpack to learn more.

Sidewalk Use : As a friendly reminder, the driveway / hill leading up to the middle school area is not a sidewalk. Pedestrians must use the sidewalks in front of the gym and along Linwood when leaving the building.

After School Parking : Vehicles should not park in the restricted fire lane while waiting for students. If your child participates in an after school activity (sports, clubs or detention), please wait for them in a vacant parking spot, not the fire lane.

PTA News

Football Fundraiser : With Super Bowl LVI quickly approaching, the Hamburg PTA will be offering their annual Box Numbers Fundraiser. Tickets start at \$5, and each has four chances to win. Keep an eye on the PTA's Facebook page for more information.

Contribute : The PTA reminds families to participate in our Amazon Smile and BoxTops of Education programs. Both incentives are excellent ways for families to contribute to the school community through routine purchases. Check the PTA's [webpage](#) for more information.

For additional information regarding any of these topics or events, please check the school's website and Digital Backpack. Have a great week and stay safe!