



Sandwich Community School District 430

Welcome!

Later this week, we will be opening our doors for a new school year. We are all looking forward to greeting you on the first day of classes on Wednesday, Aug. 17. We have some new administrative staff who we are happy to welcome to Sandwich CUSD #430. Ryan Janisch will be joining us as our Assistant Superintendent and Martha Venetucci will be the new principal at Lynn G. Haskin school. Each building has some new staff that you will get to know at your child's school including teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals and custodians. Also new: Please join our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/430Sandwich/>

I hope everyone had a chance to spend the summer relaxing, recharging and getting ready for a new academic year at Sandwich Schools. Our teachers, administrators, support staff and Board of Education have been working toward a common goal of returning our schools to a pre-pandemic learning environment.

Mr. Thomas Sodaro
Superintendent, Sandwich School District 430

Open House Dates

Herman E. Dummer	Monday, Aug. 15 @ 4:00pm-6:00pm
Sandwich High School	Freshmen-Monday, Aug. 15 @ 4:00pm-6:00pm
Sandwich Middle School	Tuesday, Aug. 16 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm
Prairie View	Wednesday, Aug. 24 @ 6:00 pm-8:00pm
Sandwich High School	Curriculum Night-Wednesday, Aug. 24 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm
Lynn G. Haskin	Thursday, Aug. 25 @ 6:00 pm-8:00pm
Woodbury	Thursday, Aug. 25 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

Volunteers Welcome Back

We welcome and encourage anyone who cares about children and education to consider volunteering their time to the district. Volunteers may include parents, grandparents, neighbors, community members, relatives and friends. The school district will utilize volunteers in a variety of capacities such as field trip chaperones, classroom helpers and other roles that provide enrichment experiences for students and increase effective use of staff time and skills.

We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to contact the school for more information.

Food Service

For those who would like to apply for free/reduced lunch, please do so using the following link: <https://www.freereducedlunch.com/sandwich430>. Families who qualify for free/reduced lunch will have their registration fees waived or reduced.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on our website: <https://www.sandwich430.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=65298&pageId=888511>

Transportation

Currently there is a shortage of bus drivers across the United States and Sandwich is no different. We will be starting the year understaffed by two part-time drivers. At this time, we believe we can operate our service with a limited number of delays. We will do our best to hire more qualified drivers. If you are interested in a part-time job and would like to know how to become a bus driver, please call Transportation Director Sue Graham at 815-786-8325.

COVID Guidance

As we prepare for the start of the 2022-2023 school year, the Sandwich School District wanted to share the current COVID-19 policies. ISBE has adopted the CDC recommendations for school districts and preschool settings ([CDC Operational Guidance](#)). Please take a moment to read the updates below and contact the district if you have any questions.

- **Will there be any mask requirements?** No, there are no requirements for masking as we start the school year. However, if students, staff or visitors would like to mask, they are encouraged to do so.
- IDPH and ISBE provide information based on the community risk level for COVID-19. Please be aware of these recommendations and make decisions to keep your family healthy. [DeKalb County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- **Will masks be required on the school bus?** No, there are no requirements for masking on the school bus.
- **Will students be expected to social distance while at school?** No, the schools will not be operating with an expectation of social distancing.
- **What safety measures will still be in place for students?** As a staff, we will continue to have students conduct thorough handwashing, we will utilize the best ventilation practices that we have in our learning environment, and we will follow CDC isolation recommendations. At this time we do not require isolation or quarantine for close contacts.
- **If my child tests positive for COVID-19, how long do they have to isolate for?** A student who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be able to attend school for 5 days. It is strongly recommended that the student wear a mask when they return to school for days 6-10.

- If your child is out of school due to COVID-19 isolation and you would like academic school support, you should contact the school's main office.
- **Will the district be providing daily emails with COVID-19 positive case updates?** No, the district will update a COVID-19 dashboard weekly on our district website.

Additionally, we ask that all families help keep our learning community as safe as possible by keeping students home when they are sick. We will continue to monitor all factors and if necessary we may need to deviate from the above guidelines.

Learning Today, Shaping Tomorrow!