

Falcon Focus

September 11, 2020

From the Desk of Mr. Biscan



Dear Falcon Families,

As we begin our 20-21 school year through a remote learning environment, we continue to seek ways to communicate the various learning opportunities that are created by our teachers and students. One of the ways we can accomplish that action is by presenting our annual Curriculum Night through a virtual fashion.

While we won't be able to host an in-person visit to Wheaton North, we're excited to welcome our Falcon Families to the 2020-21 school year in a unique way. Our Fall 2020 eLearning includes instruction, virtual group work, at-home labs, and more - and we can't wait to tell you all about it!

On Tuesday, September 22nd, I will share a link to access our Fall 2020 Virtual Curriculum Night. Videos will be available for each course; to experience the school day feel, you can watch the videos in order of your student's daily schedule. In addition, there will also be the chance to view video welcomes from our other teams at North, including counselors, student support, student life, and our administrators. All of our support systems have evolved to meet the new needs of students in our new environment. Also, you're encouraged to email teachers with any individual questions you may have as a follow-up to the videos.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we all manage our current virtual reality. For questions related to Curriculum Night, please contact Assistant Principal Dr. Julie Pavlini, 630.784.7306, julie.pavlini@cusd200.org.

Have a great weekend.

We are Falcons. We are Proud. We are North

From the Desk of Mr. Venckus, Assistant Principal of Student Services

Attendance

Even though students are working remotely, teachers are still taking attendance for them each period daily. If your student cannot participate in remote learning for the day or a portion of it, please call our Attendance line (630-784-7334) by 6:00 p.m. the day of your student's absence and leave a message with the following information: student's name, student's ID number, date of the absence, reason for the absence, and a call back number. If a call is not received by 6:00 p.m. the day of the absence, the absence will be considered unexcused. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cyberbullying

The District 200 Board of Education and Wheaton North High School have a policy on cyberbullying, which refers to any type of bullying, discrimination, harassment, hazing, intimidation, or threats through electronic communication (i.e., remote learning, social media, texting, email, etc.). Students can be disciplined even if these actions occur outside of school due to the disruption they can cause to another student's education. Please encourage your students to be positive and appropriate during their remote learning sessions and when using electronic communication.

Support Staff

One of our goals is for all students to receive the best possible education and to have a successful and rewarding experience at Wheaton North High School. Many adolescents, though, confront challenges both in and out of school that may interfere with their education and/or personal growth if not properly addressed. In addition to our teachers, we have a multitude of support staff to assist our students. These include the deans, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, and school resource officer. Our support staff teams meet weekly to discuss appropriate interventions for students who are at risk of receiving a quality education due to poor grades, attendance, behavior and/or outside influences. Parents/guardians are also an important part of this team. We will contact you to discuss our concerns and work with you to devise a plan to assist your student. Please contact a member of your student's support team if you have any questions or concerns.

TCD (Technology Center of DuPage) Students

TCD is planning to offer hybrid instruction beginning Monday, September 21. Please complete the required survey if you haven't already by the end of today.

From the Desk of Dr. Pavlini, Assistant Principal of Support and Enrichment

**WN OCTOBER TESTING OPPORTUNITIES
Registration Closes Monday, 9/14 @ 10PM**

JUNIOR FAMILIES

The PSAT/NMSQT will be available to Juniors at Wheaton North on Wednesday, October 14. This test is optional and is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Juniors will

need to score in the top 1% in the nation to be eligible for the scholarship. The cost of the test is \$25.

Cost: \$25 - must be paid at time of registration

Registration: Bring \$25 (cash-exact amount OR check made payable to Wheaton North High School) to the main office of Wheaton North or mail your check to:

Wheaton North High School
Attn: Erin Angelo
701. W Thomas Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

*Payment must be received by the registration deadline (only pre-registered, currently enrolled D200 Juniors will be admitted for testing)

Deadline: Registration closes at 10 PM on Monday, September 14, 2020

Transportation: Free transportation will be provided to students who request it through the registration process.

Registration opens September 4 and closes on September 14.

Please contact Erin Angelo at erin.angelo@cusd200.org if you have additional questions about the PSAT/NMSQT.

SENIOR FAMILIES

The Illinois State Board of Education has directed all Illinois high schools to host a free school-day SAT for the Class of 2021 students who were not given this opportunity last April due to COVID-19. The Illinois State Board of Education has also scheduled this opportunity to be available again in April 2021 for the Class of 2021.

WN and WWS will be hosting the SAT during the school day on Wednesday,
October 14.

Cost: FREE

Registration: [Use this google form](#) - students must login to the form using their CUSD 200 google accounts (only pre-registered, currently enrolled D200 Seniors will be admitted for testing)

Deadline: Registration closes at 10 PM on Monday, September 14, 2020

Transportation: Free transportation will be provided to students who request it through the online registration form.

Please contact Dr. Julie Pavlini at julie.pavlini@cusd200.org if you have additional questions about the PSAT/NMSQT.

FOR ALL OCTOBER 2020 TESTING

- Due to the need to plan for additional health precautions, absolutely no late registrations will be accepted.
- Due to COVID-19, we will adhere to the following guidelines:
 1. All attendees will self-verify, prior to entering the building, that they are symptom-free.
 2. Masks will be worn at all times by all students (students should bring their own mask).
 3. Only students will be allowed to enter the building.
 4. Six-foot social distancing protocols will be followed.
 5. Test start time will be determined once registration numbers are finalized for each test.

From the Math Department

Mathematics instruction is taking on many different looks during remote learning. Fortunately, students have devices that are making this transition easier. First, each chromebook issued by Wheaton North is equipped with a virtual TI-84 plus CE color graphing calculator. This virtual calculator has all of the same functionality as the handheld TI-84 plus CE. Students can watch [this video](#) if they are having trouble locating their virtual calculator. Another issue in teaching mathematics remotely through a device can be the symbols that are needed but not found on a keyboard. Many teachers of mathematics at Wheaton North are incorporating the Chrome extension, Kami, in their instruction. Kami allows users to write with their stylus on any pre-existing document. In other words, students can do their math worksheet directly on their chromebook and turn it in via Google Classroom. A third aspect of mathematics instruction that is going to be quite different this year will be assessments. By adopting the philosophy from the latin proverb *Docendo discimus* ("By teaching, we learn"), teachers will be asking students to record themselves teaching a concept or problem in order to demonstrate their understanding of that concept or problem. Once again, the school-issued chromebooks are set and ready for students to record their teaching. As we continue to venture through remote learning, students and teachers will be working together to use our technology and continue great mathematics education at W

From the Desk of Matt Fisher, Athletic Director

A lot has changed with the effects of the pandemic, and high school athletics have not been immune to those changes. In August, the Illinois High School Association, and the Illinois Department of Health updated high school athletic seasons and guidelines. Since that ruling, some guidelines have also changed. We are living in a state of fluidity and are trying to do our best with the continual changes.

Seasons are now categorized in four different groups, rather than the previous three. Please see the list below for 2020-21 seasons.

FALL

August 10 – October 24

Cross Country (boys & girls)

Golf (boys & girls)

Swim/Dive (girls)
Tennis (girls)

WINTER

November 16 – February 13

Basketball (boys & girls)
Cheer competitive
Dance Competitive
Gymnastics (girls)
Swim Boys
Wrestling

SPRING

February 15 – May 1

Badminton
Football
Gymnastics (boys)
Soccer (boys)
Volleyball (girls)

SUMMER

May 3 – June 26

Baseball
Lacrosse (boys & girls)
Softball
Soccer (girls)
Track & Field (boys & girls)
Volleyball (boys)
Tennis (boys)

In addition, the Athletics office has moved to a new registration system: [FamilyID.com](https://familyid.com)

All Pre-Participation Registration for Athletics will be found and completed online through FamilyID as well as all forms being e-signed and uploaded. Athletic physicals will no longer be turned in to the Athletics office. They will now be uploaded on your student's account via a .pdf or .jpg file. This process will be repeated for every season of tryouts. We will open each season's registration prior to tryouts for a brief period of time until the tryouts end and the registration is closed. Please check the Athletics web page under announcements for the open registration dates.

Starting September 8, 2020, fall contact days for all sports not in season, began. You may still register online through FamilyID. Details are below:

The IHSA Board of Directors extended the current Phase 4 Return to Play Guidelines. This allows sports scheduled to play in the winter, spring, and summer seasons additional fall

contact days September and October. All coaches and athletes will need to follow all IHSA and IDPH Phase 4 Guidelines.

Wheaton North Athletic programs will be partaking in contact days for out of season athletes beginning the week of September 7. Sport specific schedules will vary from week to week. Coaches will communicate to athletes their days and times through email or Google Classroom.

In order to be eligible, you will need to register your student on FamilyID. You will have the ability to register for multiple sports. There is no charge for fall contact days and no physical required at this time. Please look for the most up to date announcements on our Athletics page. Go Falcons!