

October 8, 2021

Dear Parents,

This email is to notify you that five students in the middle school have tested positive for COVID-19. Close contacts of these students have been notified (by phone call or email).

Sixth and seventh grade students will be **virtual** next week (Monday-Friday) for core classes. If students need a copy of their schedule, please email me! Eighth graders will be in session.

There will be no cross country or volleyball this weekend or throughout next week. This has not impacted the football team in any way so they will be rapid tested on Monday prior to 3pm practice as well as Wednesday (game day).

It is our role to inform all the families of our school of this recent news, and also to ask you to please monitor for onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath, fever (temperature > 100.4°F), chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. If you note any change in the health of your child, please contact your regular medical provider.

We want to assure our families and school community that our staff continues to follow the comprehensive guidelines related to cleaning and screening students set forth by the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, Calhoun County Public Health Department and the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Thank you!

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