

Dear West Orange High School Families,

Starting Monday, January 10, West Orange High School will be providing all instruction remotely. As we experience the effects of the pandemic after winter break, unfortunately we are also experiencing a critical shortage in our staff due to illness and quarantine requirements.

This has created difficulty here in terms of manpower, safety and effective teaching. We are routinely experiencing 80+ staff absences each school day. Providing coverage for all classes and monitoring the building for the safety and security of all is of great concern and with our staffing shortage is unsustainable.

The overwhelming majority of our students are working remotely already, and we believe that a transition to fully remote will permit those staff and students who are ill to recuperate without the unnecessary risk of exposure in the classroom while also avoiding further illness. We hope that this building respite will get us past what we can only hope is the crest of the Omicron wave.

We will provide a full day of synchronous instruction adhering to our normal school day schedule for the week which will permit us to better serve our goals of enhancing safety and improving the quality and quantity of instructional time.

Considering the overwhelming number of daily covid cases at WOHS, closing the HS building for the next week will also permit Buildings and Grounds to fully sanitize. All employees who can work remotely will do so.

We intend to return to full day in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 18th, and will update you as the situation develops.

WOHS Virtual Learning Schedule (January 10 - January 14, 2022)

January 10 - January 14, 2022				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
10 C Day	11 D Day	12 A Day	13 B Day	14 C Day
17 No Session	18 Return to In Person D Day	19 In Person A Day	20 In Person B Day	21 In Person C Day

Blocks	A	B	C	D
	Periods	Periods	Periods	Periods
1 7:30-8:27	1	4	3	2
2 8:32-9:25	2	1	4	3
3 9:30-10:23	3	2	1	4
10:28-10:54 10:57-11:21	Lab/Lunch Lab/Lunch	Lab/Lunch Lab/Lunch	Lab/Lunch Lab/Lunch	Lab/Lunch Lab/Lunch
4 11:26-12:19	5	8	7	6
5 12:24-1:17	6	5	8	7
6 1:22-2:15	7	6	5	8
Dropped Classes	4/8	3/7	2/6	1/5