

August, 2020

Dear Thomas Cornell Academy Students, Families, and Staff,

We return to the 2020-2021 school year under challenging circumstances but, as always, focused on how to best serve the needs of our students. The districtwide Yonkers Public Schools Reopening Plan is an extremely detailed document, and we would encourage all families and staff to review it in its entirety. Please visit <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/> to download a copy of the plan.

Via this letter, I would like to introduce you to Ms. DesSoye, our Assistant Principal who will be at Cornell 2.5 days per week! Ms. DesSoye has been an Assistant Principal for over ten years in our district and is a welcome addition to our learning community.

Below we have attempted to highlight areas of particular change to our normal procedures and clarify specific changes for the Cornell community for Distance Learning and Hybrid. Thank you for your attention to these procedures so that we can insure the safety of our students and staff as we return.

Remote Learning

- Students will Begin the 2020-2021 School Year engaged in Remote Learning.
- Classes for students in K to 6 will begin on September 8th.
- Online Remote Instruction is delivered outside of a school building and requires use of a technology device (e.g., laptop, notebook, iPad) and Internet. *The District and our school will continue to offer laptops/tablets, to families in need through our loaner program. Information is on our website on how to gain access for a laptop/tablet.*
- Pre-K students will have orientation on the 9th of September and remote classes will begin officially on the 10th of September.
- Teachers will be contacting you after they officially return to school.
- Hybrid Learning is scheduled to begin on October 5th. More about hybrid learning during September.

School Website

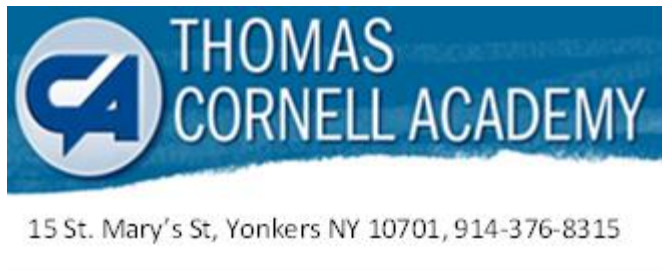
The best source of online information is our school website

<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/cornell>

Teachers will also post all contact information on the School Webpage once school begins on September 8th.

Health and Safety

- Although teachers will be working from the school building starting September 8th, I would like to remind all parents that during both Distance Learning and Hybrid Instruction, no outside visitors will be allowed in the building except for the safety and well-being of students. All visitors must wear masks, at all times, when entering school.



Nutrition

- Please note that although school is remote learning, we will continue to provide *Grab and Go* Breakfast and Lunches for all students. Parents who wish to participate are welcome to come to the cafeteria doors to pick up breakfast and lunches before noon daily.

Parent Must Dos that are extremely important:

- Complete Income Eligibility Form in mailing or online
- Emergency Contact Form (Needed to update numbers and email addresses for distance and hybrid learning)

Please note the following:

Your child, _____ in Grade _____ has been assigned to the following teacher:

_____.

Together we will work together to provide the best possible learning experiences for our children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance at (914) 376-8315 or ebeglane@yonkerspublicschools.org

Stay safe,

Edward T. Beglane, Ed.D., Principal

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