

Poplar School District

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Superintendent

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The mission of Poplar Schools, in cooperation with parents and community, is to develop exemplary citizens through enthusiastic and knowledgeable guidance and instruction in a culturally enriched environment.

High School Principal

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Dear Poplar High School parents/guardians/students/community:

This letter is to inform you during this unprecedented time, in not only Montana, but the Nations educational history that the Emergency Operations Team has been meeting and putting together a reopening plan for Poplar High School, which was approved by the School Board. We want to ensure that your child's education and safety are our #1 priority during this pandemic.

We will be operating under a Maroon and Gold days schedule. If your student is a Maroon student, they will only be face to face with their teachers on Mondays and Wednesdays. Gold students will be face to face with their teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays are set to be an intervention outreach day with tutoring options that will be determined by appointment only by the classroom teacher. We will be training all our staff and plan on using Google Classroom to reach your students during their off days. The Poplar High School is excited to announce that every student will be set up 1-1 with their very own Chromebook!

We also have a third option that we are calling our "Remote" students. This option is for those who wish to be in remote status only with no face to face interaction with the teacher. You will still be a student of the district and be able to participate in extra-curricular activities if you choose to do so. We will be utilizing our Acellus program to reach our remote students. If you plan on placing your student into remote status PLEASE CALL VONDA AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE AT 406-768-6833 or email myself or Vonda.bighorn@poplarschools.com, by August 21st so that we can get our schedule finalized by the first day of school. If you do not reach out to us, we will assume your child is going to participate in the Maroon and Gold days. If you decide on remote status there is paperwork that needs to be filled out and signed by student and parent/guardian.

Below you will see where the break down is for Maroon and Gold students as well as how the first few days of school will operate for the High School (this is tentative).

Maroon Day Students will be Monday and Wednesday

Gold Day Students will be Tuesday and Thursday

Fridays will be Individualized Education Assistance by appointment only

Remote Day Students will be Remote Only via Acellus

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A survey was sent out to staff and admin and the results were 80% for male/female days. This is not something that is set in stone as we will look at it through the Emergency Operations Team as stated below.

Maroon days will be male students

126 students

High School Remote Only

TBD

Gold days will be female students

124 students

First two days of school for High School will be as followed to accommodate for scheduling, locker setup, etc. Maroon and Gold days will start August 31st for the High School.

August 27th Orientation

Freshman and Sophomore males

9:00 am until 12:20 pm

Freshman and Sophomore females

1:00 pm until 3:30 pm

Lunch will be provided both days at the cafeteria during High Schools normal lunch hours with guidelines to follow which will be discussed in a letter and at orientation.

August 28th Orientation

Junior and Senior females

9:00 am until 12:20 pm

Junior and Senior males

1:00 pm until 2:30 pm

Open House Registration for students who did not complete their class schedule will be:

August 17th Freshman 8 am-4 pm

August 18th Sophomore 8 am-4 pm

August 19th Juniors 8 am -4 pm

August 20th Seniors 8 am-4 pm

****Masks are required when you enter the building.***

Please feel free to contact me at the school at 406-768-6831 or via email if you have any questions/comments/concerns. I am looking forward to a great 2020/2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Frank Gourneau

Principal – Poplar High School

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***There is flexibility in the plan and the Emergency Operations Team will continue to meet on a regular basis to change things as needed. Specific details on rules and procedures for the school day will be sent out on a later date as those are being worked over. The rules and procedures will also be addressed at orientation.*