

Garfield-Palouse

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High School

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September 15, 2021

Dear Garfield-Palouse Parents:

This letter is being written to let you know that the Garfield-Palouse High School (grades 9-12) will move to a remote learning environment starting *September 20, 2021* to *October 4, 2021*. Per recommendation of the Whitman County Health Department, the High School will take a 14 day pause in in-person learning.

This decision has not been entered into lightly and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for our families and students. This week we have seen a number of students stay home, quarantine, or come down sick based on symptoms and testing for COVID19. The exposure seems to have resulted from activities outside of the school, based on contact tracing and the department of health. This seems to have been primarily in the High School and therefore our reasons for the pause at this level. We will continue to monitor the Elementaries and Middle School, and follow the health departments recommendations. This pause will include all High School activities, which may resume the week of October 4.

This is being done out of an abundance of caution and concern for the rise of cases we have seen in our area/school and based on WCDOH recommendation. We will continually re-evaluate the situation at all levels as we consider returning to in-person learning, resuming activities or extending our pause of in-person learning.

Classes for the High School will be held in one hour blocks for students, following our current block schedule starting at 8:30 am, and done by 12:30 pm (attached schedule). Students should be in contact with their teachers via google classroom, google meets, and through email or phone. Staff will be working from their rooms/offices during this time and available for conference calls from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Assignments will be posted through classroom and staff will stream during their assigned times using google meets. Students in need of materials should contact the school and work out pickup and/or delivery of materials.

Thank you for your continued support of Garfield-Palouse Schools.

Sincerely,

Mike Jones
Superintendent/Principal

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Superintendent/Principal

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High School Class Schedule

8:30 - 9:25	Period 1/2
9:30 - 10:25	Period 3/4
10:30 - 11:25	Period 5/6 (5 th , Mon/Wed; 6 th , Tue/Thur)
11:30 - 12:30	Period 7/8 (7 th , Mon/Wed; 8 th , Tue/Thur)
1:00 - 3:00	Staff Prep (Available for meetings and/or video/phone conference)

* Fridays: All eight classes

8:30 - 9:25	Period 1/2
9:30 - 9:55	Period 3
10:00 - 10:25	Period 4
10:30 - 10:55	Period 5
11:00 - 11:25	Period 6
11:30 - 11:55	Period 7
12:00 - 12:25	Period