

March 29, 2021

Dear Melican Families –

As March concludes this week and April commences, we look forward to welcoming students into school 100% on April 26 (if conditions allow). We are working on student and teacher schedules to accommodate the 30+ students who will be transitioning from SARP to in-person learning. Our facilities manager and custodians are moving furniture and setting up classrooms and other learning spaces, and they are arranging our back gym as a second space for student lunches. We have received extra student desks and chairs, and are awaiting the arrival of two large tents and additional student furniture. Teachers and teams are planning for teambuilding activities, a review of safety protocols, and learning activities for students when they return after April Vacation. We recognize that, though the transition to fully in-person is necessary and will be beneficial to everyone, it will take some time to get students back into the routine of in-person school five days a week.

Message from Jen Callaghan, Assistant Principal:

Any students having picture retakes must bring their original photos and \$10.00. If there is something technically wrong with the photos, please contact Morin Studio directly, and they will give you a code number to put on the packet, and there will not be a \$10.00 charge. If you have any questions, please email Jen Callaghan (jcallaghan@nsboro.k12.ma.us).

Spring Sports Sign-Ups: If there are any last-minute questions about baseball and softball, please email Jen Callaghan ASAP. Track is open to seventh graders starting on Monday, March 29. Please add your child's name to the attached form. If for some reason you are having trouble with the link, please email Jen Callaghan directly. [Seventh Grade Track Sign-ups](#).

All spring sports will start the Tuesday after April vacation. More information to come in the next few weeks. Again, email Jen Callaghan directly with any questions.

Hometown Helpers will meet on Tuesday after school in office. New members are welcome. We will be working on a Spring Clean-Up around Melican! Bring your worker gloves!

Message from the Health Office:

We are looking to increase the number of students that participate in the COVID pooled screening offered weekly at Melican. Please consider having your child participate. It is important for the continued health and well-being of students and staff to be aware of any asymptomatic cases, particularly with the upcoming potential increase in in-person learning.

Please follow the instructions to register your child for the weekly pooled testing.

Step 1: Please fill out the following registration form. This only needs to be filled out once.

[Registration form for pooled screening](#)

Step 2: Please sign the consent form for your child and email a copy of the consent to ldefeudis@nsboro.k12.ma.us

[Consent for pooled screening](#)

Samples should be collected in the morning before coming to school.

Samples should be returned in the box with their label on it.

Cohort B collection is on Thursdays.

Cohort A collection is on Fridays.

Students in SARP can drop off either day by 10am. Kits are passed out in homeroom on Tuesday mornings for cohort B and Wednesday morning for cohort B.

[FAQ about pooled screening](#)

[Instructions how to collect a sample](#)

Please ignore the part where it says to discard the box. We ask that you return the sample in the box as it has the student's name on it.

Schedule for the Week:

Monday (3/29) – Remote Monday – Day 3

Cohort B – Remote
Cohort A – Remote
SARP – Remote

Tuesday (3/30) – Day 5

8:00-9:30 - Picture Make-Ups for Cohort B and any SARP students.
Cohort B – In-Person
Cohort A – Remote
SARP – Remote

Wednesday (3/31) – Day 1

8:00-9:30 - Picture Make-Ups for Cohort A and any SARP students.
Cohort A – In-Person
Cohort B – Remote
SARP – Remote

Thursday (4/1) – Day 1

Cohort B – In-Person
Cohort A – Remote
SARP – Remote

Friday (4/2) – NO SCHOOL

Upcoming:

NEW: April 12, May 10, May 24 – half-days for students

April 12 – 2:45-3:30 – In-Person Orientation for students switching from SARP to In-Person Learning.

April 26, 2021 – Return to 100% In-Person Learning (if conditions allow)

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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