

# *A Note of Thanks, Thanksgiving Break Schedule and Plans for Students' Learning after the Break*

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This year has been extraordinary, but despite these unprecedented times we have so much to be thankful for. During the Thanksgiving season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, I write to express my personal gratitude. Thank you to our parents and guardians for having faith in the East Carroll Parish Schools and entrusting us with your beautiful children. Thank you to our school professionals and all staff for the commitment that you make each day to the students at East Carroll Parish Schools. Thank you to those who engage through strong community service and partnerships. Your support for our students and our schools brings opportunities that take us beyond our means. Thank you all for your commitment to ensuring their success and our success.

The East Carroll Parish School District considers the health and well-being of our students and staff to be of the highest priority. Our School COVID Response Team works daily with the Louisiana Department of Health to help keep our students and staff as safe as possible. Thanksgiving Break will begin tomorrow, November 20 at 12:30 pm. Parents, we ask your assistance to help ensure the safety of our students during this Thanksgiving holiday break away from school. It is extremely important that students continue to wear masks, wash their hands often, and practice social distancing. Any gatherings, parties, or events without masks and with no social distancing should be avoided.

Please seek guidance from your medical provider as soon as possible, if your child presents any symptom of COVID-19. If your child or a household member tests positive, it is very important that your child's school is aware.

In an effort to help mitigate community spread, the East Carroll Parish School district has decided to transition to virtual learning for all students the week of Nov. 30 – Dec. 4. During this week, students will be required to logon virtually to each class. Attendance laws and requirements will be strictly enforced. To prevent academic regression and the possibility of your child becoming truant, please ensure your child logs in daily and completes all assignments. In-person classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, December 7.

Kindest regards,

Meagan Brown, Superintendent

