

Mary Morris  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

These are unprecedented times. COVID-19 has changed how we engage with each other, with our families, and with local, national, and global communities. Amidst what is a chaotic time, Cheektowaga Central continues to support your children academically as well as their personal well-being.

During the summer and our first three staff days in September our teachers reconfigured their classes and created lessons that can be delivered in person and remotely. That work continues daily and is more important than ever as we prepare for flu season and the possibility of needing to go fully remote sometime this winter.

Our focus must be on creating flexibility so that we can preserve the on-campus, in-person experience and high quality full remote learning opportunities that we all value so much at Cheektowaga.

With that as our primary motivator, we are planning a change to our calendar in November (students would not attend in person during Thanksgiving week):

**Monday, November 23, 2020** - Professional Development Day for teachers. (We have planned PD to focus on the creation of engaging remote lessons.) It is expected that teachers will push out lessons to all cohort groups on this day.

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020** - Remote Learning Day/Parent Teacher Conference Day – look for direction and schedules from the individual buildings regarding parent-teacher conferences as times will vary. Teachers will schedule appointments through the early evening.

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020** - no school.

This change in the calendar reflects 181 school days. Should the need for more than one snow day arise, we will turn said snow days into remote learning days.

As always feel free to reach out to the building Principal if you have specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary A Morris  
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