

January 28, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the BOE approved a change to March 10 on the school calendar. As you know, due to the ongoing inclusion of early release schedules on Wednesdays, this created an issue with the existing delayed opening for staff development. This is the only date that was an issue, since other staff development days are not scheduled on Wednesdays in the calendar. **A revised calendar is attached.**

As I mentioned in a previous communication, we are using the dashboard on our district website as a more consistent venue for reporting cases and quarantining. You can access the website at <http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/> While we continue to send communications regarding the overall health status and other important information - please refer to the daily information on our dashboard. I want to thank Anne Dalton and her staff for the work they are doing to contact trace swiftly and efficiently, as well as updating the dashboard once contact tracing is complete. This week, her team has handled cases at Hawley, Middle Gate, NMS, and NHS and have worked with families and staff regarding quarantining as an ongoing part of the process. We will continue to share information with you in review, but the dashboard should be used as a record of cases in the school community.

As promised, we will continue to monitor cases, quarantining, and our staffing needs. In concert with local health officials and based on changing health circumstances, a learning model at a particular school or level may change temporarily. Additionally, we just want to remind parents if you plan on switching your child or children to a different learning model (either to or from in-person learning/Cohort D), please provide school administration with advanced notice.

We appreciate all you are doing at home to follow through on ensuring students are appropriately masked, washing hands, and staying home when ill. Your understanding of the necessity for quarantining, as well as informing our school when a positive case is confirmed has been instrumental in maintaining safety for everyone in our school community.

Thank you and stay well.

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST (4)

M	T	W	TH	F
		26	27	28
31				

26-All Teachers Report
26, 27, 28 & 31 –Staff Development Days

SEPTEMBER 19(20)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	*2	*3	*4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

1 – Staff Development Day
*2 – Students Report
*2, *3 & *4 - Early Dismissal--Staff Development
7-Labor Day - Schools Closed
28-Yom Kippur - Schools Closed

OCTOBER 22 (22)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	*2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	*21	*22	*23
26	27	28	29	30

*2--2 hr. Delayed Opening--Staff Development
*21, 22, 23--3 hr. early dismissal-Elementary, Reed and Middle School Conferences

NOVEMBER 18(19)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	*--	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	*18	*19	20
23	24	*25	26	27
30				

*3-Election Day-Schools Closed For Students, Staff Development
*18 & 19-High School Conferences 3 hr. Early Dismissal
*25--3 hr. Early Dismissal
26-27-Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 17(17)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	*23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

*23--3 hr. Early Dismissal - Holiday
24-31-Holiday Recess

JANUARY 19(19)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	*15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

1-New Year's Day-Schools Closed
*15--3 hr. Early Dismissal--Staff development
18-Martin Luther King Day - Schools Closed

FEBRUARY 18(18)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	*12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

*12--3 hr. Early Dismissal--Staff Development
15-16-Schools Closed

MARCH 23(23)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	*18	*19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

*18 & 19-3 hr. Early Dismissal-Elementary, Reed and Middle School Conferences (25 & 26 makeups)
*18-High School Conferences (25- High School make-up day)

APRIL 15(16)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	*30

2-Good Friday - Schools Closed
12-16- Schools Closed
*30-Schools closed for Students-Staff Development Day

MAY 20(20)

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	*28
31				

*28--3 hr. Early dismissal--Staff Dev.
31-Memorial Day- Schools Closed

JUNE 9(9)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	☀11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

☀--Projected last day of school

Please Note:

State of Connecticut mandates 180 calendar days for students. Beyond the projected June 11 date, school cancellation days will be made up by adding days through June 30. By Mar. 12 if there are more than 8 cancellations, April 30 will be a full day of school.

Please Note: Shaded calendar days = all schools closed for staff and students

Open House Dates:

Elementary: Sept. 8 & 9
Reed Intermediate: Sept. 10
Middle School: Sept. 2 gr.7, Sept. 3 gr. 8
High School: Sept. 17

Student Days – 180

Teacher Days – 187

Adopted: March 3, 2020

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