



December's Principal's Pen

November 18, 2020

from Mrs. Walker, Principal

Dear Valued Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Let me start off by saying how very proud I am of our students. Periodically students are assessed to monitor their growth progress. **Last week the students took STAR assessments in Math and Reading, and so **MANY students showed substantial growth**.** Please reiterate to your child how important it is for him/her to continue to work hard toward his/her goals and how proud we all are of their efforts. More information about the importance of student growth, our School Performance Score and School-wide Goals will be discussed following the **PTA Meeting on December 1st at 6:00**. A Zoom link to the meeting will be shared via email on Monday, November 30th. We strongly encourage all parents to join this meeting.

The plans for our virtual **Christmas play, "Unmasking MAX Talent,"** are underway. Students have been going to Nicholls in groups to practice their skits. Teachers are communicating with parents regarding specific costumes and props. The filming of the performances will take place on **Tuesday, December 9th from 4:00-6:00**. Students will remain at school on this day and are to be picked up from Peltier Auditorium at Nicholls at 6:00. **No one other than students and staff will be allowed in the auditorium, so you will have to wait in your car for your child.** Since there will not be an audience performance, you'll want to purchase the video! Order forms were sent home and have been emailed as well.

Please know that we are aware of the **increase in reported COVID-19 cases** in our community and surrounding areas. We are continuing to take all advised precautions to mitigate the spread of this virus in our school. In the event that your child has come in close contact with an individual who has tested positive, you will be personally notified by the school. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes, during the 48 hours prior to the individual being symptomatic or testing positive of COVID-19. We are in constant contact with The Louisiana Department of Health, Children's Hospital of New Orleans, and local authorities for guidance related to managing COVID-19 related issues. Please be reminded that students are to stay home if "yes" is the answer to any of the daily entry questions. These questions are as follows:

- Has the student or anyone in his/her household tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Has the student been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Is the student or anyone in his/her household awaiting a COVID-19 test?
- Has the student had fever reducing medication within the last 24 hours?
- Does the student currently have shortness of breath, excessive coughing, vomiting, diarrhea?

It is our goal to keep the school open to face-to-face instruction, and we appreciate your cooperation and continued support. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Thank you for all that you do to support our efforts at The MAX Charter School. Once again, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if necessary. From all at MAX, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Educationally,

Rebecca B. Walker

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