

This is a message for students and parents of the Mount Carmel Area School District

We would like to highlight some important information as we lead into the holiday season:

- Tuesday, November 23rd will be an Act 80 early dismissal for all students.
- Our district will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation from Wednesday, November 24th to Monday, November 29th.
- We will return to school on Tuesday, November 30th.
- We continue to see a rise in COVID positive cases in our district. Our positive numbers are not where the Department of Health recommends we close our buildings for a short time, *and hopefully we do not get to that point*, but families should at least have plans related to child care as we navigate through the winter months in the event a single building or our district would need to move to virtual instruction for a short period of time.
- Please continue daily morning screenings of all children before sending them to school each day.
- Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting any COVID symptoms, or if any household member is being tested, is positive, or has unexplained symptoms.
- Information regarding vaccines for students ages 5 and above is found on our school district main website under the “News and Events” section.
- Our district will continue to update the COVID-19 tracker, found on our main website, with the most up to date information regarding positive cases in our buildings.
- Our district will continue to contact any student and family if we believe they would be considered a close contact of a positive case.

Please continue to be safe and we hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday.

Pete Cheddar