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MCA Learning Community:

I am writing today with a few updates as we begin our second marking period.

- First marking period cards will be available this Friday, November 5th via SIS.
- Grade 7 to 12 virtual and in person tutoring begins today, Monday, November 1st. For the complete schedule check out: <http://www.mca.k12.pa.us/wp/teacher-help-information/>.
- Elementary tutoring will begin on Monday, November 8th. Student referral forms for those recommended for tutoring will be sent home today. If you would like more information concerning elementary tutoring, please contact the elementary office.
- Our school district has seen a rise of COVID positive cases in the last few weeks. It is very important as we enter cold/flu season to continue the following:
 - Daily morning screenings of all children before sending them to school each day.
 - **Daily screening tool:** <http://www.mca.k12.pa.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MCA-DAILY-SCREENING-TOOL.pdf>
 - 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.
 - We will continue to communicate immediately with any child or staff member that we believe may be a close contact of any positive case.
 - Our district will continue to update our COVID-19 tracker daily. The tracker is found on our main school district website and accessed here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vQC_FUKPiSQaL9vdjWd-E0arv-UTMj5SDYvr2T8eVQiRuqGvI9ydYLPtQXqVygZbgr0HUAOVW0lgzq4/pubhtml
- Scheduling COVID vaccines for students aged 5 to 11 should be available within the next 7 days. Our district will provide information via our district website and social media sites as it becomes available to us.
- COVID 19 boosters for those already vaccinated are available at local pharmacies, including CVS and WalMart. Additional scheduling and more information on the booster from local hospitals is found here:
 - To register at Evangelical:**
 - Visit <https://evanhospital.com/virus>
 - Call the vaccine hotline at 570-522-4530, option 1 between 9 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday

To register at Geisinger:

- Visit www.geisinger.org/COVIDVax
- Make an appointment using myGeisinger or the myChart app
- Call the COVID hotline at 570-284-3657 for more information on the vaccine and booster.

Please reach out to our district office or your building principal office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Cheddar
Superintendent