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Wednesday November 18, 2020

Automated Message – Information to LHS students and parents of online/ virtual learning plan for next 3 weeks.

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Hello this is LaSalle High School Principal Gregg Fettig. A copy of this message will be posted on the district and LaSalle High School websites under the headlines section labeled, “LHS Fall/ Winter 2020 Return to School Information Center “and can be used for future reference. We will continue to post any other important information regarding our online remote/ virtual teaching and learning plan during the next few weeks to this area of the school websites. As previously communicated to you earlier this week, our LaSalle High School face to face students will be starting remote/ virtual instruction on Friday November 20th. Teachers will be posting assignments and learning activities through learning managements systems by either using “Google Classroom, “Moodle, and “Canvas”. This week students were directed to check their school email accounts for class information starting Thursday Evening November 19th and Friday Morning November 20th. It has been recommended that students have 20-45 minutes of meaningful learning activities per class, per day our school is in session. Within these activities’ students will be required to complete activities and assignments, they will be reasonable for students to complete, and will be graded. It has been recommended teachers update grades at least once a week during our closure. For remote/ virtual learning during the closure we will be following our district’s scheduled days we are to be in session. Additionally, students will be required to complete online zoom and or google meets sessions with teachers. These sessions will be scheduled by teachers and communicated to students within their online learning classrooms/ e-mails. These online meetings can be attended by either attending virtually through the internet, or by using a standard phone which would not require internet connectivity. Recently, a technology survey was conducted at school with students and we were able to identify and confirm what students do not have a device at home to connect to the internet with. Later this evening these students will get another automated message informing them of when they can pick up a device from our school with any specific directions. For students who do not have access to the internet, its recommended that students try and access the internet from one of the regional wireless hotspots. Throughout the St. Ignace community there are drive up wireless hotspots where people can connect to the internet in parking lots. These hotspots include the following locations: Moran Township Hall, Moran Township Schools, St. Ignace Area Schools - HS Cafeteria Area, St. Ignace Public Library, The Lambert Center, St. Ignace Township Hall, Brevort Township Hall, and the Hessel School House on 134. We understand these are not ideal situations for our students with teaching and learning through remote/ virtual instruction and know this situation offers some significant challenges for our students and teachers. We believe we are doing the best we can to deliver meaningful learning activities and support to our students with the tools we have during this closure. We will continue to use this automated message system to communicate important information to you and appreciate your

patience in this process. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy in the coming weeks. Thank you and have a great evening.