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## Update May 22, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Community:

It has been 3 weeks since my last letter to the community. I want to thank the entire Continental community for their support and understanding as we did what it could do to support our kids.

Since my last letter, many of the Governor's orders have changed or been updated. Here are a few things I would like to share concerning our facilities:

- **The school building and grounds will be open for student athletics and other student activities starting June 1st.**
  - **I will be announcing a detailed plan on May 28th.**
- **The school grounds will be open to the public on June 1st.**
- **The school buildings are still closed to the general public.**

## GRADUATION

Graduation for the class of 2020 is this Sunday, May 24th. At 2:00 pm, the students and their families will line up in their cars at the Methodist church on the south end of town and drive down Main St. This is their precessional. Graduation will be in the parking lot on the north side of the school, but it is not open to the public. (Sorry). Graduation will be broadcast over an FM signal and be live-streamed on YouTube. The information for how to hear or see the graduation will be on our website ([www.continentalpirates.org](http://www.continentalpirates.org)) Sunday before 2:00 pm and will be sent out in a text alert.

## FEEDING OUR KIDS

We have successfully utilized Packs for Pirates and the Circle of Friends food bank along with food from our school cafeteria to provide students with meals. Our last delivery happened yesterday, May 21st. If you are still in need of assistance, please contact the Circle of Friends Food Pantry.

**Tuesday, May 26th**, the Circle of Friends Food Pantry, located at 300 North Main Street, Continental, Ohio, will be open from 6 PM to 7 PM. The pantry will have PRE-BOXED food and will deliver it to YOUR CAR. **Please call ahead if you are not currently on the list to receive food from the Circle of Friends Pantry.** You can call Shelly Kosch at 419-969-4194 or Pastor Chuck Schmunk at 419-438-0903 with questions or assistance.

## **HOW CAN I HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY?**

First, thank you to everyone who has made donations over the past 6 weeks to help support both the Packs for Pirates and the Circle of Friends Food Pantry. These donations are put to good use. Unfortunately, this need is growing rather than shrinking. If you are able, please reach out to see how you may help. Thank you.

The *Packs for Pirates* and Circle of Friends Food Pantry are always looking for donations and financial support.

- canned foods
- soups
- boxed pasta meals
- Individually boxed cereals
- snack bars
- snack cups
- Most anything that is nonperishable would be appreciated.

If you would like to assist with the purchase of perishable items, financial donations are always accepted. Checks can be made out to *Packs for Pirates* or Circle of Friends Food Pantry. Checks can be mailed to Continental United Methodist Church, PO Box 356, Continental, Ohio 45831 or call Pastor Chuck Schmunk at 419-438-0903.

## **2020-2021 School Year**

There has been a lot of talk already about what the 2020-2021 school year will be like. As the superintendent of Continental Local Schools, I will tell you at this time Continental Local Schools will be taking a wait and see approach. That DOES NOT mean we are not discussing scenarios or developing plans, it DOES mean that we want to wait to see what is happening in our community, county, area, and state before making a plan that may have to change several times. In late July/early August, Continental will provide to the public the following items:

- **Safe Start to School Plan**
- **Building Sanitation and Disinfectant Plan**
- **Health Monitoring Plan**

Continental Local Schools appreciate your efforts and commitment to your child's education. To help you stay informed, please use our website: [www.continentalpirates.org](http://www.continentalpirates.org). You can also get the latest updates on COVID-19 at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) which is updated daily at 2 pm by the Ohio Department of Health.

**Again, I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to the children of our community and the overall support given to the school in this difficult time.**

Yours in Education,

Danny F. Kissell,  
Superintendent