



Thomas Jefferson School

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Dear Thomas Jefferson Families,

I wish everyone a happy New Year. The New Year offers us a fresh start and new beginnings and I am happy to be able to welcome in the new year, 2021, with all of you.

As 2021 begins and hybrid learning continues, please know that we are here to support your children and do whatever is necessary. We want to hear from you if you need support. There are many challenges out there for our families and even for all of us. And if there are challenges, we want to hear from you so we can support you. If your child is not signing into class, digitally, we want to know why and we want to help. We want to know what is going right and we want to know how we can do better. We have been reaching out to families if we notice that students are not signing into classes or completing work--as we know the virtual setting is challenging for all. Please reach out to us if you are seeing challenges as well, as virtual learning responsibilities are just as important to attend as in-person through the hybrid learning period.

There are processes and protocols in place for your kids to succeed in school. We have high expectations for our kids. Most importantly, we care about your kids and we all want to build that bridge to be on the same page with you. Please keep in touch. Help us to build that bridge with you! Please sign up for newsletters, please follow us on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

Newsletter: [Constant Contact Link](#)

Facebook: **Thomas Jefferson Middle School-Rockaway Borough**

Instagram: **tjprincipal**

Twitter: **Principal of TJ**

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[Virtual Backpack Link](#)

[Rockaway Borough District Website](#)

Also, if you believe that you are not getting texts, phone calls and/or emails from the district when important information is going out, please call the school Main Office and we will help you. We can help you update your contact information in OnCourse and also get you connected with our all-call texts and voice messages.

The 2nd marking period ends on January 21st. If your child is all-virtual or in-person and you want to change them to in-person or all-virtual, the deadline to do that is January 13th. Please submit your request in writing or via email to dwaxman@rockboro.org.

In addition, Thomas Jefferson students will have Art with Mrs. Isenberg for marking periods 3 and 4. Mrs. Kopetz will be teaching Lincoln students. All Thomas Jefferson students should check their Clever accounts for an announcement from Mrs. Isenberg prior to the start of the 3rd marking period on January 22nd on how to join her Google Classroom. If you have any questions about this, please email Mrs. Isenberg: cisenberg@rockboro.org.

And finally, here is information for the Morris Hills Elective and AP Fair 2021. This information is necessary for you and your child to review prior to High School scheduling. Please click on this link for more information. [Elective and AP Fair - 2021](#)

Thank you for your partnership and be well,

David

