Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Early Release Drill:

In accordance with New York State Safety protocols, school districts are mandated to practice an early release drill at least one time each year. Therefore, we will be dismissing early on Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 2:45 PM. Please expect that your children will be arriving home about 15 minutes earlier than normal.

COVID Update:

As of Friday, December 17, we had 11 students at home that tested positive for COVID. Out of an abundance of caution, this required School Officials and Cortland County Health Department to quarantine approximately 170 students throughout the district. With mask wearing in classrooms, on buses, and in the hallways, we have not had many instances of transmission on school grounds throughout this school year. Please continue to speak to your children about the importance of wearing masks.

Also, it is very important to monitor your child(ren) for symptoms of COVID, which include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Many of our staff will be taking vacation next week to celebrate the Holidays with family and friends. I hope each of you is able to relax and enjoy the festivities and if you are traveling, be safe.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Freeman