

OMICRON ALL OVER

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THOUGHTS FROM TEACHERS

A look at how COVID-19 has affected teachers among all schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



"We don't really see any other classrooms. I miss seeing my teacher friends. I miss not having parent volunteers in the classroom. I definitely took their help for granted.

**CORINTH ELEMENTARY
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
LEAH HUNTLY**

MIDDLE SCHOOL



"All the teachers [are] willing to help each other out and do what's necessary to keep us rolling. I'm lucky for the people I work with, and the students who are doing their best to do their work."

**IHMS ENGLISH
TEACHER LAURA
BALLARD**

HIGH SCHOOL



"The hard thing about COVID is [that] we are experiencing the stress like everybody else. If students can try [to] follow the rules and not make their teachers' lives harder, then that's really helpful."

**MATH TEACHER
EMILY COLEBANK**

MORE THOUGHTS

Thoughts on Omicron from the East nurse and a student

"Well, I'm hopeful that we've hit [the peak] or we're going to hit soon... the cases rise rapidly and then they start to drop off. I know that there are staff out because they're sick, but I think they're also out because maybe they have sick kids at home...also [I] know that some local daycares have shut down. They've been shut down by the health department, because they determined that they had, you know, uncontrolled spread there. And so that puts teachers in a bind."

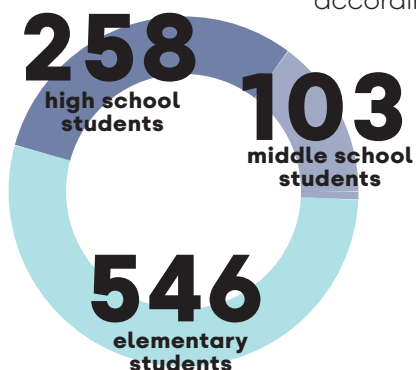
NURSE STEPHANIE PTACEK • STAFF

"When I was first quarantined... I wasn't a great student when I was at home if I am honest. I had a hard time with [COVID-19] so even if I did email them for some of my work, I probably wouldn't have been able to do a lot of it but they've been very nice in helping me out a lot to catch up."

JULIE GRIGGS • JUNIOR

TOTAL COVID-19 CASES IN SMSD

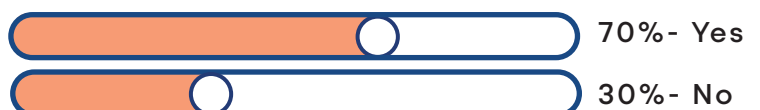
*according to SMSD



WHAT DOES THE CDC RECCOMEND?

All people, regardless of vaccination status should wear a protective face covering in public indoor settings

ARE EAST STUDENTS REGULARLY WEARING A MASK INDOORS?



*Instagram poll of 379 votes