

Dear Parents,

As we continue to move through this unprecedented time affecting every part of our lives, we are working on our *Distance Learning* plan. We are confident that the plans we are developing to teach your children will be successful. With that being said, we absolutely need your help. Although we are doing *Distance Learning*, it is still expected that students go to school every day. That may mean different things for different students. But regardless of what school looks like now, we need you, as parents, to set the tone. We need you to expect, demand, require that all of your children are diligently doing the work that is being provided to them.

In addition to the academic piece of this crisis, there are several other items that we need you to be aware of and assist us in gathering information:

1. For the extent of this closure, however long it may be, we are required to provide food service to all students. To do this effectively and efficiently we have created a survey for you to complete. Please make sure you check your email EVERY DAY for updates, changes and additions.
2. One of my very real concerns is the mental health of our students. Throughout this school year we have had the opportunity to have a mental health specialist in our building to meet with our students. Now, all of sudden, that is gone. We are working on ways through telemedicine to provide some level of support to our students, but that is still in the works. In addition, we have a group of senior students that are surely feeling cheated out of the final months of their last year in high school. We are asking that if you know of anyone who is struggling with any level of mental health issues please contact Sheena Possin at school.
3. With our main means of contacting you being through technology and email, we need everyone to check your email accounts multiple times in a day. There will be so much information that will be sent out and if you are not looking at your email accounts, you may miss out on critical information such as food service.

As I have stated many times, this whole situation is very fluid and changes daily and sometimes hourly. Your assistance with every part of our plan is critical for it to be successful. We also understand the stress that you are feeling with everything that is now being thrust upon you. Please remember that as a school, city, state and country we are all facing the same obstacles. But also understand we are in this together and if there are things that you do not understand, are confused by or just don't quite get what we are asking for, please contact the school.

Thank you!

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