

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a very successful beginning to the school year. Unfortunately the rising COVID numbers are forcing us into a situation that we really did not want to be in. We will be shutting down face to face instruction for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders for the next three weeks to give students and staff the opportunity to stay healthy and let this next wave of COVID pass. Students are expected to be back in school on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

During this time, **instruction WILL NOT STOP!** Each student should be logging into their Chromebook and Google Classroom each day. Teachers will be posting lessons and assignments on a daily basis. Students are expected to complete assignments just as they would be doing during face to face instruction. Teachers will be making themselves available for zoom meetings or google meets during the week for questions. Most lessons will be posted on Google Classroom and can be watched anytime, however, some lessons will be presented in a live format. Students are responsible for checking their school email and google classroom to know when they must be present for a class and when they can do that class without being present for a class meeting.

**This will not be like last year.** Grades will continue to be collected and put into skyward. Students will be expected to stay on pace with the teachers' plans. When we return to school, the students will be responsible for having knowledge of all the content that was taught during the online portion of the school year.

We would appreciate any help that you can give us. Setting up a schedule for your child would be a huge benefit for him or her and for us. Making sure that a certain portion of the day is set aside for school is needed for your child to continue to be successful. Most live classes will be done in the afternoon hours.

Students who are currently enrolled in the My Virtual Academy should continue to progress in their classes; nothing is really changing for that program.

Please make sure students have everything that they need from their lockers at school. Lockers should be empty for the time being. Career Center students will be following a similar program with their instructors at the ISD as their teachers at Deckerville Jr./Sr. High School. Career Center instructors will be having live lessons during their regularly scheduled class times.

For those who worry about internet access, all work can be done in Google Classroom offline and your child has been shown how to do this. We recommend driving to the school and connecting to the school's Wi-Fi to upload and download the needed materials. The school library and computer lab will be available on a limited basis for students who need help or need to access the internet.

Thank you,

Deckerville Jr./Sr. High School Staff