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## High School Online Learning

Dear Students and Parents,

Earlier this evening you received a notice announcing the launch of the KDHSA Distance Learning and Continuity of Care program. Your teachers, administrators, counselors and staff have been working non-stop over the past 3 days to prepare for the changes that are to come, and we hope you engage in some of the fun, and sometimes embarrassing, videos and activities we have for you.

Families, we are all too aware of how different everything feels right now. Freshmen have had their first year of high school cut short, and seniors have been stripped of some of the exciting activities that come at the end of the school year. If the adults in your world are still working, then you may be watching younger siblings or caring for neighbors. There is no road map, no guideline to tell us how to handle this. Just like after Hurricane Katrina, we are all writing the guidelines as we go. But, as most of your parents know from their experiences with Hurricane Katrina, we will adapt and overcome!

First, your supplies! Anything you had in your locker has been bagged and will be delivered directly to the doorstep of the address on your OnCourse account. Some of you have reached out to share that you are staying with a friend or family member. If this is the case, please email your homeroom teacher with the address so they can inform me and we can make sure your items arrive at the correct location.

Second, your course work. The next two days will be about learning how to connect and navigate this style of education. The method of delivery for ALL academics will be google classroom. Parents, we are working to get links to google classrooms on the KDHSA Google Site, but your swamp owl already has access and has used it before, so they are well versed in how to reach their work. Students, you may want to consider breaking up your work just like our class schedule. On Monday, go through all of your classes and see the plan for the week. Then, Tuesday and Thursday, work on periods 1 - 4 and Wednesday and Friday work on 5 - 7. This will help you establish a routine and

make the work manageable. Your teachers are giving you small assignments that can have multiple attempts, and NO TESTS!! Take advantage of this opportunity!

Last, our Google site. This site will launch tomorrow morning. Please take the time to check out some of the videos being shared. Our deans and counselors have been compiling videos to keep us healthy, both in body and mind. And check out office hours with not only teachers, but counselors, deans, division heads, and principals. Not only is it a great way to get questions answered, it is a great way to keep us all connected.

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We look forward to the time when we can sit together, face to face. But, until then, we will see you in this virtual world, where we will learn and grow together!

With HEART,

High School Administrative Team