

- C. Meal Delivery – Last Tuesday we started a lunch delivery program serving ten different locations within the school district. We received permission last week to also provide a breakfast. Any child in the district is able to receive these from birth through school age. The child does need to be present to receive the meal. Please see the website for additional information.

- D. Activities- Any activity that would have occurred during this time has been postponed. Once we return to school we will then rebuild our activity schedule accordingly.
 - a. PTO fundraiser at this time is still scheduled for pickup on Tuesday, March 31st. At this point the part available for pickup will be the Gardner’s candies and the Altoona Curve fundraiser items only. Marianna’s has temporarily postponed the pizzas and hoagies until they can safely return their employees to work.
 - b. If we do get back to school in the next week or two the spring musical will be delayed to allow the cast and crew to have adequate practice time before performing.
 - c. Our athletics fall under the direction of the PIAA and at this time there has been no discussion on the spring season. They are still holding out hope for some form of a season.

- E. School Calendar – The information last week from the Pennsylvania Department of Education is that schools will not need to adjust their calendars to make up these days. This should allow us to complete the school year as scheduled. Please understand that this is written with only one week of a two week shutdown completed. None of us know what can and will change in the weeks ahead.

- F. State assessments such as the PSSA’s and the Keystones have been waived for this school year.

- G. AP Exams – The AP exams will still occur this year, but they are working on modifying the tests for content and online delivery. If you as a student were planning on taking the AP exam, your teacher, Dr. Spaid, or the College Board will be reaching out with more information.

- H. Dual Enrollment – Our partner institutions that provide the credit for these programs have been evaluating their requirements and providing us with feedback. Each program through the respective college or university is different, and as such we wait for their lead on this.

- I. Special Education – For those students with IEP’s some may have annual IEP reviews, or reevaluations scheduled to occur during this time. We are freezing those timelines at this point and as soon as we get back to delivering instruction we will work to reschedule each of those meetings as quickly as we can.

- J. Online Education – We are reviewing what we can, and cannot do, fairly and equally for all students. We recognize that our school district encompasses over 345 square miles and not all of our students have access to internet services or cellular data plans to be able to complete online assignments. With many parents now working from home, the infrastructure for our cable and cellular systems may also become more challenged. In the interim we have been providing some resources online for activities that children can do while home. Teachers may make use of communication tools they have established in their classrooms to reach out, or post items for students in grades 7-12 on their class pages within Sapphire. Anything that is posted at this time is meant to be activity based and an attempt to help to engage the student mind. It is not at this time class work that has to be completed and returned. If this format, or our direction changes due to a longer shutdown, we will let you know.
- K. When do we return? The Governor’s original order had schools closed through March 29th. I would think most of us can recognize that we are at the beginning of this battle and that the timelines will probably change.

When we do return, our focus will be making the most of the time we have in the remainder of the school for each student and what do we need to do to make sure our seniors have what they need to step forward after graduation.

In conclusion please continue to stay strong and healthy. Support those who are on the front lines of this every day, and remember that a little patience with everyone can go a long way right now. We have a great community that can and will support each other through this time. Families have suffered far worse than having to spend time with one another. Be grateful. Show thanks. We will be back to work and school, doing drive thru because we don’t have time to sit together to eat, running from one event to another and wondering why we can’t get everything done. Those days will return, but for now we face this challenge.

Take Care,

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