

# OCOSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Ocosta Families,

I want to thank each of our Ocosta families for your continued patience and support during the COVID-19 school closure. We are regularly updated from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction on the requirements of the school. At this time our priorities remain to provide meals to our students, this will continue during Spring Break. Ocosta Cares is also providing weekend meal bags during the school closure to our families that were receiving this prior to the closure.

The second priority is to provide learning opportunities to our students. You should be in contact with one of more of your children's teachers. If you need to get a hold of a teacher, you can call them on their school extension or by email. Teachers emails and extension are posted on our website: [Ocosta.org](http://Ocosta.org). Teachers are available Monday through Friday from 9-12pm and 1-3pm, except for Spring Break. Please reach out to them with any questions or concerns.

The highest priority after meals and learning is to ensure that our Senior Class of 2020 graduates. At this time, we have not rescheduled our ceremony, but will prepare to if needed. The high school teachers are meeting to discuss how to grade and create the last of seniors' requirements to graduate. By April 16, this information will be made available to the class of 2020. Any student that was failing prior to the closure or taking any online courses, should continue to work toward passing and completing those courses.

The school year has been extended to June 19. With the addition of three days, our teachers will have April 1-3 as days off to make up for the additional teaching days at the end of the year. Please consider April 1-10 as Spring Break, as stated previously, meals will continue to be delivered during this time.

The district was able to provide over 100 Chromebook to families on a first come, first serve basis. The district will now move to a check out system for those needing devices to connect to online learning opportunities. Please contact Mrs. Sweet at [hsweet@ocosta.org](mailto:hsweet@ocosta.org) to reserve a device. For families that have either an X-box or a PlayStation, students can log into Google Classroom from these devices. The directions for this are located on the Ocosta Jr/Sr High School Facebook page. For those families needing internet, we encourage you to contact Comcast, which is giving families that do not have service, 60 days of free internet. In addition, there are free hotspots offered by Comcast located throughout the South Beach area. Go to <http://wifi.xfinity.com/#find-a-hotspot> to locate a hotspot and to learn how to connect.

There have been questions regarding COVID-19 at Ocosta. Currently, during student attendance, there has not been a case of COVID-19 amongst any staff or students. I am in regular contact with Grays Harbor Public Health and will follow their guidelines if someone within our school community becomes ill.

I am proud of the efforts that our teachers and support staff have done through this unprecedented school closure. I assure you that we will continue to provide our students with support as we continue this journey.

Sincerely,



Heather Sweet  
Superintendent