Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Dear HS/JH Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are excited to provide an enriching and engaging continuous learning plan in a parent/student friendly format. Teachers and administrative staff have been busy crafting a plan that provides students the opportunity to improve their current grades through meaningful content that causes no additional stress or hardship on our students and families. Teachers have been instructed to focus on ESSENTIAL SKILLS and enrichment activities for those skills.

It’s important to note that a student’s current average as of March 13, 2020, will not be negatively impacted due to this unforeseen circumstance; however, all students will have the opportunity to improve their current grade for final report cards and transcripts. Students should expect to dedicate no more than 30 minutes per day for each assigned lesson or activity. This should limit students to no more than 3 hours a day combined for all classes.

Online learners should expect activities to be delivered through Google Classroom, email, or TeacherEase.

Paper packet learners should expect activities to be delivered through U.S. mail. These will be sent in two separate mailings, each containing 3 weeks worth of activities, but will not be returned to teacher.

Teachers have been instructed to establish communication methods with each student using email, Remind, TeacherEase, Google Classroom, or phone. This communication will be used to establish methods to return completed activities and also for teacher assistance. Teachers will identify “office hours” to allow for immediate responses to student questions or needs. Additionally, Mrs. Copeland is available by email or Remind for questions involving scholarship, transcripts, etc. as well as concerns regarding mental or emotional health. Special Education students should feel comfortable in contacting Mrs. Kincer and Mr. Guthrie for assistance as needed.

Current restrictions limit building access to essential personnel. However, once restrictions are lifted, students will be allowed to return to campus to retrieve personal belongings.

We believe that encouraging your child to engage in coursework may provide helpful structure for their day. However, prioritizing your family’s needs during this time will not academically disadvantage your child in any way. We will be sensitive and patient as we roll out this plan. We ask that you also be patient with us as we approach this task. We thank you in advance for your grace and flexibility as we do our best to serve your family. We pray that your family is safe and your needs are met.

Respectfully,

Bobby Odam
HS/JH Principal