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Covid-19 Updates

Santa Fe R-X School District

Distance Learning:

Parental support is key! We have never needed your support in your child's learning more than now! Here are some things that we all can do as parents to help our kids be successful during distance learning:

- Set the expectation that they will complete assigned lessons.
- Follow up. Ask them how their learning is going.
- Set an expectation for routine.
- Check SISK12 for progress/completion. Link can be found at <https://sdm.sisk12.com/SF360/apphost/TylerSis#/login>, and at the top of the Santa Fe School District website.
- Teachers are sending weekly emails to parents. Take a moment to read them so you can be informed.

Grades can only be improved, but students must produce enough proficient work to do so. For example, if your student had an 80% for 3rd quarter, and has only completed two lessons during the 4th quarter, that will not be enough points to move them from a 'B' to an 'A'. Students can improve their 2nd semester grade, but must complete enough work, proficiently, to do so.

Formal academic distance learning will continue through April 30th. If we are not back in session by May, lessons will focus on social and emotional activities as well as service learning.

One of our toughest challenges has been gauging what the 'right' amount of work is during our distance learning instruction. After listening to parents and students, we have cut back on the amount of lessons/work expected. Please continue to communicate with us regarding work load.

Teachers are available from 9-12 during regularly scheduled school days. Please continue to use them as a resource for your child's learning. Office phones will also continue to be covered during scheduled school days from 9 a.m. to noon.

District Activities/Events:

Several events may have to be postponed or cancelled. One event that we will do our very best to hold is a graduation ceremony for our seniors. We will leave options open on a graduation ceremony through August.

Meals- meals will continue to be delivered daily during scheduled school days (meals will not be delivered over Easter holiday or days not scheduled for school on the school calendar). If you have not signed up, you may still do so by simply calling your child's school between 9-12, M-F . This is not a burden and we would love to help serve you and your children in this way!

MSHSAA Sponsored Activities- At this point in time, the Missouri State High School Athletics Association has not canceled the spring season. Coaches will be in touch as this situation unfolds.

Will school reconvene this year? Your guess would be as good as mine. Being candid, I think we all have to prepare ourselves for the possibility that we will not get to finish the year in our facilities, together. This is a sad thought; let's hold on to the hope that we can come back, if not for only a couple weeks to provide closure for students and staff and to let our seniors celebrate being seniors! With that in mind, I will not be one to close up shop early. I will continue to monitor recommendations from health officials, keeping the safety of all in the forefront of my decision-making; but I will not make those decisions prematurely. To be clear, closing school for the remainder of the year will be my last option.