

# Harrington School District No. 204

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Dear Families,

Congratulations, you have survived your first month of being homeschool teachers! We know this transition has not been easy but just know we appreciate you and everything you are going through during this unique time period.

## **Third Quarter Progress Reports**

Enclosed you will find your child's third quarter progress report. This report includes assignments for your child's classes. They can still make up these assignments. Please contact the teachers regarding assignments or how grades are calculated.

There will be more information coming in the coming weeks and months about semester grades in the face of our COVID-19 school closure. The state is still working on guidance for districts and as I write this, they have not released the new information they have been working so we will have to continue to practice patience.

Teachers are being extremely flexible and giving students multiple opportunities to improve their grades. However, the only way we can do this is if we hear from you. The staff is working diligently to contact you and your students. We are going to work with you, but we still need to hear from some of you (if we have not). Teachers are reaching out using Google Classroom, Zoom, student emails, parent emails, SeeSaw, phone calls, text messages, etc. If you haven't been contacted we may not have the correct contact information for you. Please call the school and leave us a message with your current phone number(s) and/or email address.

## **4th Quarter Grading & Report Cards**

We expect the governor and/or Superintendent of Public Instruction to give us further guidance in the coming weeks, but we plan for classes, credits, and learning to continue into the fourth quarter. Bottom line is, students need to remain engaged to pass their classes and earn credit towards their high school diploma. We have been getting a lot of questions about grading practices, student expectations, etc. We ask that you please remain patient as we are still working through these questions and seeking guidance from our state. We want to ensure that our students are not hindered by the decisions we make. We are examining all angles to ensure that students have every option and opportunity available to them upon graduation.

## **Things Your Teachers Want You to Know**

When you ask, "Is this graded?" The simple answer is yes! However, it might not look the same as it would have if we were still in school (in the building). We need students to remain engaged with teachers and in classes to demonstrate you are understanding grade-level material. The grading may not be the "traditional way," but the work provided will need to be completed in order for us to see what students know/understand to best plan for their future.

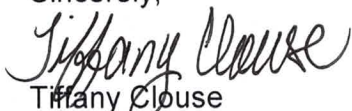
Teachers are working to pare down assignments to just focus on essential learning standards, and we do not expect students to be completing hours and hours of work each day. If you are feeling overwhelmed, please reach out to us.

Grading will mainly be on perseverance, time management, communication, and academic character. Teachers expect students to try their best and are here to support them! In this unprecedented time, we truly understand that all we can do is ask our students to just give their full effort.

Student work will continue to be sent home on Tuesday morning. Pick-up time will be from 10:00am-11:00am in front of the school. Buses will leave at 11:00am to deliver to bus stops. Lunch and breakfast deliveries will also continue.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions! We miss you!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany Clouse". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tiffany Clouse

Principal

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