

3/13/2020 External Communication

Hello everyone:

Thank you all for your continued support during what is certainly an unprecedented time for all of us.

I would like to commend our Shawnee staff for their unwavering dedication to our students and community. Even before the Governor's announcement, our staff was working diligently to ensure a seamless transition to online education.

I will do my best to answer as many questions as I can, but please know there are still quite a few unknowns. I am still gathering additional information on key issues and it may be several days before I can adequately address them.

First and foremost, the health and safety of our staff, students and community-at-large is our top priority. With that in mind, Shawnee Local Schools is implementing the following:

- Monday, March 16th is a full staff work day and begins a state mandated three-week break in face-to-face instruction. What does that mean?
 - That means students will begin online instruction Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Over the last several days students have received instruction from their teachers as to what is expected of them and how to access their online coursework. A number of platforms are being utilized throughout the district, including ProgressBook, Edulastic, Edmodo, Google Classroom, Zoom, etc. Please refer to building websites for continuing updates.
- If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the main office of your child's building between the hours of 8 am - 3 pm.

Elmwood:	419-998-8090
Maplewood:	419-998-8076
Middle School:	419-998-8057
High School:	419-998-8000
Special Education Office:	419-998-8144
Superintendent's Office:	419-998-8031

- We understand that not all students have home access to technology and the internet. Appropriate arrangements have been made to accommodate these students. If you find that you have a technology need, please contact your child's building for further assistance.
- All extracurricular activities, including sports, are cancelled until further notice. There will be no indoor or outdoor practices after today, Friday, March 13, 2020. This also applies to all youth program sports i.e. baseball, softball, soccer.
- We recognize that this change in schedule may cause a hardship for some families. An area of concern includes access to breakfast and lunch that would normally have been

served at school. Please know that we are working on how to best meet the needs of our students and will communicate the plan going forward when details are in place.

- At this time teachers are working and facilitating online course instruction. As always, they are available to address your questions via email. Parents can also call the main office number for their child's building for further assistance. In addition, our non-teaching staff is working hard in order to ensure operations continue to run smoothly.
- We are currently reviewing our scheduled Spring Break and State Testing requirements. We will inform you as decisions in these areas are made.
- The quarter will end on Friday, March 20, 2020 and grade cards will be mailed.

Future communications:

Again, thanks to each and every one of you for your patience and flexibility during this time. We will continue to adjust based upon the needs of our State, community and students. We know how important ongoing communication is and we are committed to updating you as often as necessary to ensure you have the most accurate and up-to-date information. Please check our website regularly for future updates.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Kanable".

James Kanable, Superintendent