High School North Weekly Update

WW-P schools will be closed for Spring Break from Wednesday, April 8 – Sunday, April 19, returning to virtual instruction Monday, April 20. The next newsletter will be sent Friday, April 24.

Parents and Students,

I just wanted to check in after week 3 of virtual school to see how everyone is doing. As a parent, I understand it is difficult to be away from school and classmates. I have a 4th and 2nd grader at home who feel the same way many of our students do. As my 4th grader told me this week... "Dad, I don't like being away from school, but I get it. I also get being inside for much of the day. I'm not 'stuck' inside but I am 'safe' inside and that's what's important." I was pretty surprised at his comment but glad to hear his thinking around the subject.

One way or another, we are all in this together and we will all get through this together.

I'm looking forward to the chance to see and talk with all of you soon.

Stay safe!

Dr. Dauber (and family in our virtual workspaces)

School Updates

- **Assistance**: If your child needs assistance, please email us at hsn@ww-p.org
- **Student Check-In:** High school students are reminded to check in with their teachers during office hours, by emailing them with updates/progress on their assignments at times other than office hours, and finally by submitting assignments. Please do not let more than two office hour sessions pass without checking-in with your teacher through one of these methods.

- **WW-P High School March/April Calendar**: The Day 1/Day 2 virtual/remote learning calendar through May 1, 2020, can be viewed/downloaded here.
- Local Senior Scholarships: HSN and HSS seniors are invited to participate in
 the district's local scholarship program. This program awards monetary
 scholarships to graduating seniors to help assist them in furthering their
 post-secondary education. Click here to view HSN and HSS's scholarship
 booklets. Please check the individual scholarship information for specific
 deadlines.
- **National Honor Society:** Due to the district's transition to virtual/remote learning, we are postponing the National Honor Society selection process. We will provide an update at the end of this month.
- **Senior Trip Refunds:** WW-P continues to work with the travel agent and other vendors for Senior Trip refunds. We are slowly hearing positive news, but with many vendors having limited staff, we are not anticipating any money returned within the next eight weeks.
- Google Classroom by Graduating Class: Students are reminded, if they have
 not done so already, they should join the Google Classroom associated with their
 graduating class to ensure they are receiving important messages from their
 school counselor. If your son/daughter has not already joined and requires the
 classroom code, please have them email the school counselor.
- **AP Exams:** All parents with students registered to take an AP exam this year should check their email or click here for information from Dr. Lee McDonald, WW-P's Director of Counseling, Health, and Wellness.
- **Spam Folder:** During this period of virtual/remote learning, our teachers will be reaching out via phone and email to students and parents. Please check your spam filters to ensure that emails sent from your child(ren)'s teachers are being directed to your inbox and not your spam folder.

District Updates

• <u>District Website</u> | <u>COVID-19 Information</u> | <u>Virtual/Remote Learning Website</u>

Virtual Spring Break

 WWPRSD's spring break will be a little different this year, but Dr. Aderhold wanted to provide students and families with some fun, educational activities.
 Check out this list of <u>virtual experiences</u> for your family to enjoy.

Notification in Genesis

Upon login, parent/guardian #1 associated with each student in the <u>Genesis</u>
 <u>Parent Portal</u> will be prompted to confirm that he/she has read the notice from
 WW-P regarding student and teacher use of online video platforms for the
 purposes of instruction, counseling, nursing and related services. This
 notification must be reviewed before the system will open to all other
 parents/guardians associated with the student account. If you do not wish your
 student to participate in online video use for the above-mentioned services,
 please complete the form in the notice on the Genesis Parent Portal.

Counseling/Wellness

- Health Resources: WW-P district nurses have pulled together <u>important health</u> information for families. Please check it out.
- Counseling and Wellness: The WW-P District Wellness Committee has created a
 website to promote the understanding that wellness is an active process of
 becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life.
 Students, families, and staff are encouraged to embed these self care resources
 into their daily routine.

Curriculum

• Curriculum Corner: Click here for a message from Dr. Pamela Nathan, WW-P Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Food Services

- If your child(ren) receives food benefits, please check your email for instructions.
- If your financial situation has recently changed and you would like information on food benefits, please click here for details and to download the application.

Technology

 Broken Chromebook?: WW-P students with Chromebooks that are damaged or in need of repair should complete this <u>Google form</u> (students must login to their Google account to access the form). Once the form has been completed, students or parents may bring the broken device to the front of High School North (90 Grovers Mill Rd., Plainsboro) on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

District Facilities

 Playground Equipment and Athletic Fields: As WW-P continues to sanitize our facilities and practice social distancing, all school playground equipment/athletic fields/courts/tracks/etc remain closed until further notice.

State Information

- State of New Jersey: www.covid19.nj.gov has been created as the official COVID-19 information hub for the State of New Jersey. The website includes up-to-date information, services, where to find assistance, job opportunities, and more.
- New Jersey Department of Education: Governor Murphy <u>announced on March 24</u> that NJ is canceling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window.
- A Program of Center for Food Action Hunger Free New Jersey: This non-profit
 organization is working with its partners to inform citizens of rapidly developing
 changes to address hunger during this crisis. For information and resources on
 programs such as NJ school meals, SNAP, WIC, and more, please visit the
 organization's website.

Registration

 Registration: At this time, all student registration for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year, as well as students moving into the WW-P Regional School District will be done by appointment and virtually until the district re-opens. Please <u>click</u> here for more information and to begin the process.

District Communications

 District Communications: WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our <u>district</u> <u>communication tool</u>. SchoolMessenger integrates with Genesis. It is important to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in Genesis so that you may receive emails/texts/calls from WW-P.

Board of Education Meetings

• Check out the upcoming <u>Board of Education Meeting</u> dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.

<u>Twitter | Facebook | Instagram | LinkedIn | Youtube</u>