

April 24, 2020

High School South Weekly Update

Students:

Please know your Pirate staff miss all of you and wish we could be together. However, I want to remind you that it is important for all of us to practice social distancing, so we can be reunited as soon as possible.

Remote Learning:

Please remember to check in with your teachers either during office hours or by email to update them on your progress. We will be reaching out to parents of students who are not checking in regularly to make certain they are healthy and safe.

Stay in. Stay safe. Stay well.

Mr. Lepold

School Updates

- **Assistance:** If your child needs assistance, please email us at hss@ww-p.org
- **Absences:** If your child is ill, please note it in Genesis as usual. Please take care of yourself and your family.
- **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 April/May Calendar:** The Day 1/Day 2 virtual/remote learning calendar through May 15, 2020, may 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.

Athletics

- Looking to play a 2020 fall sport? Registration opens at 8 a.m. May 11, in Genesis. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Check out the latest edition of the [WW-P Athletics newsletter](#) featuring highlights of some of our amazing senior spring athletes, fall registration and more.

Update Senior Trip Refunds

- We are making progress and are slowly receiving positive news, but no money yet. Every vendor has our information and will be sending us whatever we are able to receive as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the vendors are short-handed and dealing with an incredible amount of cancellations, so we have to be patient.
- Disney told us not to expect anything until June 1. We talk with our travel agent twice a week. As soon as we have more information, we will share it.

Reminders

- **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:** Additional information/details will be sent via email by the AP coordinators as it becomes available to all parents with students registered to take an AP exam this year.
- **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.
- **Option ii:** May 1 is the application deadline for summer option ii 2020 coursework. All courses must be pre-approved by the District. Application and guidelines for optional summer programming can be found here: http://wwphs.sharpschool.com/resources/option_ii

District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [COVID-19 Information](#) | [Virtual/Remote Learning Website](#)
- **Virtual Experiences and Activities:** Dr. Aderhold wanted to provide you with some fun educational activities to enjoy at home. Check out this list of [virtual experiences](#).

Counseling and Wellness

- **Health Resources:** WW-P district nurses have pulled together [important health information](#) for families. Please check it out.
- **Wellness Website:** 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 and Instruction

- **Curriculum Corner:** Click [here](#) for a message from Susan Totaro, Supervisor for Curriculum and Instruction, K-12; Melissa Pearson, Supervisor for Mathematics, K-5; Penny Fisher, Supervisor for LAL/ESL, K-5.
- **Teacher Communication:** Parents have often used Genesis as a tool to monitor their child's progress. Our teachers realize that with this tool missing, there is a need for increased communication. Please trust that if your child is missing assignments or has not resubmitted an assignment that needed revision, the teacher will reach out to you. As always if you have specific questions about your child's progress, please initiate contact. However, if you do not hear from your child's teacher, you can rest assured that all student work is submitted and meets the learning standards.

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.

Food Services

- If your child(ren) receives food benefits, please check your email next week 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 [Google form](#) (students must log in 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.

Registration

- At this time, all student registration for incoming kindergarten students for the 2020-21 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 [click](#) here for more information and to begin the process.

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 [announced on March 24](#) 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](#).

Communications

- WW-P uses SchoolMessenger as our [district communication tool](#). 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 Meeting

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) 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.

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