

April 21, 2020

Hello AIHS families,

I hope you are all healthy and well. This update has some very important information for you all.

The Governor announced today *schools buildings will remain closed through the end of this school year*. I will be working with other school leaders to build a plan to re-open our school in the fall.

We are happy to have provided all our students with necessary technology to continue with the Remote Learning Plan. It is very important your student is continuing to make academic progress during this time. **All families should have recently received an email with an invitation to join your student's Google Classroom.** There you can see your student's progress in each class.

All teachers have office hours every day using Google Hangout, with the exception of this vacation week. In addition, to office hours, starting next week teachers will have ***one mandatory class time when students must login*** using Google Hangout to get participation credit. All assignments are consistent with other classwork that has been assigned throughout the school year, so students should find the assignments familiar. If your student is struggling with an assignment, please have him/her connect with the teacher either through office hours, email, or schedule a one on one meeting with the teacher.

We are available for the therapeutic component our school offers as well. Many students have already checked in. Bethany and I are available for meetings, chats, and check-ins. Please text, call, or email. Dana is continuing to check the school phone each day as well.

Quarter 3 Report Cards will be available on Aspen within the next 24 hours. We will not be mailing them home. You will notice all grades are pass/fail or INCOMPLETE for this quarter. If your student has an INCOMPLETE, he/she has until this Friday, the 24th to complete all Quarter 3 work.

Quarter 4 is underway. ***Students must continue to keep up with their academics in order to get the credit they need to graduate or move onto the next grade level. Please encourage your student to do some school work each day*** and to reach out to their teachers if they need help.

This is a difficult time for us all. Please take every precaution to play your part to keep everyone safe. It can be complicated to keep your children apart from their friends. However, each time your child is near someone outside your home, he/she is at risk for contracting this virus and bringing it home to everyone in your household. **People can have this virus for 14 days and**

not show any symptoms. This is how the virus has been able to infect so many people. Please, do not allow your child or children to spend time with friends. There are over 5,000 diagnosed cases in Essex County as of today. The actual number of cases is significantly higher because not everyone has access to testing and the virus is silent in many people. Luckily, with social media, there are opportunities for your children to spend time together in healthy ways.

We will have a graduation ceremony of a new kind! I will be scheduling a meeting next week with seniors to discuss a plan. If you are a family member of a senior and you have any ideas or suggestions please email me! I would very much appreciate the input.

As always, we are here however you may need us. The teachers are working hard to support our students, academically and emotionally! This is a sad time for us all. Our little school means a great deal to all of us, and it breaks my heart we are all physically apart during this difficult time. **My hope is you all stay healthy and well!** I will provide more information as it becomes available. Please let me know if you need anything.

Best to you,
Eryn