

Parents/Guardians and Students,

Wow...this is certainly not the welcome back from spring break that we were expecting. I trust this finds you and your families safe and healthy. I want to thank you for your patience as we put some plans in place to continue educating our students.

You should have received communication that we have extended our break from school through April 24, which is unfortunate, as we do miss having your kids in WHS. Here is my attempt at providing you with some information on what to expect from your teachers moving forward, at least until we have the opportunity to return to the building.

Teachers will be making contact with your high school student sometime this week. Several teachers may have already made contact with them, but some are still putting resources together. Please expect an actual phone call from a teacher this week, which may not come from the school phone number, as we are limited on time in the building as well. They will be visiting about resources available so we can offer appropriate learning opportunities for our students.

During the time, I have asked teachers to provide our students learning opportunities each week. These opportunities will look very different for each class, and may range from google classroom activities, visits to educational resources, video conferencing with teachers, etc. As a credit granting institution, we will be providing students the opportunity to improve their grades in their classes. Any assignment provided by the teacher cannot negatively impact your students grade, it can only improve the grade. We know there are concerns with digital access, so we will work with those students to provide printed materials. We strive to do what is best for our students and realize this isn't business as usual and we must think "outside the box" a bit during this transition. I have also asked our teachers to hold "office hours" during which time they will be available for interaction almost immediately. Teachers will be providing our students with the "office hours" times as they get them set up.

There are some exceptions to the grade impact above. Dual Credit students will be continuing on with their studies with their current teacher. Our dual credit teachers are working with their respective host institutions for guidance. These teachers will be your best resource for questions, but we will do everything we can to help your child earn their college credit. Students taking Launch classes will continue their programs with the support of their current teacher. UCM Innovation Track students will also continue those courses with the support of their University instructor.

We know this is a difficult time for all...parents, students, and teachers! We will do our best to support student learning and engage their brains! Again thank you for your patience as we learn through this right along with our students.

Please continue to check our school website for any updates.

Respectfully,
Bret Pummill