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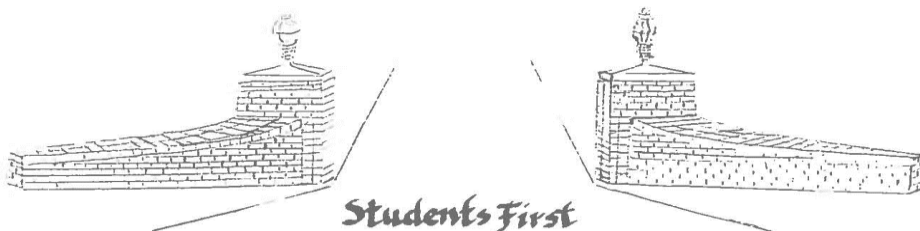
March 25, 2020

Re: High School Update

Students and Parents/Guardians,

I want to take some time and provide an update to all HS Students and Parents/Guardians. First of all, I understand that many of you probably have some questions and concerns so I wanted to provide information that will hopefully help address the questions and alleviate the concerns....

- **Marking Period 3: When will Marking Period 3 end?**
 - Marking Period 3 will end on Friday, March 27, 2020.
- **Will students have an opportunity to submit missing work for the 3rd Marking Period?**
 - Yes, all HS students will receive an **I** (Incomplete) for the 3rd Marking Period on Monday, March 30th...and students will have until Monday, April 13th to complete and submit any makeup work (homework, test, quizzes, etc.) to the teacher of record for the 2nd Semester and/or 3rd Quarter course the student is/was currently enrolled in.
- **Marking Period 4: When will Marking Period 4 begin?**
 - Marking Period 4 will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020.
- **When will online instruction begin?**
 - Online instruction will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020 and tentatively run through Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Obviously the end date is pending no further school delays as a result of COVID 19.
 - Assignments will be on a week-to-week basis.
 - Assignments given on Monday, March 30th will be due at the end of the day on Monday, April 6th.
 - Assignments given on Monday, April 6th will be due at the end of the day on Monday, April 13th. During the week of April 6th...teachers will be available Monday, April 6th – Wednesday, April 8th in lieu of time off per the District calendar.
- **Will students need to complete assignments and assessments during the online learning phase of the 4th Marking Period?**
 - Yes, assignments and assessments will count towards the 4th Marking Period grade, so all students will need to complete the assignments and assessments that are communicated through the appropriate online learning platform.
- **What are student expectations for being online during the online learning phase of the 4th Marking Period?**
 - Students will be receiving assignments from their teachers via that teacher's online learning platform and/or other methods that the teacher has previously communicated (ie...paper packets, etc.).
 - Students will be given one (1) week to complete assignments from when the assignments are generated. If assignments are generated on Monday, March 30th then students will have until the following Monday, April 6th to complete the work assigned on March 30th.



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- Students will be given multiple assignments at one time and will have the opportunity to work at their specific pace to complete the assignments in a week.
 - Again students will be able to work at their own pace...they can work early in the AM, in the middle of the afternoon, or late at night...it is understood that multiple individuals could need electronic device access in one household. This is a learning curve for every one...flexibility and communication will remain paramount. If you have questions...please ask the instructor in the class.
 - Teachers will work to chunk assignments to provide guidance to students so they can adequately plan and pace the completion of the assigned material throughout a given week.
 - Students have access to HS teachers daily, Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 am and from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.
- **What about field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year?**
 - All field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year that would normally occur on a school day have been cancelled. This is a district decision based on recommendations from the CDC, PA Department of Health, PDE...
 - **Building Access?**
 - Currently, the district campus remains closed, so there is not public access to the school buildings or campus at this time.
 - **Testing?**
 - “Last week Secretary of Education Rivera announced the cancellation of all PSSA testing and Keystone exams for the 2019-20 school year, including the PA Alternate System of Assessment, as a result of COVID-19. The PDE intends to submit the requisite waivers to the USDE and is monitoring emerging federal guidance and will pursue appropriate waivers to the fullest extent allowable”. (PASA update on 03-23-2020)
 - NOCTI testing has been cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year...this impacts some students in the HS Approved Agriculture program and senior students enrolled at Adams County Tech Prep.
 - AP Testing...Communication has been sent out via One Call to all AP students. There are several options at this point.

As time moves forward...I am certain that more answers will come into focus. Stay tuned for updates in the future.

Be Safe...Be Healthy...Stay Positive.

Keep Moving Forward,

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