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Dear Hopewell High School Parents/Guardians and Students,

First, let me say how much I miss having our students at Hopewell High School. The hallways are quiet and lonely without the energy and enthusiasm the students bring here everyday! This has been a challenging time for all of us and certainly a learning experience like no other. It is time to try to get school back into our lives.

CLOSURE OF SCHOOL AND FACILITIES

FYI: Beginning on Monday, March 16 and extending at least through Monday, April 13, 2020, Hopewell Area School District is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes school activities, field trips, and facility usage. Due to CDC guidance about group gatherings, at this time, all field trips, activities or events in the month of April are also canceled or postponed. Also, the school campuses and all facilities are closed to public use.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN FOR HHS COURSES

Hopewell High School is planning to continue instruction through our online learning platform, Schoology, beginning on Tuesday, March 31.

Students in grades 9 through 12 are familiar with and have used this learning tool. All tasks that the teachers will ask of students are related to their classroom learning and students will be able to complete their assignments with guidance from their teachers.

In preparation for our students' continuity of instruction, students should:

1. Keep current on Schoology. This will be the primary learning platform for all classes. Students and parents should have Schoology logins. If you or your child needs a Schoology login please see the instructions at the bottom of this letter.
 - a. Turn in assignments based on the dates in Schoology.



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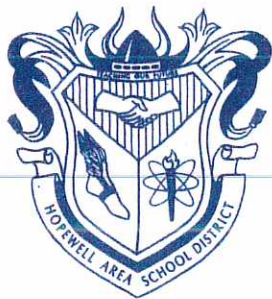
- b. Turn on notifications - this is how you know if you have a message or assignment.
2. Expect assessments and assignments that will require consistent work to keep up-to-date.
 - a. It is expected that students will engage with course materials for each class each day. Lessons should require about 20 - 30 minutes for each course. Attendance will be recorded by teachers based on student participation.
 - b. All grading will be Pass/Fail for the fourth nine weeks. Students will need to login each day and complete class activities to earn credit and progress towards graduation.
 - c. As long as students are participating and completing assigned tasks they will receive a Pass grade and credit.
 - d. THERE WILL BE NO FINAL EXAMS! You can stop crying in disappointment, you will survive!
3. Have a backup plan if wifi goes down: Can you communicate through phone if your wifi is down? Can your phone be a hotspot, so you can email teachers?

If you do not have access to the internet please email your principal for alternative arrangements: allisonm@hopewellarea.org or call 724 375 6691 ext 2021. And don't worry, we will work with you to figure out an alternative means for learning!

If you don't have computer at home but you can access this link below, you can request a chromebook here:

<https://forms.gle/5dKuher6J54dnB8U7>

4. Check your progress on Schoology. It will be updated regularly by teachers to help keep you on track with grades and assignments.



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5. Keep communication open. Use schoology to interact with teachers if there is an issue. Sign up for Teacher Remind if you haven't already.
6. Online learning is all about open lines of communication - ask for help, let your teacher know you're falling behind, ask questions on assignments if you have them.
7. **BCCTC Students**
Career and Technical Center students were asked to email or contact their program instructor. All contact information is on the CTC website at www.bcctc.org. Students will begin their CTC programming on March 30 or 31.
8. Students and parents can and should communicate with their teachers through their Schoology accounts.

Parents and guardians can check their child's Schoology account. Teachers will be available to digitally respond from the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We recognize that family situations related to child care, work schedules, technology access, and other factors may impact a students' availability. Families and students are encouraged to communicate any questions with teachers and all questions will have a response within 24 hours, Monday-Friday.

Please expect 3rd quarter grades to be finalized and posted during the week of April 6.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HHS CYBER CLASSES

Students enrolled in the Hopewell Cyber Academy for a full schedule or for individual classes will continue to access their classes through the Edgenuity program. If you have questions about your cyber classes, please contact the assigned teacher for each course.



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If you need technical assistance with Cyber classes you can contact Mr. Dean Nelson, nelsond@hopewellarea.org. Class expectations and work expected will be adjusted as we go along due to missed school days.

FREE LUNCHES

As a reminder, the District provides lunches and breakfast to students under the age of 18 between 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Junior High. Beginning March 24, we will also have a pick-up location at Independence Elementary.

We appreciate all that you and your child will be doing over the next few weeks as we work through these uncharted waters together. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school for any needs you may have during this time. The building administration will be available by phone and email throughout the duration of the schools being closed.

SCHOOLGY LOGIN ASSISTANCE

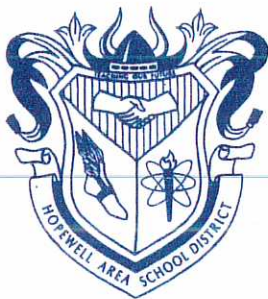
If you or your child needs a Schoology login please email Mrs. Cindy Jamison, jamisonc@hopewellarea.org or Mrs. Pam Sundy, sundyp@hopewellarea.org.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

For assistance with general questions about the school or grades please email Mrs. Letitia Vallecorsa, vallecorsal@hopewellarea.org.

PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS

If you need to contact me, my email is allisonm@hopewellarea.org
My phone number is 724 378 0550 ext 2021.



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We will get through this! We can do it! Stay positive, work in your classes, and utilize social distancing for your safety and the safety of others!

Sincerely,

"Mr. A"

Michael E. Allison, Principal

PS: "It's a great day to be a Viking!"