

Attention Parents & Students –

In response to last Friday's announcement by Governor Pritzker regarding the suspension of in-person teaching & learning for the remainder of the school year, we wanted to send out some highlights and information regarding the weeks ahead.

- Building principals are currently making plans for the pick-up of any personal items which students may have left at school prior to the initial decision to shift to e-Learning. For all elementary students in Pre-K through 5th grade, the curbside pick-up will be scheduled for Friday, May 1st. Additional information will be made available sometime soon via email and Bruning / SIS facebook pages. A similar process will also be used for WMS and WHS students, however, the curbside pick-up date has not yet been finalized. Additional information will be shared as soon as possible.
- Final day of e-Learning / remote learning for all current seniors in the WHS Class of 2020 will be Thursday, May 14th.
- Final day of e-Learning / remote learning for all other Wilmington students has been tentatively set for Friday, May 22nd. We are still awaiting final guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding end of the year expectations, but at this time, May 22 will most likely serve as the final student learning day of the 2019-2020 school year.
- The annual WHS Graduation Ceremony has been rescheduled tentatively for the morning of Saturday, June 27th. If necessary, an alternative potential reschedule date of July 25 has also been identified in an effort to provide a limited, in-person Graduation for the Class of 2020. We will continue closely monitoring guidelines and recommendations from Governor Pritzker and public health officials in the making of any final decisions related to Graduation.
- Mr. Maupin and the WHS staff is also still planning for a potential alternative Prom event for current juniors and seniors. This event has been tentatively scheduled to take place at WHS during the evening of Thursday, June 25.
- Annual WHS Awards Night ceremony will be offered virtually on May 12th at 7pm. Award winners will be receiving personal invitations via mail, with additional instructions and information also to follow via email sometime soon.
- An in-person WMS 8th Grade Promotion has been tentatively scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, June 23 in the main gymnasium at WHS.
- Please remember that Registration paperwork for all returning students can be dropped off daily in the vestibules or main offices at each school building.
- Our food services staff will be offering curbside food pick up again at WHS for all students on free and reduced lunch status from 4 to 6 PM on Monday. Students and families who do not typically receive free & reduced meal benefits are encouraged to explore the generosity of our local Kuzma Care Cottage. Their typical operating hours are 9am to noon Monday-Friday. Families are being asked to park in the back by the porch and stay in their car until instructed by

a volunteer. Families in need of some extra assistance should watch for updates on the Kuzma Care Facebook page, or can also call 815-476-2030 to verify hours before stopping by for a visit.

Please remember that participation in remote learning / e-Learning activities & assignments has been required by the Illinois State Board of Education. Participation is not voluntary. All students should check-in daily on the Wilmington E-Learning website (<http://bit.ly/2TMrdt2>) before getting started with daily learning assignments. All students in 4th through 12th grades should also be checking their gmail inbox each day. Any students or families who do NOT have access to necessary technology at home should contact their teacher and/or principal as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements for paper copies or chromebook loans.

Although this was not the way that any of us anticipated finishing out the 2019-2020 school year, we are still truly looking forward to connecting virtually with our students each school day! We miss our students tremendously and our hearts go out to the talented & dedicated students in the Class of 2020. All we can do is take one day at a time, but we are committed to restoring as much normalcy as possible once the social distancing restrictions begin to soften.

Stay safe & well,
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