



## *SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE APRIL 5th*

Good afternoon parents and guardians:

Thank you to our parents and guardians who are on the front line of this fight against this COVID-19 pandemic. I cannot say thank you enough to our parents, guardians, and community members who are medical workers, first responders, and essential employees in a myriad of professions, and everyone else who must face this silent enemy each day. You are all true brave, heroic patriots who I cannot thank enough for working to keep us all safe and healthy.

I wanted to give you an update of information from FHS, which is listed below.

**To the parents of our seniors** – I have met (though Zoom) with our Senior Class Officers and told them that we are beginning to look at alternative dates into the summer for Prom and Graduation. The officers felt, and we agree with them, that these two events are the most important, and they have earned our efforts to hold these, if at all possible.

As you know, school is shut down until at least May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are all hoping that we can somehow get back to school before the end of the year, but, as Dr. Fauci said, the virus makes the timeline. Once we know how we will move forward after the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, we will announce the dates for those two events.

**To all our parents and guardians** – Many activities have been or will be cancelled. We will announce the Inductees to the National Honor Society through our website, and through Mrs. Butchko, who has been incredible at communication through several different modes, so that we can honor our NHS students. Look for many more of these postings if we have to cancel events such as Tri-M, National Art Honor Society, Senior Award Night, Honors Award Night, and several specific group events which signify the end of the school year.

We know many of you are beginning to feel the pressure of this shutdown of society, which is done to protect all of us. Dr. Amy Acton and Governor DeWine both state they feel this shutdown is flattening the virus curve, which will help keep everyone healthy, and aid our healthcare workers in dealing with the effects of the virus on patients, and their loved ones. If you need any help, our entire staff is here to help you, whether it is to try to educate your student during this time, or to help you with any things you may need. Mrs. Keener, our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Zimmer and Ms. Cozza, our amazing school counselors, Mrs. Watts, our

district social worker, and our fantastic teachers and staff are all just an email away. Please reach out if you need anything from us. The teachers know the current struggles, and will work with students to engage in their education, even stretching deadlines for students who cannot connect electronically on a daily basis.

You can always check their Powerschool grade for how much work they are submitting, as that is the official grade portal for FHS. Google sometimes issues a grade which is not synonymous with what the teacher is expecting from the student. For an official grade, please check Powerschool often, and contact your child's teachers, or me, if you have specific questions about classwork.

Finally, Spring Break begins on Friday. The teachers all agree everyone needs a break at FHS, including you, your students, and our staff. There will be no work issued through FHS from April 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, allowing you and your student to focus on relaxation, if at all possible. There is one College Credit Plus course at FHS that will be administering a test over Spring Break, as LCCC is not on Spring Break and we follow their lead for college classes. Also, any of our students who are taking classes directly through LCCC or BG-Firelands may be required to submit work to their respective college during the FHS Spring Break. That is one of the few downsides of taking college classes through high school, you are at the mercy of the college schedule.

Have a good week and try to get outside to enjoy the weather. We will all get through this together, and be stronger on the other side of this pandemic. Please stay safe and healthy, as we are all in this together.

Stay Falcon strong!!!!

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