



SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE APRIL 9th

Good afternoon parents and guardians:

Thank you again to everyone who is on the front lines fighting this invisible virus. As Dr. Acton says, we are all doing amazing work to flatten the curve so we can reduce the amount of people who become infected with this disease. I cannot thank our healthcare, first responders, food service, and everyone else who is essential to our needs. I especially want to thank our juniors and seniors who are still working, as some of them are working in nursing homes, food service, and other industries that are essential to our well-being. Stay healthy and God bless you for your tremendous bravery and dedication to the rest of us.

Going into Spring Break (or should we call it Screen Break), I wanted to let everyone know what some preliminary plans for the future are if school will be cancelled past the May 1st deadline that we are now on.

Graduation – Graduation is still scheduled for Friday, May 22nd at 7 pm. The Senior Breakfast is scheduled for 8 am and graduation practice for 10 am, all on May 22nd. If the school closure extends past this date, here is a tentative graduation date, based on projections, and what other school districts are doing. We are moving this event to a date and time where we feel it can be held.

Tentative New Graduation Date – Friday, July 31st at 8 pm in Falcon Stadium

Prom – Tentative new scheduled date if school closure is continued will be Tuesday, July 28th from 7-11 pm at New Russia Township Hall (we have already secured the date).

Senior Award Night – Postponed from April 29th to a combination of a posted video honoring our award winners, to an abbreviated recognition of them at the Senior Breakfast.

May events and beyond – As of today, if school were to resume, we will be holding all our events as scheduled. However, if the school closure is extended, all May events, with the exception of the events listed above, will be cancelled, except Honors Award night. We will post the award winners to our website and social media if we cannot hold this event. The Fine Arts Festival and Art Camp, scheduled for May and June, have been cancelled, along with the Middle School OMEA contest at FHS, to be held on Friday, May 15th, has also been cancelled.

June and Summer Activities – All camps and activities to be held in the summer, will be cancelled if the school closure goes into June and July

Spring Sports – The OHSAA has come out with guidelines for the Spring season. You can read about them by [clicking here](#). In summary, the OHSAA has put out a revised schedule for the spring, if we can resume school on May 4th. If we cannot resume school for the remainder of the school year, spring sports will be cancelled.

Your students, and you, have done amazing work over the last four weeks. Please remember to 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.

We understand the stress families are under, with several parents working many hours on the front line of the fight against COVID-19. Our teachers also understand this, and have extended deadlines and modified instruction for all our students. It is now time for everyone to enjoy Spring Break, which begins on tomorrow. 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 10th – 19th, 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 Happy Easter weekend and Passover week. We are all in this together. The shutdown is working, we are winning the battle against this virus, but we have to stay vigilant. Always socially distance and use suggested methods of hand washing, sanitizing, sneezing, and coughing. As always, please stay healthy and safe.

Stay Falcon strong!!!!

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