

## **A Parent's guide to long term school closure**

The coronavirus pandemic has thrown the CVCS learning community into uncharted waters. Parents are forced to become teachers and teachers are entering a completely different world in terms of providing instruction. One goal/ i that the District has is that all our children are safe,, the second goal is that they learn about participating and putting effort into their education and personal lives. Academic proficiency at this moment is down the list of items that are truly important.

### **How will my child receive learning materials?**

Teachers are making every effort to provide learning materials to students via online platforms or sent home packets. Many teachers use Google Classroom, school email, or other communication apps to notify parents and/or students of new class work. For those families who don't have access, we have been attempting to provide hard copy packets of learning materials. Deliveries will be April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> via our bus routes

**What should I do if I haven't received learning materials?** 278-5511 is the number to call. The District's Main Office is open from 8am –noon every day.

### **Does CVCS provide my child with the necessary technology for online learning?**

Chrome books were distributed to students and we continue to fix and repair those that decide to quit on us. Some families have no access to the internet so we are continuing to send packets home. If your chrome book needs attention please let us know so Mr. Slocum can take a look at it. You can always park close to the school and use our guest wifi if you have limited or no access at home . Not the best but it's something

### **How does remote learning actually work?**

Teachers will provide your child with new learning activities via different platforms such as ZOOM or various Google Apps. Students will complete the work independently at home with the support system established by the teacher. In many cases where learning is happening via computer, students may watch a video lesson, complete a class discussion via Google Hangouts (a communication platform), or utilizing Google Hangouts Meet, a face-to-face video conference app, like ZOOM. You should expect your child's teacher(s) to check in on a regular basis to assist, guide, and direct the learning, should your child have any difficulties understanding the new content. But more importantly your child needs to seek out their teacher if they are having trouble understanding the material.

### **How much at-home learning time should we anticipate?**

Each course varies a little but students should spend time every day working on assignments.

Our expectation is that students' at-home learning time (including time spent learning new material, watching video lessons, participating in class discussions and completing assigned work and activities) **should not exceed** these time allocations:. These are general guidelines. I believe children need to stay physically active and have the opportunity to play and put the device away.

Grades K-2: 2-3 hours total per week for ELA and math. Read with your children

Grades 3-6: 4 hours total per week for ELA math, and social studies,

Grades 7-8: 2-3 hours each per week for ELA, math, science and social studies.

Grades 9-12: 3 hours per week for each credit-bearing course

***Additionally students should continue with Art, Music Physical Education , Band and other classes that are designed for stress relief and enjoyment.***

**My child receives special education services/has a 504 plan/receives related services (OT, PT, Speech, Counseling). Will this continue?**

School districts must ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, each student with a disability can be provided the special education and related services identified in the student's individualized education program (IEP). For specifics on services for your child, you can contact the teacher, service provider, or leave a voicemail for Mrs. Coons.(email is better) CSE meeting have been occurring since March 16<sup>th</sup> via telephone or video-conferencing and the service providers have continued to work with their students. .Mrs. Coons email is [coons.kelly@charlottevalley.org](mailto:coons.kelly@charlottevalley.org)

**How will grading work?**

Grades that are current up to March 16<sup>th</sup> when the students left school will be used along with work completed or attempted by your student at home. The combination will also be used to calculate their grade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (this can only increase their grade, it will not lower it). 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grading will be begin April 20<sup>th</sup>. Your student will receive an effort/participation grade combined with an academic grade for participation and effort.

**Will we get a report card?**

Parents with access to the Parent Portal can find grades card grades up to March 16<sup>th</sup> All work that has occurred while at home will be used to supplement a student's grade. For those failing a course in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter they will receive a circle 70. Students failing also can increase their grade by working on assignments that were sent home Paper report cards will not be issued until our schools reopen.

**How will this impact a student's grade point average (GPA)?**

That depends on when we return to school. In the event of a prolonged absence, the state has offered schools guidance on how to calculate student GPAs and how to determine course credit.

### **Can my student be retained another school year?**

Yes they can be. That determination will be made through data up to March 16<sup>th</sup> by the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will contact you before May 1st to consult with you in this matter.

### **What about standardized testing, state assessments, college course credit ?**

There have been many updates regarding our annual assessments. The grades 3-8 ELA and math; grades 4 and 8 science; the NYSAA; and NYSESLAT have been suspended for this year. Regents testing has been cancelled for this year. The Guidance department is working on determining senior graduation requirement for each individual student. Those who were scheduled to take a Regents will not have to this year..

The most important expectation for our students is that they participate and connect with their teachers so that learning can continue. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter if school remains closed will be an effort /participation grade along with an academic grade.

Each individual area School District is doing grading a little different, that's their preference and there is no "right" way to do it. Rest assured we will do what's in the best interest of each student.

### **Food Distribution...will it continue?**

Yes it will!!!. Please contact Mr. Thorsland at (607)278-5511 option 8 to place your order. Family name, number of children and if you desire delivery. Pickups are Monday's 8-10am at the cafeteria end of the school.

### **When will school reopen? I heard the 29<sup>th</sup>**

It is slated to reopen April 30th unless the Executive order is extended. Local Districts were given updated guidance after our attorney's re-read the Order that said "through the 29<sup>th</sup>" Local Superintendent's will be making those changes within their schools.

### **When is the school budget vote ?**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> as of today 12-8 in the APR.. But that could ultimately change.

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