

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating and inspiring students to achieve their personal best

Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents,

The Governor of Pennsylvania has closed all schools for a two-week period as the state works to manage the COVID-19 outbreak.

We will provide some learning activities and assignments during this two-week period on *four designated days* (March 18, 19, 20, and 23.) The plans vary according to grade level. We anticipate that some middle and high school assignments <u>may</u> be graded, but no assignments/activities will count toward grades for elementary students. This material is not meant to replace in-person classroom instruction.

This is an unprecedented situation, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Please read the information below:

WEEK ONE:

Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 – The first two days of the closure will be designated for teachers to prepare activities. These days will *not* have to be made up by students. (The state requires schools to have 180 days; We already have 182 built into our calendar.)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday (March 18, 19, 20 and 23) – Teachers will make activities available online or via email. Teachers will be available during regular school hours to respond to parent and student questions, but we ask for your patience as many teachers will be home with their own children trying to provide care, as well.

WEEK TWO:

March 24 – 27 - These are not scheduled school days. We will make up these days on June 9, 10, 11, 12.

Middle & High School

- Resources, links and assignment feedback will be provided for all core area subjects (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) during March 18 - 23
- Content and materials for non-core electives (Physical Education, Technology Education, Music, Art, etc.,) will vary.
- Teachers will post materials and assignments via **Schoology** and/or **email**. *Please be sure to log on for this information*.

Elementary School (<u>www.wcelementaryathome.weebly.com</u>)

- **Grades 3-5** All teachers (including English Language Development, Special Education, Gifted, Reading) will provide resources, links, and activities via **Schoology** or **email**.
- **Grades K 2** All teachers (including English Language Development, Special Education, Gifted, Reading) will provide resources via **email.**
- Special area teachers (Physical Education, Art, Music, Library,) will provide learning activities when possible.

Hard copy packets are available at the Spellman Administration Building at 782 Springdale Drive in Exton, for families who do not have access to the internet. They can also be delivered. Please call 484-266-1050

Families who need assistance accessing materials online can contact the **District's help desk** at **484-266-1050**.

For parents who need access to Schoology, please find information at:

Schoology Parent Access: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qliRpP4Ea4MM9b6XnIrCFkAR6jNLqQD4mrT_n6mfO68

As the father of two elementary-aged students in this district, I do understand the stress and anxiety surrounding this situation. Keep your kids safe, and keep them reading. Please let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent