

March 27, 2020

Dear WCASD School Community.

Beginning Monday, March 30, our teachers will be **providing instruction of new materials** online. This means we will be taking attendance and providing work that will be counted toward advancing students to the next grade level. Our teachers have been participating in training this week as we work to shift our instructional model to deliver learning online. They've also been planning lessons, and are all working from home while trying to care for their own families. Thank you in advance for your patience and grace!

A few notes:

- Grades will be assigned, with leniency, for work in our middle and high schools. Elementary teachers will not be assigning grades, but providing feedback to students on work submitted.
- We recognize there is a significant difference between elementary and secondary remote learning and reasonable expectations. The younger the student, the harder it is to teach them remotely and the more assistance they'll need from parents (who may be busy caring for other children and trying to work from home.)
- Our middle and high school students are more familiar with retrieving and posting assignments on our Schoology. This will be the primary way to access and submit assignments, as well as take attendance. Please review a list of secondary student expectation FAQs:
[High School Students Expectations](#)
[Middle School Students Expectations](#)
- Elementary teachers will be using various methods to post and receive assignments through Schoology (grades 3-5), SeeSaw (Grades K-2), and email. Teachers will be preparing work primarily in the areas of Reading, Math, and Writing, and will send parents a weekly note outlining the work for the week. We will be recording as many video lessons as possible so that you can help your child access them at a time that is manageable for you. Because of privacy concerns, we will not be recording any Zoom calls that include student video and audio. [Please click here for a list of FAQ's regarding elementary school expectations.](#)
- If your child is struggling, please reach out to your teacher, principal, or school counselor.

If you have a problem with technology and need tech help, you can contact our help desk at 484-266-1050 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (times may vary slightly

due to staff availability.) You can also email helpdesk@wcasd.net or one2one@wcasd.net. Our help desk is servicing teachers, students, and parents. We also encourage you to reach out to your tech-savvy neighbors who might be able to assist! This is a time when we all need to lean on each other.

- We have deployed hundreds of iPads to families this week, are working on providing internet connectivity, and our staff continues to distribute thousands of meals each week to our families in need. Our school nurses have also gathered supplies to donate to Chester County Hospital. We are grateful to our staff who are on the front line making this possible!

Our country has never experienced this kind of shut down. Tens of millions of school children across the country are all logging in from home. We will do the best we can to keep them learning and engaged.

Thank you,

Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent