

Update from CCPS – March 19, 2020

Dear CCPS Families, Students, Faculty, Staff and Community Supporters --

Happy First Day of Spring! I hope that everyone had the chance to practice their social distancing outside for a bit today to soak up some incredibly, warm, spring like weather! What a blessing for our week.

As we draw near to the end of our first week of school closure, we continue to work hard here at CCPS School Division to ensure that our students and their families will be supported through this unprecedented time.

Beginning Monday, March 23rd, CCPS will be distributing free "grab and go" school meals-- a packaged combination of breakfast and lunch each day. Meals will be limited to the first 100 students and pick up times will be between 11 AM and 1 PM on a first come first served basis. Food distribution is open to all students, regardless of what school they attend, as well as others under the age of 18. Every child under the age of 18 who will be receiving a meal must be accompanied by an adult for every pick up. Our students must also be present to receive their individual meal.

The pick up location for our grab and go meals has changed. Meals will be able to be received behind the high school in the rear bus loop by the gymnasium area, so that any anticipated traffic can be better accommodated.

Remember that additional meals of chicken noodle soup and sides will be free to families at the United Methodist Church during the same hours.

CCES will be open between 11 AM and 1 PM tomorrow for students and families who might need additional items from our Tiger Packs program, as well as any Community Den supplies. Stephanie Leek will be on hand during that time to assist. If you do not have your backpack, please plan on coming anyway. We will have additional items available regardless.

With the extended two weeks of school closure, teachers will be working to create student assignment and work packets for the next two weeks that should take our students to Spring Break. We will be assembling this work in hard copy packets for all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade between tomorrow and next Wednesday. Distribution of these packets to our students will take place next Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th, during our meal distribution time and in the evenings between 5 and 7 PM at our schools. If students and families are not able to pick up their assignment packets at these times, we will be mailing home any remaining packets to our students on Friday afternoon, March 27th, for receipt.

Additional information will be included in our student assignment packets that will provide helpful tips and information on how best to help your student succeed through this very different and unfamiliar approach to student learning. Assignment packets will include

additional resources for students and families for remediation and creative learning. Remember parents, we do not expect you to be a substitute for your child's teacher, but a guide and supporter for their learning adventures. This information will hopefully help everyone as we move forward to in home learning over these weeks.

We will continue to provide updates from the Virginia Department of Education as we receive this information. For now, High School graduation is still scheduled for June 13, 2020. We will be making determinations on Prom and other high school events over the next few weeks as we continue to monitor the progress of this virus and school closures. With so much time lost in the third marking period, we will be combining the third and fourth marking periods for a semester-long grading period as we move forward.

As always, stay well, be safe, practice good hand washing and safe social distancing, see a doctor if you experience flu or cold-like symptoms and please stay home and away from others if you are sick. Thank you!