



Tuckahoe High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware and in light of the Governor's announcement and the County Executive's State of Emergency declaration earlier this week, Tuckahoe Schools will now be closed through March 31, 2020. The district is continuing to monitor updates from the Governor and SED on an ongoing basis.

The third marking period is scheduled to close April 15. Please review your child's portal for grades from your students' teachers. Students should continue to check daily for updates from each of their teachers, as we continue the e-learning process. Teachers and myself are available via email to answer any questions. Please continue to follow up with your student to assure they are fully engaged and they understand that the educational process at THS is continuing for all subjects.

Please also assure your student is completing activities and assessments for all their courses. AP classes and regents courses may be a priority for many students; however, your student is being assessed in all subject work including their electives and courses required by NYS such as physical education and the arts.

Tomorrow, March 20, the district's teachers will be working on professional development. To convert efficiently from a traditional educational system to an e-learning system with only 24 hours' notice was remarkable. It validates the district's posture that our teachers were among the most proficient in the profession in delivering 21st century instruction. In addition to providing learning opportunities, our K-12 teachers have been spending copious hours enhancing and sharing their e-learning skills these past two weeks. Tomorrow will provide some planned time for our teachers to maintain their strong position in the field and for your child time to work on assignments if needed. The benefits will be long term for both staff and students.

The THS Guidance has sent or will be sending out the following:

- Course selection for the 2020-2021 school year. Counselors created a google form to share with the incoming 9th, 10th and 11th grades which will have a list of courses for next year by subject and requirement.
- Counselors have been inputting the received requests into Power School as part of the scheduling process.
- Career exploration and interest inventories with Sophomores. Counselors will use the online program that we use and all the students have log in's for, Virtual Job Shadow, to have students conduct interest inventories and then research several careers.

- College Essay tutorial and prep work with the junior class. Counselors will share a tutorial that the students can view, which is comprised of a panel of admissions officers that comment on what makes or breaks a solid essay. Counselors can then be shared in on college essay drafts.
- As a follow up to their 9th grade individual meetings, counselors will introduce an extracurricular activities form so students can begin to keep track of their activities
- Counselors sent out relevant information pertaining to the PSAT/SAT/ACT/AP/SUBJECT TESTS.
- In addition to the above planned activities guidance continues to be available via email daily and has been and will continue to respond accordingly.

Unfortunately, the rapid closure notice gave our staff a very minimal chance to learn about and discuss social distancing. I know with teenagers this presents a special challenge. Based upon the medical professionals, this is a critical aspect of being safe. Please know the staff and district support your efforts in communicating to your children that limiting social behavior can make a significant difference in the health and safety of our students, our Tuckahoe community, and our entire region.

For all Tuckahoe parents and residents on the frontline of this pandemic, we thank you for your service!

I thank all parents and guardians for their continued support and patience as we all work together to get us through this difficult time.

You can visit www.ny.gov/coronavirus, to stay up to date on COVID-19. I hope you and your family are healthy and safe.

Regards,

Dr. Bart Linehan

KEY DATES:

March 12 – 31: School Closed