

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Hello City High Students and Families,

As a follow-up to our previous notification regarding the mandated closure of all Pennsylvania schools by Governor Wolf, below is an overview of our school closure plan and how we intend to finish the trimester:



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City High will be closed March 17th through March 29th, 2020. We will resume school on Monday, March 30th.

School Closure Expectations

We will actually take this as time off. As you know, City High has a year-round school schedule so we already exceed the required annual number of days students are to attend school. Additionally, we expected to return to school on Tuesday so we understand that some students did not grab all of their items that they typically would take home for an extended break. Due to the governor's mandate, students will be unable to access the building for such items in the building during the closure. Please note that all activities including our Spring Open House and the SAT will be cancelled or postponed. Our hope is to be able to reschedule the Open House and we will be in touch with the College Board about the SAT.

Regarding the Betsy Ann fundraiser, the new March 17th deadline will be extended as we will not be in school. We will be in touch about updates for collection of money and the order delivery.

When We Return

The week of March 30th will be a modified week. It will be a full week without half days. We will not have finals, but we will finish up any ongoing work or projects to finish the trimester. Students' final grades will be what they have earned over the course of the trimester all the way through April 3rd. Other considerations during the week include:

Senior Grad Project and Independent Research Project (IRP): As it isn't advisable to have outside guests visit the building due to health precautions, staff members will serve as panel reviewers and judges. Ms. Domingues-Murphy and Ms. Pascuzzi will be in touch with students about expectations and next steps for the course.

Senior Internship: Students will not report to their internships. As the trimester will almost be over, we've already received notifications from various internship sites regarding restrictions that are or will be in place about non-employees on site. Ms. Drummond and Ms. Kretschman will be in touch about expectations and next steps to wrap up students' experiences.

End of Year Trips: Some of you have asked questions about the status of end of year trips. Please know that we are continuing to gather information and will be prepared to share any changes to school trips or cancellations before we depart for trimester 3 break.

Immediate Next Steps

We encourage our students to try to relax during this period but also do what's necessary to stay sharp and finish the trimester strong when we return on March 30th.

Thanks in advance for your adaptability and resilience. Let us know if you have additional questions and please take care! We look forward to seeing you when we return.

Best,

Dr. Allen and School Administration