April 10, 2020

Dear Parents:

I hope the first week of Distance Learning went smoothly in your household. Online education can be intimidating, and we realize some students are more comfortable with it than others. We need to give it a little time for students, staff, and families to adjust to our new style of instruction and the use of Google classroom. We continue to work on making this experience a positive and beneficial one for students.

It is a difficult time for all of us. And, while it is important to provide an education for our students, it is not our intent to burden families or add stress. If you or your student(s) have concerns, please email the teacher(s) and the building principal. Our district website has a resource entitled Distance Learning. I invite you to check it out and take the time to view the short PowerPoint on Google Classroom instruction. I hope you find it helpful.

We continue to receive new information from the Governor, Department of Health, and the Ohio Department of Education. Some of the updates provide directives, while other updates help the district make essential decisions.

State Testing and Related Assessment Information

- State and federal testing have been eliminated for the 2019-2020 school year.
- No State Report Card will be issued for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The third-grade reading guarantee retention requirement is waived for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Schools may grant high school diplomas to students who are on track to graduate.
- Advanced Placement exams will now be taken online. Each test will last 45 minutes. Students should check with their teachers to confirm the respective testing dates.
- The ACT is scheduled for June 13th at THS. All students previously scheduled to take the ACT are already registered.

4th-Quarter and Semester Grades

The Distance Learning emphasis is on engaging students in meaningful learning opportunities, providing feedback, and allowing revisions. Because of the extended state-mandated school closure, the district needs to make adjustments to its traditional grading and assessment processes. The district is working through plans for the 4th quarter and semester grading. Details of the decisions will come out next week.
**Graduation**
The district has not decided on commencement for the Class of 2020. We know how important this milestone is to our students and their families. We are having discussions on how to celebrate our seniors safely should we need to cancel our traditional graduation ceremony. As we receive more information from our Governor, we will keep you updated.

**Playgrounds, Fields, Track, and Courts Closed Until Further Notice**
- As per the Department of Health order, all playgrounds on district property are closed until further notice.
- The Howell Field Stadium is closed. This includes the track.
- The baseball, softball and practice fields are closed.
- The tennis courts are closed.
- The football field at City Park is closed.
- The outdoor basketball courts are closed.

**Activities Cancelled**
- ALL after school, extracurricular, and athletic events are cancelled through May 1st.
- ALL school evening events are cancelled through May 1st.
- **Summer Theater Stagecrafters 2020** is cancelled.

**Locker Cleanout and Medicine Pickups**
- All schools will remain closed through May 1st under the current state-mandate. If the state extends the school closure, the district will make arrangements for locker and desk cleanouts and medicine pickups, keeping in mind directives and precautions outlined by the Governor’s office and Miami County Public Health.

**Kindergarten Screening**
- Kindergarten screening is postponed.
- Parents of incoming kindergarten students will receive updated information in May.

**Art with a Heart**
Each day the news shares a view of the many heroes on the frontline serving as healthcare workers taking care of those inflicted and putting themselves in harm’s way. For them, we are very grateful. Our local youth is providing the Tipp community a means to express their appreciation. Tippecanoe High School graduate Logan Oskey and THS senior Lindsey Viskup invite students of all ages and their families to submit photos of art expressing gratitude for our healthcare workers. Take a photo of a picture, sidewalk chalk, sculpture, or other art forms and send it to lviskup@yahoo.com or through twitter #ArtwithaHeart and #healthcareheroes.

Wishing our students, staff, and families a three day weekend filled with good health and time together.

Please take care of yourself and each other,

Dr. Gretta Kumpf