

Hello JC Schools Families,

First and foremost, we hope you and your family are staying healthy and safe. Our current reality presents many challenges beyond remote learning, including coping with stress, anxiety, and uncertainty. It is important that in addition to juggling the many responsibilities of parenting in the midst of a pandemic, you also make time to focus on self-care for both your student, and yourself!! We have provided a list of resources at the bottom of this email that we hope will be useful to you.

As we work our way through the second full week of the COVID-19 extended closure, we wanted to take a moment to check in and provide a few updates.

### **LEARNING:**

- Our JC Schools teachers remain committed to making contact with all of our families to collect feedback which will be used to help ensure we are providing solutions that meet your needs.
- All teachers will be available throughout the extended closure, from 9:00AM-2:00PM, Monday-Friday, to communicate via email or other methods.
- Third quarter grades will be the last grades assigned for students in PreK-8th grades with the exception of middle school Algebra I and Geometry. High school students earning credit will be able to improve upon their third term grades up to 10 percentage points. Details outlining this will be shared directly by buildings at the secondary level.

### **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (GRADES PREK-5):**

- Hard copy materials with work for the week of April 13th-17th will be mailed this week. Electronic or printed packets will be provided for PreK-5th grade students throughout the closure.
- A new instructional planning template has been posted on each teacher's website. This template outlines daily work in reading and math as well as optional learning opportunities.
- Third quarter grade cards were mailed home this week in packets. Parent-teacher conferences will occur by phone next week.

### **SECONDARY STUDENTS (GRADES 6-12)**

- Beginning Monday, April 13th, secondary students will be asked to engage in learning Monday through Thursday, using Friday as a collaboration/catch up day.
- Secondary teachers will use Fridays to connect with students who may be struggling in order to give them the extra support needed to help raise their grades.
- More information regarding grades for third and fourth quarters will be coming directly from each building in the next few days.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

- Families can access technology support on the district's [COVID-19 web page](#).
- The district is in the process of purchasing enough MiFi devices to support students who have indicated they do not have access to the internet at home. Your building principal or teacher will be contacting you on methods to get these MiFi devices to you when the district finalizes our distribution plan.

### **MEALS**

- Information on bus stops for meal deliveries and locations for Grab 'N Go meals can be found [here](#).
- Buddy Packs for the weekend will be available on Friday, April 10th at the Grab 'N Go pick-up locations and at all meal delivery bus stops.

## **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

- All school events and other activities, including extra- and co-curricular events, practices and competitions, will be canceled during the time schools are closed.
- In order to support social distancing guidelines, the playground equipment and outdoor facilities at JC Schools properties are closed until further notice (this includes: football, softball, soccer, and baseball fields; basketball and tennis courts). Tracks that are normally open to the public will remain open for individual use, as long as individuals maintain a separation of six feet or more.

We want to assure you that the Jefferson City School District is working diligently to identify resources for families, provide alternative learning solutions, and stay abreast of the ever-changing COVID-19 situation to ensure student success. As more information becomes available, and as decisions are made about how best to continue delivering education throughout this closure, we will remain in touch.

Thank you,

*Jefferson City School District*

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COVID-19 Resources:

[How to Cope with Sheltering in Place](#)

[What to Do When Kids Are Anxious About COVID-19](#)

[Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

[Simple Activities for Children and Adolescents](#)

[Parent/Caregiver Guide to Coping with COVID-19](#)

[Find More Resources from the MO Department of Mental Health Here](#)

[JC Schools COVID-19 Website](#)