

April 19, 2020

Good afternoon Bear Family!

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and safe!

This week, the Governor will conduct another phone conference with Superintendents, and all indications are that he will issue some guidance regarding the rest of the school year. The Board of Education will meet on Monday the 27th, and deal with the Governor's announcement in some way.

Friday was instructional day 150 of 170 for the school year.

We are excited to announce that Ms. Michelle Noel has been named Assistant Principal for the next school year! She was chosen from a strong candidate field, and will be a great fit for SCHS.

SCHS has implemented a Catch Up Day in order to help students manage the work load during these stressful times. Every Friday will be a Catch Up Day – with students being able to work on things they haven't completed for the week. Some teachers had already planned a couple of things for Friday of this week when it was announced, but everyone should be on board with the plan for the following week. If your student is struggling to keep up or needs help – be sure to reach out to let your teacher know.

Office hours at the high school are currently 9 am – 3 pm each day. If you need to pick up or drop off assignments, and cannot get there during those times, feel free to call the school at 477-3255. We will work something out with you.

Junior ACT scores are in (standard time testing only) and will be mailed out Monday. You can also check your online ACT account to see if your score has posted.

Senior cap / gowns are in. We are currently assembling a package for seniors and will begin distributing those the week of April 27th. The format will be curbside pickup, and you will receive instructions (likely a phone call) before that begins.

Here are some sources of information that might help you manage the school closure:

Board Website:

www.spencer.kyschools.us

Our school website has information about how each teacher is handling instruction during the closure:

<https://www.spencer.kyschools.us/SCHS/home>

The teacher letters are here:

<https://www.spencer.kyschools.us/SCHS/News/1697#sthash.ibJPIIwb.dpbs>

Anyone who is working on paper due to technology issues can pick up paper packets in the lobby of the high school.

If you do pick up packets, please do NOT visit your teacher unannounced. Many of our staff have relatives who have compromised immune systems, and are being very careful about how they interact with the public. We can call the teacher and arrange for you to speak with them.

The counseling office would like for all students to know that we are here for you. This is a trying time for us all with anxiety and emotions running high. If you need to speak to your counselor please email us your name and a phone number we can reach you at. Stay well....Alicia Dunaway and Amiee Miller

9th grade and 11th grade: Amiee Miller

amiee.miller@spencer.kyschools.us

10th grade and 12th grade: Alicia Dunaway

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Centerstone School based therapist: Tammy Moorman

Tammy.moorman@spencer.kyschools.us

Lenovo's can still be checked out through the library. Please call or email Tracy Shouse if you have Lenovo problems or questions. Tracy.shouse@spencer.kyschools.us

Students have access to the library catalog on the library link on the high school website. They can email a request for books to Mrs. Shouse and I can check them out under their name and place them on the tables in the front lobby for pickup.

The library book drop will be located in the front lobby for students to return books.

Free Ebooks can be accessed by going to KYVL.org and using the TeenBookCloud link. Breakfast and lunch are available at SCHS for those age 18 and under each day, as long as we are permitted to stay open and serve.

All extracurricular programs remain suspended until after spring break. The KHSAA has declared a "Dead Period" similar to what we have in the summer because of the virus outbreak. Any non-KHSAA activities / practices are also cancelled, and school facilities will not be in use. We will reevaluate conditions during spring break week, and make decisions about resuming those activities.

Please contact Mr. Bruce at philip.bruce@spencer.kyschools.us for any issues related to **Edgenuity**. Mr. Bruce is also the teacher that should be contacted for Computational Thinking, Intro to Programming, and the Computer Science A (AP Java) courses.

Mrs. Heichelbech's links for YouTube "audiobooks" and mindfulness sessions:

Salt to the Sea: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNAUaepS03GREtTTtsEX-p_IYBp39udNZ

Refugee: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNAUaepS03GSV91KuiH7tep4r3DXk6Pzw>

Mindfulness: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNAUaepS03GQc_ifahL5A4Ckaw_XJdXwo

Seniors receiving scholarship offers should submit a copy of the written offer to the Counselor's Office, regardless if the offer will be accepted or not by the student. These offers may be used as part of the Senior recognition programs throughout the year and help us seek future scholarship opportunities.

Thanks and have a great week!

Steve Webb

Principal