

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Good afternoon Bear Family!

The last few days have been a whirlwind as we respond to changing conditions related to the COVID-19. In the interest of safety, beginning Monday, March 16, we will be closed through Spring Break. Staff will still report to buildings, and we will be working on instructional materials beginning Monday to deliver to students. It is our intention to maintain instruction to the extent it is possible. Your student's teachers should have talked to their classes today about their general plan for delivering digital lessons (as well as paper copies as an alternative for those with technology challenges). Those plans will be filled out early next week, so have your child check the school website and any related digital platform their teacher has said they will use (Google Classroom and Edgenuity are very common).

If your family has an internet connection, but no reliable device, we have student laptops we can check out. There is a contract that needs to be filled out prior to checkout, and many students picked those up today. Feel free to stop in next week during the hours of 8 am to 3 pm if you would like a contract / laptop. Please limit the checkout to one per family, as those resources are limited.

A plan is being developed to continue to provide school breakfast and lunch (likely using school vans / buses) during these "NonTraditional Instruction" (NTI) days.

Check the district and school websites for more information on all those programs next week:

[www.spencer.kyschools.us](http://www.spencer.kyschools.us)

Next week, all extracurricular programs are 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.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we respond to these rapidly changing conditions. There will definitely be challenges as we implement these programs, but we will work hard to continue to serve our community!

Today was instructional day 132 of 170 for the school year.

The Junior class is selling coupon books. They have a lot of great deals in them and are only \$20. If interested please contact Susan Nichols at [susan.nichols@spencer.kyschools.us](mailto:susan.nichols@spencer.kyschools.us) or stop by the front office.

SCHS Choir parents/guardians please note that any student/chaperone attending St. Louis trip should have paid \$300 by now. All chaperones need to be approved with a background check through the board of education. These trip dates are April 16-19.

Congratulations to the SCHS Archery team for qualifying for state tournament.

Congratulations to the following archers for scoring their personal bests at the regional tournament: Chloe Allen, Shelbie Bean, Shelby Hancock, Xander Holmes, and Seth Morgan.

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.

The foreign language field trip that was scheduled for March 17th has been rescheduled for April 14th. More information will be available in Mr. Bruce's Google Classroom for the foreign language students.

Yearbooks are still on sale through Balfour's website- there are no in person orders this year. Yearbooks are now \$50, and you can access the website [here](#). The yearbooks are being ordered for a fall delivery so that we can include spring sports, prom, and graduation in the book, however if your student is a graduating senior, when you select their name and grade to order their book, you will have the option to ship to home to avoid making an extra trip to the school to pick it up. This year's books are going to be awesome, and you are going to wish you had ordered one.

From time to time our families' income status changes. If your family has suffered a loss in income, please feel free to complete a Free/Reduced Lunch application and return it to the school. Children in households with incomes below 130 percent of the poverty level or those receiving SNAP or TANF qualify for free meals. Those with family incomes between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty line qualify for reduced-price meals. If your family qualifies, your child(ren) could qualify for Free/Reduced Breakfast and Lunch.

Applications and more information are both available at the school. Stop in or call 477-3255 and ask for the SCHS Cafeteria Manager, Misty Bailey.

Prom is April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8 pm to Midnight at the Ice House in Louisville. Tickets will be on sale on Wednesdays in February during lunch (and more often as we get closer to prom).

**\*Attention all chaperones for St. Louis choir/band trip\*** Please make sure your background checks are up to date at the board of education.

Support Spencer County High School sports by buying a chance to win a John Deere TS Gator! A limited number of tickets will be sold for \$20 each. Look for tickets being sold at most SCHS

sporting events and various community events. The drawing will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the SCHS baseball field. For more information, contact John Odenbach at 502-477-3255 or 502-457-3020.

Join the Junior class Facebook page, SCHS Class of 2021 parents and students, to stay updated on all the events and fundraisers for the class.

The Youth Service Center is accepting applications for our "Backpack Buddy" Program. This program provides a bag of food items each Friday for students who have a food need at home. Please contact your Youth Service Center for an application or you may also get involved by donating food items or making a monetary donation to this program. Please call 477-6934 or 477-3222 for more information. Thank you, Vonda Martin & Missy Davis.

#### ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

- Attendance notes should be turned in within 5 school days of absence.
- Include students first and last name when writing parent notes.
  
- 5 days excused by parent notes per school year.
- 3 days unexcused including tardies equals phase 1 truancy
- 6 days unexcused including tardies equals phase 2 truancy.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Steve Webb

Principal