

March 20th, 2020

Good afternoon Bear Family!

As I write this, the Governor has a planned conference call this afternoon with Superintendents. This call *could* make some information in this newsletter out of date / incorrect. Stay tuned to news and email for updates and changes.

I couldn't be more proud of our high school staff and their response to this unprecedented situation. In addition to quickly making a transition to digital learning and adapting their lessons, they all pitched in to help make and deliver food for our students who were stuck at home. They worked each day in a spirit of giving and often made more than 1800 lunches.

We will continue to serve food as long as it is practical and legal to do so. If you have need for food and haven't had any deliveries, you can call the high school at 477-3255 or the Board office at 477-3250.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to 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!

No official decision has been made to cancel either prom or graduation as of yet. Given the circumstances, however, any and all spring activities on the calendar are on the table for possible cancellation going forward. We are awaiting more information from the Governor and KDE before making any more announcements / cancellations.

Today was instructional day 137 of 170 for the school year.

We just received news that our Record Keeping team won when they competed at Regional Day . The members of that team Coltin Floyd, Jayme Johnson, Riley Martin, & Sydney Druin. Congratulations to all!

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.ibJPllwb.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 high school office is staffed weekdays from 8 am to 3 pm right now.

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

alicia.dunaway@spencer.kyschools.us

Centerstone School based therapist: Tammy Moorman

Tammy.moorman@spencer.kyschools.us

Lenovo's can still be checked out through the library with a contract until Spring Break. Please call or email Tracy Shouse if you have lenovo problems or questions.

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=PLNAUaepS03GREtTTsEX-p_1YBp39udNZ

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

Mindfulness: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNAUaepS03GQc_ifahL5A4Ckaw_XJd_Xwo

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 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.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Steve Webb

Principal