

May 15, 2020

Good afternoon Bear Family!

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

Today was instructional day 169 of 169 (the BOE removed one day) for the school year.

Congratulations to the following SCHS students who were accepted into the 2020 Governor's School for the Arts:

Shianne Bonham

Iliana Rich

Congratulations to these SCHS students who were accepted into the 2020 Governor's Scholar Program:

JD Brown

Jason Combs

Hunter DeRouck

Josie Kurtz

Jason Nichols

Logan Peters

Nicholas Sea

Lauren Stine

All of these students were in very tough competition – and this is a prestigious honor. Even though both of these programs are affected by COVID-19, we are very proud of all those that were accepted!

Senior classwork was due today, because of deadlines for 12th graders.

All other students can turn in work up until Wednesday, May 27th. Any work turned in after that day will not be accepted.

Virtual Senior Awards will be Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm. Please tune in on SCHS Counseling Office Facebook page to watch the ceremony live.

Summer School will likely begin the week of June 8th, and will be conducted primarily via home setting. Limited seating in the school will be available based on the governor's recommendations. This seating will be prioritized by grade level, with older students given the first seats. This information is still being finalized, and some details could change. Look for more information in coming newsletters.

This information is from Ms. Cook:

No summer reading this year, but be on the lookout for programs through Spencer County Public Library. Extra credit will be earned for participation in this.

Juniors: Information about the senior project will be mailed with your report cards.

Mr. Bruce and Mr. Goodwin will be entering grades this for all Edgenuity courses that were in place before March 13th. These are the credit recovery and elective courses. Courses must be 75% done to get full credit. Underclassmen will have until the 27th of May to do more work in the course and improve their final grade.

We had several winners at the HOSA state conference that they had to abbreviate. Congratulations to the following:

Allie Medley--3rd place Pharmacology test

Abby Turner-- 2nd place Medical assisting

Kellan Wade--1st place Sports Medicine

Kaylee Monroe--1st place Job Seeking Skills

Finalist (top 5) Abigail Jenkins--Research persuasive writing and speaking and our Bio-medical debate team (Makayla Priddy, Hallie Smith, Cameron Smith, & Julia McDonald)

Great job everyone!!!!!!

Please be sure that your child turns in any materials they may have checked out this year: library books, calculators, chrome books, sports uniforms, padlocks, textbooks, etc.

Here is the schedule for materials return / locker cleanout:

Freshmen: Monday ~~5/11~~ and 5/18

Sophomores: Tuesday ~~5/12~~ and 5/19

Juniors: Wednesday ~~5/13~~ and 5/20

Seniors: Thursday ~~5/14~~ and 5/21

The office will be open 9am to 3pm on all of those days.

Students who do not need to clean out a locker can simply drop their materials in the front lobby. Students who need to visit a locker will be allowed in per social distancing guidelines – please wear a mask as requested by Governor Beshear. We will have students enter in the circle in front of the office, and exit at the doors between the band room and library. This will permit one way flow of traffic and reduce contact between students. We will also have adults escorting and directing traffic inside the building as necessary.

If you do not feel comfortable coming to the school, but need things from your locker, call the school and we will work out a way to get your things to you.

If you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection, including fever or cough, please do not come to school.

NTI grades will be used to raise a student's grade from where they were when we dismissed for the pandemic. We will calculate the student's grades factoring in 30% for each of the first nine weeks and 10% for the December exam (those few courses without a December exam will have the nine weeks periods calculated at 33.33% each). This number, per the Board of Education's wishes, will be the baseline. No student will receive a lower grade than that.

NTI work will be recorded in the 4th nine weeks in Infinite Campus. Because this work will not be calculated in the same way, the IC portal will not be an accurate number as far as the 4th nine weeks and final grade is concerned.

Students will have 10% of their NTI grade added to raise their grade. For example, if a student receives a 90% for NTI work, we will add 9 points to their baseline grade described above; if a student received a 30% for NTI, we will add 3 points to their baseline grade.

After all calculations are done and teachers post final grades, the portal will reflect the correct final grade.

Students on full year Edgenuity courses (for credit recovery or electives) will be expected to reach 75% completion. If a student goes beyond the 75% completion point, the work will be used to boost the student's grade in a similar way to regular classroom courses. This does not apply to individual units conducted for NTI by traditional, classroom based courses.

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.

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.ibJPlIwb.dpbs>

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

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 May 31st. 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.

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.

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 weekend!

Steve Webb

Principal

