March 30, 2020

To our amazing Wildcat Families:

We hope you are healthy and have found some extra time to bond as a family unit during these past few weeks. It’s hard to believe that we are have only been closed for two weeks, schools are much more exciting places when they are full of students!

When our school closures first occurred the guidance from OSPI was to be very cautious about moving to a distance learning model. Therefore, we sent packets and activities that were for “enrichment” only.

This all changed on March 23rd when our state superintendent of public instruction, Chris Reykdal, issued a new directive that, “Although schools are closed and are not providing traditional in-person instruction, education must continue in some form.”

As a result, our teachers have been working to meet this new objective. You will be hearing from your teachers this week, if you haven’t already, about the new expectations and requirements. Work sent home now has an expectation that students will engage in the learning and will receive credit for the work they complete.

For high school students, classes are credit bearing and are necessary for High School graduation, let’s not allow this virus get any of you behind on your credits. For our College in the High School students, you can still receive your college credits, but you will need to complete the tasks assigned by your teachers. It is now important that you check your school e-mails often for directions and expectations coming from your teachers. Some of your teachers will also be posting assignments on Schoology. If you do not hear from a teacher this week, please send a message to one of our secretaries.

Students and parents, your staffs have been amazing during this shutdown and we are ready to do our best to provide you with learning opportunities. We encourage you to reach out if you have questions. You can call the Wilbur School at 647-2221 (follow the prompts) or the Creston School at 636-2721 (leave a message) and our secretaries can forward any messages that you may have to your teachers.
We have set up a drop box in front of the Wilbur School and have drop off tubs in front of the Creston School. If you need materials from your lockers, please call ahead so we can make sure you can get it.

We expect all you to make a good faith effort to learn in this new setting and we will be flexible to make this work. Distance learning will be a new experience for all of us and your teachers who are excellent at monitoring your learning during class will need you to let them know when you need something.

We will continue to provide lunches through the shutdown date of April 24th. Our staffs will continue to provide meals during the week of April 6th (which was our spring vacation).

If you are feeling overwhelmed, our counseling team is only a phone call away. Counselors are still available by phone Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mondays- Jason Raugust (509) 977-1251
Tuesdays- Fawn Nolt (509) 977-1184
Wednesdays- Jason Raugust (509) 977-1251
Thursdays- Casey Clark (509) 977-1230
Fridays- Fawn Nolt (509) 977-1184

Class of 2020! These circumstances have changed your senior year in ways we could not have predicted. Our commitment to you, you complete the tasks your teachers provide, and we will get you your credits toward those diplomas you have worked so hard to earn. Don’t change your plans for this fall, college, work, military, let’s get some work completed so you can pursue your dreams!

If you need WIFI, we have boosted our signals in both school parking lots. You can drive up, and access our Internet 24 hours a day! If you have other technology needs, please contact your principals, they can help.

During these times you learn a lot about the people you work with. I have been impressed with the amazing can-do attitude that our staffs have demonstrated during this unprecedented event. We will all get through this and learn some things along the way!