

Stourbridge Primary Center

April 22, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

First, I would like to thank you, the Stourbridge Community, for your support and patience during this transition to a virtual learning environment. We have been working diligently to ensure a smooth transition for students and families during this unprecedented time. We are working to keep things as normal as possible for students. I do understand there are many concerns and I have attached a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section to answer some of those most pressing issues that have been asked. In addition, any future information will be distributed as we receive direction from the Department of Education and Health Officials.

As you are aware, Governor Wolf decided that schools in the state will not physically reopen this school year. This has been difficult on students, families, teachers, and staff. We are working together to ensure a smooth transition to our online platform. To this point, Wayne Highlands has been utilizing an Informal Plan of Instruction as Enrichment and Review. On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved all schools to move to a Formal Learning Plan. The major change is that work completion and participation is now required for all students. Teachers will be delivering new material through the same Google Classroom they have been using with the addition of the new material.

Google Classroom:

- Virtual learning will be conducted through the Online Google Classrooms as opposed to paper packets distributed in late March. We are strongly encouraging each student to join their teachers' classes through our Google Classroom as it connects students to each other and their teacher. It provides a way to interact with peers and teachers.
- Many of the activities for K-2 are posted as a template in their Google Classrooms. The setup of most classrooms gives you the ability to screenshot, print, or jot down the activities to refer to during the week.
- Students are NOT REQUIRED to login at certain times or spend a certain amount of time on assignments, but they are required to LOGIN and submit assignments as directed by the teacher.
- To learn more about Google Classroom at Wayne Highlands School District, including how to access each teacher's classroom codes, to subscribe to a class, and how to create a username/password, please visit <https://www.whsdk12.com/googleclassroom>. There is a link on the right of that page where you can click to get the Stourbridge Primary Center list of teachers' classroom codes.
- If students are in need of any additional assistance regarding using their school email and password to access the Google Classrooms please call our technology office at 570-253-1950 or email ipadhhelp@whsdk12.com.
- In the event that you have connectivity issues at home and accessing Google Classroom virtually is not an option, you can contact me directly to discuss the possibility of having enrichment worked mailed to your house. Please understand that we are trying to limit

the number of packets as we are hoping the Google Classroom helps students “stay connected” to our Stourbridge Community. The best way to contact me is via email at adonnini@whsdk12.com or by calling 570-253-3010 and leaving a specific message.

****FORMAL LEARNING PLAN**

- Please remember that it is a change from our Informal Plan of Enrichment and Review and this new plan IS REQUIRED and a grade will be given.
- We have decided that the 3rd marking period officially ended on March 13th (the last day we were in session).
- Report Cards for the 3rd quarter will be mailed on May 6, 2020 (Excluding Kindergarten as they had their conferences for the 3rd quarter). Please refer to the FAQ regarding report cards and grading procedures.

Finally, I would like to once again thank all of you! Your patience, understanding, and dedication to your child’s education is truly inspiring. Please remember that we (families and educators) are the children’s consistency. We are here to help as much as we can. Please reach out with any issues to me at adonnini@whsdk12.com or leave a message at (570) 253-3010. You can also reach out to teachers and counselors for help if needed through the Google Classroom.

Be Well and Stay Safe,

Anthony Donnini
Principal
Stourbridge Primary Center

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Remote Learning Frequently Asked Questions

- **Question:** *Where can my son/daughter get information on how to logon to each teachers' Google Classroom page?*

Answer: The technology department has built a specific webpage (<https://www.whsdk12.com/services/technology/classroom>) to help with access each Google Classroom. If you need any additional support you can contact the tech department by email at ipadhelp@whsdk12.com or by calling 570-253-1950.

- **Question:** *What do I do if I do not have a device for my son/daughter to access the Google Classrooms?*

Answer: On April 10th our technology department arranged a distribution of devices for families who needed one. If you missed that opportunity you may contact the technology department at ipadhelp@whsdk12.com or by calling 570-253-1950 to see if this could be accommodated now.

- **Question:** *What do I do if I do not have any connectivity anywhere for my son/daughter to access Google Classroom?*

Answer: You should contact me at adonnini@whsdk12.com or call 570-253-3010 and leave a message for me. We can then connect to discuss the possibility of your son/daughter receiving a packet of learning/instructional materials to be mailed to your home.

- **Question:** *What is going to happen with report cards and how will grading work from now until the end of the school year?*

Answer: The end of the 3rd marking period will be recorded as March 13th. On May 6th we will be mailing home your son/daughters 3rd marking period report card. For the 4th marking period students will earn an Outstanding, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory for all of their classes based on their participation, effort, and engagement in our remote learning plan. This includes special areas

- **Question:** *When can my son/daughter get into the building to get personal items out of their classrooms?*

Answer: This will be scheduled for a future date. If there is anything absolutely essential for your child in their classroom, please email me @ adonnini@whsdk12.com

- **Question:** *When can my son/daughter return items/resources that the school collects at the end of each school year?*

Answer: We are asking students to hold onto these items because they may need to use them during the remainder of the remote learning plan for this school year. When cleaning student areas out we are going to be taking any materials out of lockers to be put in the bags that you can pick up and take home. Your son/daughter should have all their necessary academic resources to participate in the remote learning plan at home with them. Between now and the end of the year we will develop a plan to collect those items back from students and communicate that plan to parents/guardians when appropriate.

- **Question:** *Where is the best place to look to get the most updated information the district announces regarding the remote learning plan?*

Answer: The district will be using the school website (<https://www.whsdk12.com/>) and social media pages to release updated information. If you use Facebook, I encourage you to like our school district “Wayne Highlands School District” and “Stourbridge Primary Center” Facebook pages which will post frequent announcements and information. Our district will utilize our One-Call system to remind and update parents/guardians. If you have not already signed up for the One-Call, you can do so at: <https://www.whsdk12.com/services/technology/alerts>.

- **Question:** *Where could I go to find some online educational resources beyond what is on each Google Classroom page?*

Answer: Our technology department created an outstanding data base of online resources to help students while participating in the remote learning plan. I strongly encourage parents/guardians to explore this website

<https://sites.google.com/whsdk12.com/learning-opportunities/home>.

- **Question:** *What can a student do if they feel they are struggling mentally and could use some support?*

Answer: Students or parents/guardians should contact a teacher they feel comfortable with through email or their Google Classroom and any staff member can help. Students can contact me (adonnini@whsdk12.com), Mrs. Corcoran (lcorcoran@whsdk12.com), or can access other resources via <https://www.whsdk12.com/services/student-services/crisis>. The important thing for students to know is that regardless if we are in school or not that we all go through ups and downs, but they need to know they aren't going through it alone and we are still here to help.

- **Question:** *What can I do about getting my son/daughter lunch during this school closure?*

Answer: As previously announced, Wayne Highlands School District is offering a FREE Grab and Go Breakfast/Lunch Program through the end of the school closure. The Program is open to all children eighteen (18) and younger. Grab and Go meals are served each day from 11:00am-1:00pm at Damascus Area School, Honesdale High School, Preston Area School, and the Cooperage.

The above questions are questions that have been asked frequently, but certainly do not encompass all questions that come up. Please feel free to contact me at adonnini@whsdk12.com or by leaving me a message at 570-253-3010 with any other questions I may assist in answering.