

COVID-19 Update - Grades, Parent Meetings, etc...

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Happy Friday Cardinals!

I hope that this email finds you healthy and safe. It's been quite an amazing month in the field of education. I can say quite genuinely that I have never experienced the things that are occurring on almost a daily basis. One of the biggest challenges that I am experiencing is sorting through all the various information, guidance, and updates regarding the impact of COVID-19 on education in North Carolina. I can imagine that many of you are facing the same challenge. Listed below are a few Cornerstone specific updates.

Grades, Grading, Etc...

Unfortunately, late in the day yesterday, we received additional information from that state regarding grades for the 2019-2020 school year. These state policies are going to require us to change the way that we are approaching grades currently. Since I have received the updated policy, I have no received no less than 6 separate emails from different state entities providing guidance on how to implement the new policy. I mention that because it will take a bit of time to sort out what these policies mean for Cornerstone as a school, and for the different grade levels within our school. I will be reviewing all of the information that I have received through the course of the day today, and will meet with the admin team on Sunday to generate our school wide approach. You will then receive a grading update from us during the day on Monday.

School Closure Update

The Governor will hold a press conference today at 2:00 p.m. where I understand he is going to provide an update on education in North Carolina and how it relates to his phased reopening plan. I am not provided with any information on what he will share today in regards to school closures, so I will be watching in real time along with you. Here is the link that we use to access the Governor's press conference: <https://www.ncdps.gov/storm-update>. Regardless of what is shared, it will take our school leadership some time to process the next steps. We hope to share where we are early next week.

Parent Meet-Ups

I must confess that I do not enjoy this "work at home" situation. I am missing the students, staff, and the parents! In hopes of being able to connect with some of you, I am going to host two

“Parent Meet-Ups” on Monday. Information on how to log-in to Zoom and access the meetings will be forthcoming this weekend. However, here is the schedule for Monday:

7:00 - Parents of 12th graders only. Mr. Pugh and I will meet to discuss questions and uncertainties surrounding our 12th grade students.

7:30 - K-11 Parents. I will host a chat to address school wide concerns and questions. As part of that process, I will generate a list of questions that we may need to answer in future meet ups.

Thank you all for your continued patience and commitment to Cornerstone. I hope that in the coming days everyone stays safe and well!

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