



Dear Parents,

3/30/2020

Earlier today, Governor Ducey announced the extension of school closures through the end of the school year. Fountain Hills High School will continue to provide educational opportunities to all students and continue online/remote instruction. Our teachers are working each day diligently to engage all students in a variety of learning strategies during this difficult time.

With the closure of schools now extended, many of our seniors have questions regarding graduation. House Bill 2910, which passed earlier last week, includes a provision that designates the Arizona State Board of Education to revise graduation requirements. The state board meets tomorrow at 10:00 am to discuss this provision. We will share an update once we learn the details of this meeting.

As we move into our second week of online/remote instruction, I wanted to share a few updates. Last Friday, I hosted a virtual office hour for seniors and was able to gather feedback regarding this transition. Earlier today, I hosted a staff meeting and discussed that feedback with them. I believe the dialogue with students and staff will help us improve each week as we move forward. Here are a few updates that we discussed:

- Teachers will create lessons, assignments, and assessments one week at a time to help students not feel overwhelmed and assist them in planning.
- Teachers will layout the entire week each Monday and share with students exactly what they need to complete during the week.
- Teachers will continue to be very flexible with assignment due dates and grades as everyone continues to navigate this new system.

Overall, I was delighted with our first week of online/remote instruction. I visited several office hour sessions and participated in great lessons and activities. The students I have interacted with were excited to be back in school and were adjusting well to the new environment. We passed out Chromebooks on Thursday and Friday and have additional devices for any family that needs one. Please email me, and I will facilitate the pickup of a device.

Please share with your children the importance of setting a schedule each day for school. We advise students to mimic the same routine they used while attending school.

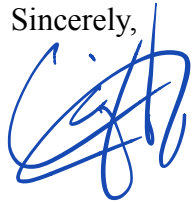
- Get up early and maintain their routine before school.
- Attend each subject's office hours daily.
  - Social Studies: 9:00 am - 10:00 am
  - English: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
  - Math: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Science: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Write down all assignments in their planner, or use their Google Calendar to input work that will be due.
- Communicate with their teachers via email/office hours when they need help.
- Plan out their week each Monday night when teachers share their plans for the week.

AP Capstone applications will be due on April 15, 2020. We sent a reminder to students via Naviance, our counseling department's communication program. We have created a digital option for submission, and the details are listed in the email.

Our staff is here to help; please let us know how we can assist you during this school closure. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to email me at [cjagodzinski@fhacademics.org](mailto:cjagodzinski@fhacademics.org) and I will email or call you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dr. J' with a stylized flourish.

Dr. J  
Principal