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Smethport Area High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers, and Students,

Smethport Junior-Senior High School has developed a continuity of instruction plan that will carry us through until the end of Governor Wolf's school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning the week of April 6, continuing education will begin.

Your child's teacher will be in touch by the end of this week (Google Classroom, email, phone call, etc.). They will be checking in to assure that everyone can access the necessary materials and resources through either an internet connection or through provided materials. If you do not hear from your child's teacher by Monday, April 6, 2020, please contact the junior-senior high school main office at 887-5545. If you have questions or concerns about your child's instruction, please begin by contacting your child's teacher.

Students in grades 7-12 will participate in planned instruction and continuing education in the core subject areas of **English Language Arts**, **Mathematics**, **Science**, and **Social Studies**.

High school elective courses, career and technical education courses (CTC), junior high school 9-week rotation classes, health /physical education, etc. courses will continue through enrichment and review activities.

We will seek to provide routine for our students and families. All students will follow the same schedule for the delivery of planned instruction and enrichment/review activities.

Monday and Wednesday-	English Language Arts	(mornings)	Social Studies	(afternoons)
Tuesday and Thursday-	Mathematics	(mornings)	Science	(afternoons)

Friday- Students will utilize each Friday to engage in enrichment and review activities for other courses and participate in virtual, telephone "office" hours with teachers for enrichment and review elective courses.

Students should interact with their teachers each week by responding to email, participating in class activities, and completing assignments. All assessed student work during the school closure will be graded on a PASS/FAIL basis. All students in grades 7-12 will receive a grade of PASS/FAIL in the enrolled **core subjects** of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Enrichment and review course work will be assessed and teachers will provide appropriate feedback. During the closure, required core course grades will impact student retention (Grades 7 and 8) and potential failure to achieve credit for a core course (grades 9-12). Per CTC course credit being granted as elective credit during the school closure (students will be provided enrichment/review activities), SASD will grant high school elective credit based upon student performance in quarter 1, 2, and 3.

We are appreciative of your patience, kindness, and communication to help make this the best experience possible for you, your children, and our staff. Our teachers are excited to begin working with your child again! We expect some challenges as we transition to remote instruction. However, our teachers are committed to making these coming weeks meaningful for your child. Our Smethport students and families value the fact that learning is essential to their future. We believe that learning will give our students a sense of normalcy and routine in these uncertain times.

Stay safe and healthy,
Brice N. Benson, Principal

"Support the Child. Develop the Student."

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