Friday, March 19, 2020

Dear SJS Community,

Thank you all so much for your responses to our survey. The information we gathered was really helpful. However, as of now, we cannot move to an online learning format. This may change if our closure goes much longer, but right now, we cannot do it and have our time count towards instructional minutes.

What we can do, and will do, is provide you with supplemental learning materials that can help bridge the gap. These items will not be graded, so they are optional, but we hope many of our students will take advantage of them.

The staff is returning to SJS on March 30th and 31st to prepare materials for students. Materials will be available beginning April 1st. We will provide both online and printed packets. If you prefer a packet, you can stop by the office on April 1st to pick those up. We can also mail them out. Additionally, Fernanda Fidel has offered to drop packets off to families in Sheridan and Willamina. Please let me know if you’d like to take Fernanda up on her offer.

On March 30th and 31st Lisa will reach out the parents who indicated their student(s) might need a Chromebook. She will make those arrangements with you.

If you, or your student, have forgotten any login information - for Home Access or to our Google Suite - please direct those questions to Omega-sensei at omegasensei@sjsnihongo.com.

Seniors - I know you are the most anxious right now. We have not received any direction regarding you yet. We should know more during the week of March 30th. I’ve attached a letter from Steven Sugg, Sheridan School District Superintendent to you. We want you to know you are a priority and people are working to create a plan.

Finally, both Lisa and I will be taking the week of Spring Break off. We’ve never both done this before, so it will be unusual not to have someone in the office for a week. However, with how fast things are changing with COVID-19, I will be checking my email regularly. If you need something, just reach out to me.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this very strange time.

Best,

Jen Schulze