3/13/2020 All School Email

Dear Families,

Governor Brown announced late last night that all schools will be closed from March 16th-31st. This time includes our regularly scheduled Spring Break and our scheduled inservice day. SJS will follow this mandate. As of right now, we do not fully know the impact this closure will have on the end date of our school year. We expect Governor Brown to address that soon. Last night, she stated she would evaluate the impact of this closure on instructional minutes.

We have two snow days worked into our schedule already, so this closure only impacts 4 instructional days. As soon as I know if we will be extending our school year, I will let you know.

Additionally, Governor Brown stated last night that “Due to the evolving nature of this crisis, these timelines will be reevaluated in late March in consultation with school administrators.” As soon as I know anything, I will let you know.

Staff will return to school on March 30th to prepare for students to return on Wednesday, April 1st. Conveniently, this is the same day your intent to return forms are due.

Also, we have decided to postpone our annual Rafflepalooza to Saturday, May 16th. The location is still to be determined. I will send a separate email with more information on this event.

We encourage students to use this time to finish and get caught up on work. Teachers are not creating additional work for students during this time. HOWEVER, there are a lot of projects and assignments that should be completed or worked on during this time. Here is a list of things your students can be working on:

* Most students have not completed their SJS FAST. This is available in their SJS FAST Google classroom.
* High School students (and 8th graders who are taking high school ELA) have their Willamette Promise papers or their Extended Learning Projects that should be worked on.
* AP Social Studies students have a pressing deadline for the AP test. These students have 3 chapters to read and some assignments to complete in their Google classroom.
* May-sensei's Japanese students have a project to complete.
* Elementary and Middle School Social Studies students who have not presented their biography slides need to post their slides in their Google classroom.
* Elementary and Middle School ELA students who have not turned in their Grammar Ninja packet need to turn them in on April 1st. This is the final deadline for this packet.
* All students have a large reading goal for the year.
* Every student should work on missing work. Use Home Access as your guide. Look for MW in the grade book.

Also, if you have a question, feel free to call/email the office or email your student's teacher. Though teachers are not required, I am sure several will be checking their emails during this time.

If a student needs to borrow a Chromebook from the school in order to be successful during this time, please contact me. We can create a contract with you for the use of a computer for school purposes only.

Finally, SSD Superintendent Steven Sugg's letter regarding the school closure is attached to this email.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. We look forward to seeing everyone on April 1st. Until then, be well.

Best,

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