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Dear Riverview Parents and Students,

We hope this email finds you well and that you are safe, peaceful, and secure. The Riverview School District and the Jr-Sr High School Staff and Administration have been working diligently to plan for educational programming that will continue to be forward-thinking, reasonable, and meaningful during these unprecedented times. Please read this email in its entirety, as we will attempt to lay out the specifics of how we will deliver instruction for the unforeseeable future.

Instructional Delivery Expectations and Guidelines beginning on Monday, March 30, 2020

- Students will be responsible for checking their school email accounts each morning (prior to 9am) and completing teacher assigned schoolwork every day. Many of the teachers may also send emails to parents as well, to provide a backup for communication.
- Email will be the primary delivery mechanism for education material at this time. Please encourage students to check their school email by 9am each morning.
- A weekly backup document will be posted on the district website in case people need it. The link is located on left side of the Jr-Sr High School website under the "At Home" tab. Here is the website address as well: <https://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/athome2571.aspx>
- So as not to overwhelm families, teachers will do their best to limit emails to one a day, between the hours of 7am and 9am. However, they will be accessible throughout the hours of the traditional school day and available for emails, questions, and concerns.
- Teachers will provide guidance to students in regards to work collection from the March 16th – March 27th time frame. For instance, teachers have asked students to take pictures of their journals/work to show completion, etc.
- Teachers might use various delivery platforms such as Microsoft Teams, Padlet, Schoology, Youtube, etc., to deliver instruction. However, teachers will be conscious of accessibility and be reasonable about student expectations in this regard.
- Teachers will be reasonable with schoolwork and conscious of the at-home environment. We realize that these are unprecedented times. Teachers will provide learning activities that are reasonable and will do their best to be cognizant of screen time, family demands, and limited resources during this time. Maintaining a healthy balance of school, health, and family demands will be important.
- If students are receiving services for Special Education, ESL, or gifted, please know that teachers are working collaboratively with those teachers in order to modify and adjust as necessary. In addition, teachers have reached out to students and families to provide additional support and will continue to provide accommodations as needed.
- Students are encouraged to log into their Naviance accounts, take a look at their scheduled tasks, and complete as many as they can. There are wonderful self-learning activities available through Naviance, and students have yearly tasks associated with those experiences.
- If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, please express them to us (as flexibility will be vital during this period of time). That being said, please be patient, understanding, and kind in your approach. We are your teammates, and we need to work together in meeting the educational needs of your child. Keep in mind that we are also parents, caregivers, and family members as well.

Grades / Grading Expectations

- Grades for the third marking period were closed as of March 13th, 2020.
- Third marking period report cards will be released on April 9th, 2020.
- Fourth marking period grades will continue to be calculated. Please continue to encourage students to put in their best effort, check emails, and complete work every day.

General / Important Information

- Our School Counselors and Medical Staff are available to you at all times during this crisis. Please contact them for all health and mental health needs. They are available to listen, provide support, and direct you to services that may be needed during these difficult times. Additional resources are also available on the district website: <https://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/Default.aspx>
- All District Staff are currently available to support you. If you are searching for contact information, it is available to you on our District website: <https://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/Default.aspx>
- For those that are struggling with Internet access during this time, Comcast and other providers are offering free services. If you are struggling with Internet services, or know a family that is struggling during this time, please call your building Administrator right away. Here is a link to a recent article: <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/pittsburgh/comcast-offers-free-wifi-hotspots-during-coronavirus-outbreak>
- Meal distribution is available for all students. Pickup times are located on our school website and are available at the Verner Elementary School: <https://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/Default.aspx>

For Seniors and Senior Families Only:

- A letter was sent out to Seniors on March 20th in regards to you specifically. If you haven't already, please read that letter: <https://filecabinet.eschoolview.com/24302D08-224F-413A-891D-CBF8F03F1C0A/32020LettertoSeniors.pdf>
- We opened the local scholarship window early so that you can get a head start on those applications. Instructions were included on your school email addresses. If you have questions, please contact your School Counselors, or Dr. English.
- Mrs. Kvortek is looking at alternate options for rescheduling the Prom and we are considering alternate options for Senior Awards. More to come.
- Please continue to complete your graduation requirements as necessary. Log into your Naviance accounts and make sure you are completing those tasks. If you need to finish a job shadow, you can consider those opportunities virtually. Make connections to employers and see if they are willing to meet with you online. If you have questions regarding graduation requirements, please contact your School Counselors.

If you need anything at all regarding any of these items, please feel free to contact us directly, and we are happy to assist.

Sincerely,

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