

Good Evening North High Families:

While there is much to communicate and many questions to answer, our first priority is to take care of our students and families as well as each other. If you encounter a barrier and are in need of assistance please contact me, assistant principals, counselors, staff, and/or teachers. Parkway has a wealth of resources - social-emotional, food, technology, etc. - and we are more than happy to connect you and your family with that resource. In the same regard, if you desire to contribute to our district resources, please go to the Parkway website and click on [Emergency Closure: What you need to know](#) to learn how you can contribute.

By now your students have received video messages from their assistant principals and email communication from their teachers. In addition, today your student should have been contacted by their teachers regarding eLearning activities and teacher office hours. As we all begin the process of adjusting to our new learning environments, we can't help but think how this new reality will impact our students' high school experiences. Based on the extension of the district closure, our calendar of events will change for the remainder of March through April 30, 2020*.

- ACT testing for the class of 2021 is postponed. As soon as we have a date, we will let you know. It is a possibility that it will be scheduled in the fall.
- Advanced Placement (AP) tests will be administered virtually. Please check the North High counselor's page for more detailed information.
- Community Service Day/Special Olympics, Green Week and all field trips for the remainder of the school year are cancelled to provide maximum instructional time upon return.
- EOC (End of Course) testing has been cancelled for this year.
- The Senior Picnic and Honors Evening Program have been cancelled. We will continue to look for opportunities to reschedule these special events.
- Senior/Junior prom that was scheduled to be held on May 2, 2020 at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel has been postponed. We understand how disappointing this is for our students, and are evaluating our options to see if we can reschedule for a later date and/or location.

At this time, all other senior activities such as the senior walk, senior farewell, graduation practice, and graduation remain scheduled as is. The district will continue to evaluate a return date and let you know as soon as possible when school might resume. While no decision has been made, we should be prepared for a potential extension of the school closure. If needed, adjustments will be made to our calendar of events as we learn more. Class of 2020 and parents, please know we are committed to celebrating North High Seniors and working to create special opportunities to do so!

Earlier this week, we launched our eLearning platform. Hopefully, students were able to reconnect and re-engage with our learning community. Students, this is a new way of teaching and learning and it's happened without notice. So please don't worry. We are going to ease into alternative methods of learning and the pace will be slower; however, we need you to engage in the learning process. Please check your email daily for messages and instruction from your teachers. If you have questions, email your teachers, trusted adults, counselors or administrators. Be flexible and use your resources. We are here to help. Also, remember this is new to teachers and staff, too. Allow us some latitude to learn as well.

In the days and weeks to come, you will receive more communications as our status changes. We would like to send a special thanks to all the students and parents that have been sending well wishes and support of the North High staff. Your kind words and encouragement means so much! Lastly, remember to take one moment at a time and continue to take care of you, take care of your family, and enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with the North High staff through your eLearning activities.

With Hope & Love,

North Admin Team

(Tori, Artondria, Ben, Corey, Jada, Mike & Rhonda)