

Dear Students:

It is so, so weird to be at home this Monday and not in class with you. If it was a normal Monday, we would have been starting *Romeo and Juliet* today (my favorite unit-I get SUPER EXCITED about it and I love it and I make lots of terrible jokes and we have lots of fun discussions. You would have rolled your eyes A LOT OF TIMES), but it's not a normal Monday.

I just wanted to reach out and check on you. I know some of you are thinking "this is the greatest thing that has ever happened," and that makes me smile. Use this time wisely! Fish and ride four wheelers and watch that movie and make ALL the TikToks (please remember me when you're viral and famous). All I ask is that AS ALWAYS you make wise choices. ;)

I know that some of you may be freaking out, just a little. That's ok. A friend told me yesterday that "it is ok to not be ok," because I was having a little bit of a freak out moment. Here's the thing: nobody has done this before. We have to give each other kindness and give ourselves kindness. In a day with a lot of unknowns, here's what I do know: we are going to get through this together.

Right now I don't have any school updates besides what you have already heard. You have one job right now: be safe and keep the ones you love safe. If you need ANYTHING (yes, anything) feel free to email me: wesley.pena@dcsms.org. If you don't have an email address, make a gmail! There are instructions online and they are easy to follow.

I love you a lot. I care about you. I am praying for you and your families. Email if you need anything.

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