

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J

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Dear Parents,

Here is the latest update I have for you. Again, I will work to share any updates on our school closure situation every Tuesday and Friday, on this website. Also, if there are any major changes that have immediate impact, I will share those over our Blackboard Connect automated phone call system. These Tuesday and Friday messages are meant to be updates. If information regarding some aspect of this emergency has not changed, it won't be mentioned in the latest update.

As much as we need to keep our distance and stay apart from each other, now is the time when we must also pull together, to stay united as a community, weather this storm, and come out the other side stronger than ever. Take care of yourselves as much as you can, and let us know if there is anything we might be able to do to help.

Here are the latest highlights:

- Even with “Spring Break” occurring we are still serving close to 150 children breakfast and lunch each Monday through Friday. We hope to see you there!
- Official guidance from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on distance learning, and how to meet educational requirements for students during this closure has not yet been shared with local districts. While our draft plan is not finalized, it is very close to being ready to share with our students and parents.
 - Seniors and Graduation: As soon as possible after receiving guidance from ODE on graduation requirements, we will make personal contact with each Senior.
 - At that time we will let them know their graduation status, and what, if anything, will be needed from them academically to meet those graduation requirements.
 - Your school and teachers are ready to support you and get you through this! You will need to do your part, too!
 - Students in grades K-11. You may have seen some new looks on our website. On the Home page of the District website you will now find a section on “Supplemental Learning Resources – Coming Soon.”
 - We are not planning to be fully operational with our Supplemental Learning program until April 6, but you will start to see some changes and resources added to this page prior to that time.
 - All of these resources are for supplemental learning, and are not intended to replace classroom instruction or district-adopted curriculum. No content will be graded and all of these activities will be optional.
 - Prior to the end of the week we will have a draft of our “Supplemental Learning Plan” for all grade levels within the District for you to look at. As a draft it will be subject to change before implementation, but I want you to have an opportunity to see what we are working on, since there are parts of it that are taking longer than we had hoped.

Thank you again for your patience through all of this! More to come on Friday.

Take care and be well!

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