

West Salem High School

Online Learning Update for March 29, 2020

High School Families,
I want to provide you updates from the High School. Circumstances have been very fluid through the early stages of the COVID-19 response in Wisconsin, but now that there are more answers, I want to communicate what is known. Our staff has embraced the challenge of moving exclusively to an online learning environment. I acknowledge there will be growing pains along the way, but I also want you to know your child's teachers are committed to continuing to give their very best for your child. In order to keep you informed, updates will be emailed and posted to the school homepage. Thank you for your patience as we move to online learning. Please stay safe. We will move forward together.

Sincerely,
Mike Malott, Principal



Communication Plan

Teachers will communicate direct classwork and online learning exp

Teachers will only communicate directly with a parent if there is a concern about your child.

Updates from the High School Office will continue to go to parents and students. We have been informed by some families that emails have been missed. This plan will streamline our communication so you won't be inundated with email.

However, please check your email, SPAM folder and school website regularly for updates.



Online Learning Structure

Teachers are planning two (2) lessons a week for students. This will be the method of instruction during school closure.

Students will receive instruction from their teachers for periods 1-4 on Monday & Wednesday and periods 5-8 on Tuesday & Thursday. There will still be grades, assignments and even tests. Teachers will communicate expectations and timelines. The expectation is that students interact with the teacher through the established methods. If a teacher is concerned about the lack of interaction, he/she will contact the parent and student via email and/or phone, as necessary, to problem-solve or trouble-shoot.

4th quarter grades will be calculated, used in the determination of semester grades and credits earned and will be used for fall eligibility for co-curricular, as usual.

As a resource for families to assist in keeping students on track, lesson plans will continue to be uploaded weekly to the school website. [Click here](#) to see how to navigate the website. In addition, the lesson plan page contains links for virtual, face-to-face, office hours for each teacher. Office hours for all staff are every Tuesday from 10 AM-Noon and Thursday from 1-3 PM.

From the Nurse & Student Services Offices

During the school closure, we ask that you continue to stay home, practice social distancing and following the CDC recommendations for reducing the spread of COVID-19. In addition, please follow the guidelines released by the state related to the "Safer at Home" order.

Counselors Julie Arentz and Jessica Tripp have worked tirelessly with the other school counselors in the school district to continue to provide supports to your children and to handle unique situations that may arise due to quarantine or online learning. [Check here](#) for the information they have previously shared.

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you during this time away from school.**

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School Calendar

April 3: End of 3rd Quarter. Teachers will not have any new assignments after March 17. The time until grades are posted on April 3 is for retakes, makeup work or missing work to be completed.

April 10: No Online Learning - Good Friday

April 13: No Online Learning - Easter Monday

May 1: 4th Quarter Mid-Term

Building Usage

At this time, the school is closed. While we are unsure when it will reopen, it will reopen at some point in time.

If students did not collect belongings from their lockers on March 16 or 17, they will need to work without them until we have been given clearance to use the building and a plan in place.



Other questions have been asked about returning textbooks and library books. Again, we will communicate a plan in the future.



Questions about Jobs

High School students are of the age to have jobs. Some of them work for employers who are deemed “essential” during the “Safer at Home” order.

Job #1 of high school students is high school. Our expectation is that students are available from 8 AM-3 PM Monday through Thursday for live class sessions that teachers may host or to be working on school work. While online learning looks different for us, it is the mode by which we are delivering school during these unprecedented times.



Reminders from the District Office

Need Technology Help?

Contact the Technology Team at www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us > Families > Technology Help

Bagged Lunch Order Information

Any child 18 years old or younger is eligible. All orders must be placed by 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to pick-up. Pick-up (10:30-12:30 at WSMS) or delivery available. [Order Here](#)

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