

# West Salem High School

Update for April 28, 2020

High School Families,

Thank you for your partnership in our necessary adventure into online learning. I hope this update finds you well. I want to thank our students and families for being flexible and adaptable. Online learning is hard because it is different from what we know. Students learning at home is hard because it is uncommon to have less structure and to work from home, potentially with parents and other siblings. We understand that each family has a unique situation, which is why my message to our staff about instruction continues to be “less is more”. We are passionate about our content, but we are passionate about our students as well. This is hard for the staff to not be able to connect and support your child in the same manner. We won't give up! Join us in online learning.

The end is in sight.

Sincerely,

Mike Malott, Principal



[Send a message to a WSHS staffer here](#)

## School Calendar Updates

**May 1:** 4th Quarter Mid-Term

**May 6:** Scholarship Night - Method, TBA

**May 9:** Prom, POSTPONED, TBD

**May 13:** No Early Release, Online Instruction

**May 14:** Last Day to post New Online Content

**May 15:** Yearbook Dedication, CANCELLED

**May 24:** Graduation Rescheduled Sat. July 25

**June 4:** Last Day for Underclassmen

**July 25:** Graduation for Class of 2020



## Online Learning Structure

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Class Periods 1-4	Class Periods 5-8	Class Periods 1-4	Class Periods 5-8	Home-room Check-in
	Office Hours 10-Noon		Office Hours 1-3 PM	

**Lesson Plans** are posted weekly by Monday morning. Visit the [website here](#) to see lesson plans and get links to join staff during office hours.

**Office hours** have been reported as very helpful for those students who have used them to see teachers.

**An electronic planner** has been constructed by staff based on feedback we are getting while working with students. This is the planner that was emailed to students on Friday, April 17. [E-PLANNER](#)

**Communication** will be to students for classes and with a parent only if there is a concern about your child. This will prevent inundation by email.

Staff will respond to emails within 24 hours M-F.

## End of Year Wrap Up Information

Regional school leaders continue to communicate that the school buildings are closed, but schooling continues online. As the end of the school year is in sight, we want to give you a few updates.

- May 14** is the final day for new curriculum to be posted to students, except for dual credit and college-level courses.
- May 22** is the goal date to have online learning school work submitted to teachers.
- June 4** is when grades will be turned in. The remainder of the school year will be used to work with students to complete and submit work they may have gotten behind with.
- We are finalizing plans to exchange laptops and school books for yearbooks and personal items which were left at school in March. We will share specifics when we are ready.

## Community Opportunity

Sarah Johnson of the YMCA will be hosting a youth panel about how teens are doing at this time and what we can do to be supportive adults on Thursday 4/30, Noon-1 PM.

[Join Virtually at Noon by Clicking Here](#)



## Guidance from Governor Ever's DHS

Remember there is a reason *we* aren't in school. The public should continue to follow simple steps to avoid exposure to the virus and prevent illness including:

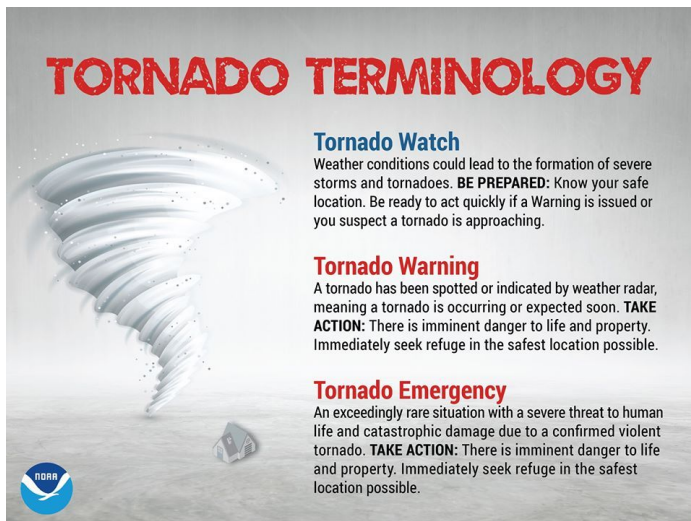
- Avoiding social gatherings with people of all ages (including sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- Frequent & thorough handwashing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching one's face; and
- Staying home.



## Severe Weather Awareness Week Apr 13-17

Would it have been fun to coordinate a school-wide Zoom Meeting Tornado Drill? I'm not sure fun is the word I would use.

As spring arrives in Wisconsin, a reminder of precautions to take during severe weather is appropriate. Students and families should consider discussing a plan should severe weather find its way to the Coulee Region.



[Students: click for a free haircut from Salon Professional Academy](#)

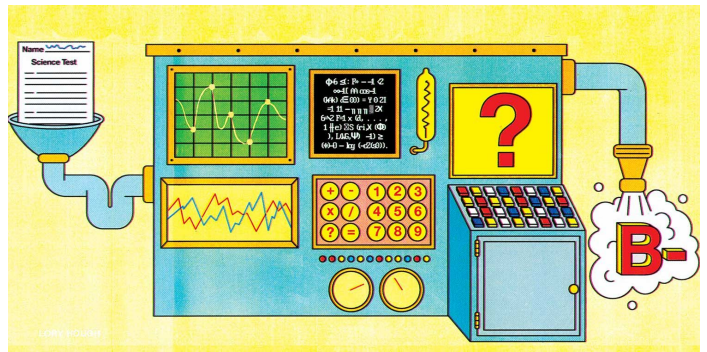
## Grading Information

Only three more weeks of new instruction!

Second semester grades will still be given and credits earned based on those grades.

For students who failed a 1st Semester class or who fail a 2nd Semester class, we are hoping to be able to offer online credit recovery summer school from July 20–August 7. Stay tuned for details.

Students who fail required courses are encouraged to complete summer school or the course will be placed in their class schedule for next year.



## Reminders from the District Office From the Business Office

Semester 2 class fees will be credited to your account unless they are assessed by outside groups. Seniors will get a letter from the High School. Unique circumstances? Contact the office.

## Facilities Closed

All facilities including outdoor fields and playgrounds are closed through June 30.

## Need Technology Help?

Contact the Technology Team at [www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us) > Families > Technology Help

## Bagged Lunch Order Information

Any child 18 years old or younger is eligible. [Order Here](#)

General Questions can be emailed to [questions@wsaalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:questions@wsaalem.k12.wi.us)

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