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“HOME OF THE JUNIOR AVIATORS!”

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March 13th, 2020

Dear MS Parents/ Guardians,

As you know, we have been preparing for impacts from COVID-19 (Coronavirus). As part of our preparation, we have been closely monitoring the directives and updates issued by the state and local government and public health officials. **At this time, we have been directed to close our school buildings and cancel all extracurricular activities until further notice.**

Dr. Helfant has articulated in his previous correspondence to parents that we will be conducting “virtual school days” while school is closed. This means that we will be conducting classes digitally via Google Classroom. In preparation for this closure, our teachers have been practicing using Google to conduct virtual lessons. We are fully prepared to continue to provide a quality educational experience to your children throughout this time.

Following the guidance from the NJ Department of Education, the following criteria have been established in order for these days to count toward our 180-day school year requirement:

- 4 hours of instruction with meaningful learning activities to take place utilizing the following schedule:

PERIOD 1 - 7:55-8:33 AM

PERIOD 2 - 8:36-9:06 AM

PERIOD 3 - 9:09-9:39 AM

PERIOD 4 - 9:42-10:12 AM

PERIOD 5 - 10:15-10:45 AM

PERIOD 6 - 10:48-11:18 AM

PERIOD 7 - 11:21-11:51 AM

PERIOD 8 - 11:54-12:24 PM

***Students MUST log into their Google Classroom for each period following the schedule above. Teachers will be taking attendance each period and logging it into Genesis. Students not logged in will not receive credit for the class period/school day.**

***Please note:** All students must log into Google using their school credentials (hhschools.org) in order to access the virtual school day

- Verifiable Student Attendance via Google Classroom
 - **In the event your child is sick and cannot participate in the day’s virtual learning activity, you must inform the middle school that your child is “absent” by emailing EACH of the following people:**

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- ✓ **Mrs. Mason**(masonlis@hhschools.org)
 - ✓ **Cc: Mrs. Behr** (behrcat@hhschools.org) and **Mr. Mastropietro** (mastropietroj@hhschools.org)
 - ✓ **If we do not hear from you and your child does not sign into their respective Google Classroom, a secretary will reach out for verification.**
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- Teachers will be online during their class periods to assign work, answer student questions, and provide any necessary feedback to students
 - Certain classes will be handled by individualized criteria (aside from Google Classroom). In those cases, the Middle School Principal will notify affected parents and students of the requirements for those specific classes.
 - **Chromebooks:** Students that were identified via the Google survey that was sent out will be receiving their Chromebooks today before they go home for the day. If a student is absent **OR** for families with multiple students within the same household, there will be a Chromebook Pick-Up tomorrow, **Saturday, March 14th from 12:00 – 2:00pm** at the Middle School/High School. Pick-Up will take place in the Media Center.
 - **Marking Period 3 Quarterlies will be excused for all Middle School students.** Additional information and modifications will be made in future correspondence (Marking Period Dates, Upcoming Events, Field Trips, etc.)

In order to provide you with the most up-to-date and accurate information, please visit the district website at hhschools.org and click on the link titled, **Health-Related School Closure Information.**

This type of situation is uncharted territory for everyone involved. In order to maintain as much a sense of normalcy as possible, it is crucial that we come together to make these virtual school days meaningful, educational, and productive. School administration and teachers will be available to make sure curricular instruction continues and our Guidance Department and Child Study Team will be available to support the needs of our students during what can obviously be a challenging time, but we cannot do this alone. Students and their families need to make sure that they are actively participating in their classes during their scheduled times and that the students are putting forth the same effort that they would as when they are physically sitting in their classrooms.

Together, I am confident that the Junior Aviator Family will come together to support our students during this challenging time. **GO JUNIOR AVIATORS!!!**

Respectfully,

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