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Dear Families,

At this time, it probably goes without saying that we are living in a whole new world in many ways. Things that we once took for granted or assumed to be true are now things we have a million questions about. With school being such an enormous piece of a child's life, changing anything about how school operates is an enormous disruption that is not easily overcome or addressed. Add to the changes a large degree of uncertainty by everyone from their parents and teachers to their local, state, and national leaders and answers can be hard to come by.

With all of this in mind, I want to address some of the myriad of questions and concerns that may be on your mind and the minds of your children in Middle School and High School. This will by no means be an all encompassing list, nor will it likely be the final answer for some of these things. As we have already seen, changes come almost every day. Some answers may have to wait and some may change in the future. However, I can share the following with you regarding the current status of the following things.

- Teachers have been working very hard to put together learning materials for all of their high school classes and all of the core middle school classes.
- Middle school students will not receive learning materials for exploratory courses at this time.
- Learning materials provided for students will be accessible via internet but will not absolutely require internet access.
- Student chromebooks and chargers will be provided for each student. Chromebooks that were at school will be in the Learning Materials package/bag for each student. If you do not receive a chromebook and you did not already have yours at home, please contact the office.
- Students will have information from their individual teachers, and that information will vary. Some courses transition more easily than others to remote learning. Some teachers may share daily lessons and homework practice and some may share instructions or recommendations for a project or activity.
- Review all provided materials carefully and contact individual classroom teachers via email if there are questions or confusion about specific courses.
- Communication. Email will be your best method of contacting teachers during this time. Also, please remind students to check their school email regularly for information from their teachers.
- PLATO/Online Courses. Many students already have online coursework assigned that they have been working on. They should continue to work on these courses. If they have questions or need lessons unlocked, they should contact the teacher who was overseeing their coursework.

- Dual Credit Courses. Because some courses are available for dual credit, teachers must also work within the guidelines and expectations of the colleges and universities for what is provided to students and what they are expected to complete. The colleges and universities have not all made clear determinations about individual dual credit courses yet, but students in these courses should anticipate that requirements for accountability may be more or different than their other courses.
- AP Courses. The College Board is adjusting to address this international issue because these exams are given around the world. At this time, we know that students in the U.S. may be able to take exams during the later, make up exam periods rather than in early May if schools determine that they have not been able to adequately instruct and prepare students. Students in AP classes will receive as much direct information from teachers as possible regarding what they should study, read, and complete in order to prepare for potential exams. There will likely be greater requirements for student accountability for completing work and showing understanding in these courses while school is closed.
- 3rd Quarter Grades. Due to the large percentage of students who were ill prior to the school closure, often for multiple days, there is no clear and fair way to issue valid 3rd quarter grades at this time without many 'incompletes'. So, it has been determined that the district will simply not issue 3rd quarter grades but instead anticipate issuing a semester grade at the end of the semester that addresses all work completed during the semester. This will allow the issuing of grades that are required for transcripts and the calculation of GPA.
- There will not be a 3rd Quarter Honor Roll and the issuing of any academic awards this year will be adjusted to reflect this.
- If Spring sports are allowed to resume at some point in the future, eligibility will be determined for each individual student based on a course signature sheet where each teacher identifies whether or not the student is passing. This is the same method typically used for students who needed to have grades checked for eligibility, but this time it will be used for all athletes.

High School Seniors

- Local Scholarship Applications. Maintain communication with Ms. Borman via email. We are working with all of our local scholarship providers regarding extended application deadlines and processes for electronic submission of applications when possible. Each scholarship is offered by a different group or organization and Ms. Borman will be the key individual for communicating between applicants and these groups.
- Senior Class Trip. Even though the trip dates were late in April, the decision was made early to cancel this trip based on the ability to get the deposit refunded. Depending on when we are allowed to return to school, the advisors and class will work together to identify something fun they can do as a class.
- Graduation. No change at this time. We are very hopeful that this will continue to be the case. If state and national events do not unfold that way, we will be creative and we will find a way to make sure that cleaning out a locker in March is not their final experience with school.

Extra-Curricular Events and Activities

- All Spring sports seasons are currently on hold. Whether or not Spring sports seasons are able to be resumed and take place this year (albeit in an abbreviated form) will depend in large part on determinations made at the State and Conference levels.
- Some events we are really hoping to reschedule. However, rescheduling is currently on hold as we wait for more information about when we will be able to return to school. Every attempt will be

made to provide these experiences for students when it becomes possible, although it may be different from what was originally planned. This includes the following:

- Middle School You've Earned it Day
 - High School Music Concert(s)
 - Sports Banquets
 - Grandparents Day
 - School Play
- Junior Prom is far enough in the future that no final decisions have been made about a change. We want to be optimistic that it will be able to continue as planned. However, we will monitor the situation and if it has to change, our goal will still be to have a prom experience for this class of students at some point.
 - 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip is also far enough in the future that no final decisions have been made about changes. We will be monitoring the situation locally and nationally before finalizing a decision. If it is cancelled, we will work with impacted families regarding the financial information about the trip.

This is a lengthy letter and yet there are still a multitude of unknowns. As I finish writing this, I was interrupted with the information that yet another change in our circumstances has occurred as the Governor has now announced aligning the group gathering guidelines to match the Federal Government. And so the changes begin again!

If you have specific questions or concerns in the coming weeks, please contact me at deb.torrison@cambria-frieslandschools.org.

Thank you everyone!

Sincerely,

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