

NBHCA Families,

Greetings from NBHCA. I hope you and your family are staying safe and doing the best you can with all of these crazy COVID 19 changes to our lives. Know each of you are in our thoughts and prayers and my staff and I are here for you! We are working 24-7 via video conferencing with one another, checking emails and attempting to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

The purpose of this email is to put into words what I have been saying on the school Facebook posts the past few days and to let you know what to expect this upcoming week. I know many of you are not on social media so expect an email from me every Monday starting on March 30th with updates and news.

By now you should have received an email from your child's teacher(s). I instructed everyone to start reaching out to you last Friday. This initial contact is very important so that the teacher can give your children some words of encouragement, and so we can check that your email is up to date.

This week teachers are working on developing on-line lessons for the students that will start officially Monday, March 30th. We are taking this extremely slow, using common sense, and know we will run into some roadblocks- but know we are trying and will be flexible with all of you. Your child's teacher will email you his/her expectations. If you have not heard, K-5 will be using Google Classroom and MS/HS will be using CANVAS. On these on-line platforms, you can expect video lessons from both your child's teacher and/or live video from on-line resources in which your child will receive instruction, do some practice problems, and take on-line assessments. It will look different and be different but I know we will do the best we can! And know this is ever evolving! More to come.....

We are opening the campus this week on Wednesday and Thursday from 12-3:00 to allow MS and HS students to get things out of their lockers. NBHE will be closed but email me if you absolutely must get into your child's classroom I can let you in. This will be a very controlled environment to keep everyone safe. Only ten people will be allowed on campus at a time (enter the gate next to the MS/HS admin building). Our SRD's will be stationed at each gate as well monitoring both the entrance and exiting of people as well as not allowing groups larger than 10 to congregate outside of the gates. Also on Wednesday and Thursday, we are having parents pick up their children meds (a separate schedule was sent out yesterday on how to do this). Finally let me address Chromebooks. Although we are a 1:1 school in 8th-12th grade, we are asking families to do this concept of on-line school. I get it. But, we have a limited amount of Chromebooks that we can loan out. Here is what we are asking. If your family has at least one device, computer, Chromebook already, we are asking you to share it with the children in the household. Again, we simply do not have enough to give one to every child. If you do not have a device, and need a Chromebook to borrow, we are passing them out in front of the MS/HS admin building for MS/HS students from 12-3 this Thursday and for NBHE students (k-5) we are passing them out from 12-3 this Thursday, in front of NBHE. We will have contracts available on site- this will need to be filled out before you will receive one. Please try to bring your own pen. As I mentioned earlier, the SRD's will be on site monitoring safety and monitoring social

distance policies. Our goal is to make sure every family has at least one working computer, device or Chromebook. If you do not have wifi we are working on a plan for that too- more to come...

Finally, let me ask you for your patience and flexibility with us as we adventure into this new world of on-line education. My hope is that we are only doing this for a few weeks and that we can return safely back to school on April 15th. Keep watching for updates from me every Monday and as always email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care everyone,
Mike