Is going on his permanent record? Will the distance learning count towards her graduation requirements?

The answer is “yes” but we are awaiting more guidance from the CDE.

Are there going to be testing? How will testing be carried out?

This is a wait and see. As of right now, “tests” will be formative assessments designed to check students’ mastery of the content. Nothing is meant to be punitive.

Will they be ready in terms of material learned to move on to the next grade?

This is a great question and it is a system-wide question. There are two answers. #1- at HTLA our goal is to get everyone as ready as possible for whatever comes next. The truth is that we are all, students and teachers, doing the best we can. #2- This is my guess, but we must recognize that there will be some impact from this. How severe it will be remains to be seen. Again, as above, we anticipate more guidance from the CDE on this issue soon.

How much real instruction is going to take place versus just assigning work?

I am not quite sure of this question. I think what this means is how much NEW content will be covered. We will reinforce previously learned material and move to new material as appropriate. Please understand that as I write this, we have done only three full days of live sessions. We believe distance learning can be meaningful. However, it is true that distance learning requires different things from teachers and, more importantly, from students. Teachers will necessarily take on the role of “guide on the side” and not “sage on the stage.” Students will have some new types of work to do. They cannot simply wait and hope the teacher feeds them everything. Luckily, HTLA has always taken this view of education so the shift should be smaller for our students than for many. Of course, we are here if a student is having difficulty.

How will work impact grades?

It is our working assumption that work will impact grades. We want students to complete the assignments and be present in live sessions. Everyone recognizes how disruptive this has been. But, while grades are relevant, we are most focused on continued learning. So, students should do their best and turn in what they have.

Can teachers can mute students more?

We are working on this technologically and we expect better norms of professional behavior will develop.

Where can we find an Assignment checklist or a Planned Distance Tutoring Schedule?

The Assignment list and Live Session schedule are both on our website and in Teams.
What are the plans for graduation for seniors (not the ceremony, but the actual diploma.)

I wish I had an absolute answer for you. This is unclear given current CDE guidance. More to follow. We believe that this will work roughly “normally” but we do need more guidance.

Are you contemplating giving them a Spring Break still?

Currently, yes, Spring Break is still on. If this changes, we will announce it immediately.

Is there a chance for them to be back in school in May?

We are currently closed through May 1. We continue to plan with both that date in mind as well as the possibility that the closure lasts longer.

Is there no Distance Learning on Fridays?

Our current schedule is leaving Friday open to miscellaneous Live Sessions.

Although not a priority at this point, we are interested in knowing plans for graduation. Thank you all for doing such a great job under difficult circumstances.

Thank you. We are trying to figure this out ourselves. Not really in our control, but we will do what we can!

What’s going to happen with the SATs?

Some SAT administrations (March 14 and May 2) have been cancelled. Better to go the SAT website.

Is there a place where all of the homework is posted?

The Assignment list and Live Session schedule are both on our website and in Teams.

What’s going to happen to all the senior events that have been planned like Prom, Graduation, senior rally?

Good question. Right now, our working plan only goes through May 1. So, if we are back on May 4, we will see what we can do. If the closure last longer, we will adjust. Specifically, Prom is at least postponed. However, it is going to be difficult to make it happen even if we get back on May 1. Graduation and Senior Rally are TBD.

How do I find the codes for TEAMS?

If you need to get to a live session, you should have a link in your calendar on Teams. If that isn’t working, contact Mr. DeSilva or your teacher via email.

Will we still have graduation?

See above.
Are we still having our POLs? How will we do TPOLS?

We are planning on having TPOLs. More to follow.

What's going to happen with the dinner party?

Unclear. See other answers with respect to events.

I was wondering if we have a spring break with no online classes?

Currently, yes, Spring Break is still on. If this changes, we will announce it immediately.

Will events like Prom and Senior Rally be cancelled or will they take place under different circumstances?

See above.