

SD113A Parents/Guardians,

While this isn't the spring break that any of us expected, I hope you are finding some time to rest and enjoy time with your families. Governor Pritzker has now announced school closures through April 30, 2020. During this time, on-site learning will remain suspended, but our schools' commitment to learning and education will remain open, and learning will continue for all students- just through a different format.

### **REMOTE LEARNING DAYS**

State Superintendent Dr. Ayala has declared that Remote Learning Days will begin for schools statewide on March 31 and continue until in-person instruction can resume. SD113A had a pre-approved e-Learning plan prior to school closures and will continue to follow the plan during the school closure. Remote Learning Days count as actual student attendance days. All of these days count toward the minimum length of the school year and absolutely do not need to be made up.

Our incredible SD113A staff has already been implementing many of the things that some districts are just beginning. Staff has been meeting and planning to continue remote learning through extended school closures. **We are ready and prepared** to continue connecting with your children, providing them high-quality learning opportunities and continuing with our food distribution program.

### **UPDATED WEBSITE**

We have updated our Remote Learning website: <https://www.sd113a.org/academics/e-learning>  
Here you will find comprehensive daily plans and daily communication- all in one place!

### **WEEK OF APRIL 6th PLANS:**

Our staff is prepared to continue teaching and learning after spring break. As a result, we will push out our daily morning plan on Monday, April 6th, Tuesday, April 7th and Wednesday, April 8th. Depending on the grade level, students and staff will continue to use Google Classroom and Seesaw, and connect through Google Meet.

**On Thursday, April 9th, we will allow staff to plan together remotely** and give students a day to catch up instructionally. Staff will develop essential concepts/skills/learning targets they have identified as ones students should master to be successful in the remaining weeks of school to be shared with parents.

We will still push out activities for those who are interested, but we will use this as a day for our teachers to continue planning efforts and will allow students a day to catch up with all of the previous work if they need it. Friday, April 10th is Good Friday, and there is no school for staff or students.

## WEEK OF APRIL 13-17 (AND THROUGH SCHOOL CLOSURES):

As we move forward with Remote Learning plans, we will follow the following schedule: (*Lemont High School is following a similar schedule.*)

**Monday/Tuesday-** Daily lessons continue through Remote Learning

**Wednesday-** Independent Work Day (*Staff may meet with students on Wednesdays, but there will be no new instructional activities. Students should use these days to catch up on work they've not yet completed with staff support as needed.*)

**Thursday/Friday-** Daily lessons continue through Remote Learning

## GRADING

We will be working with the recommendations from the Illinois State Board of Education and **work with a pass/incomplete model** for grading. **Our goal is to help and support our students through providing effective feedback.** Please contact your child's teacher or principal with any grading/feedback questions. *Please note: Students enrolled in a high school math class will follow the grading standards established by Lemont High School.*

## EMAILS TO PARENTS: WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

The district will continue to push out the daily update and remote learning plan like we do each day. Please be sure to read through the daily communication. Moving forward, you should expect a separate email from your teacher (or teaching team at OQ) as a check-in to give you any information about what your child is learning. **Our goal is to inform, not overwhelm.**

## SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

We know there are a variety of events that we have had planned, and this is a hard time for all of us, especially our students who are wanting to engage in these scheduled experiences. We are discussing administratively what options we have for certain events like NJHS Induction, 6th Grade Orientation, spring athletics, Graduation, etc. We will continue to keep you posted with our plans moving forward.

**We remain in this together.** We appreciate all of the support that you continue to give to our schools, to your children and to each other as a SD113A community. Parents and educators are partners now more than ever. While our buildings might be closed, **our schools are open and remote learning continues** for our students!

Please contact me or your building principals with any questions as we work through this together.

Stay safe and healthy,

Dr. Courtney Orzel, Superintendent of Schools