

Remote Learning Parent and Student Update <u>April 6 - 9, 2020</u> Week 4 of Remote Learning

Dear Parents and Students,

We made a report to the Camden County Department of Health last week regarding a Timber Creek senior student who reported to us that he tested positive for Coronavirus. The Department of Health confirmed today that this student has tested positive. We worked with the family and Department of Health to determine the timeline of this student's infection and it was beyond the last day he was in school. In other words, schools were closed already before he came into contact with a family member, who also tested positive, on March 20. The student has received medical treatment and is currently self-quarantined. We wish him and his family a speedy recovery.

The Department of Health believes, as do I, that no staff member or student, could have been in contact with this student, who subsequently has now tested positive for Coronavirus. I cannot share with you the student's name because of confidentiality laws. If we hear of additional cases, we will follow up with the Department of Health and make you aware.

We are hoping for a quick end to this pandemic and keep all who have been affected in our thoughts. At this time, we will remain united as a community in solidarity with others, especially those most at risk and vulnerable.

More information about COVID-19 may be obtained at the New Jersey Department of Health website or The Center for Disease Control website: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

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Spring Break

The District will continue to recognize the Spring Break as it was listed on the School District Calendar:

(https://www.bhprsd.org/cms/lib/NJ01001930/Centricity/Domain/273/2019-20%20School%20Cal endar%20-Rev%2062019.pdf) During the Spring recess, please keep yourself healthy, look to get ahead of the school work you may owe, take time to check the 3rd marking period grades as we start the 4th marking period (grades posted April 9th), and take a break - you deserve it. I have heard some amazing stories of our students during these uncertain times, so you continue to make us proud. Draw, start a garden, sew, exercise, paint, meditate, and do something that makes you happy. Keep practicing social distancing and be smart.

Send Us Your Pictures

Please send us pictures of what remote learning looks like in your home. We will post the pictures on the school's web pages so that we can virtually celebrate all of the great work our students are doing. Please send your pictures to the following individuals: Highland Regional High School: Ms. Kim Simon at <u>ksimon@bhprsd.org</u> Triton Regional High School: Ms. Laura Greenwood at <u>lgreenwood@bhprsd.org</u> Timber Creek Regional High School: Ms. Holly Bradley at <u>hbradley@bhprsd.org</u>

State Testing Canceled

The Governor of New Jersey and the Department of New Jersey canceled statewide testing this Spring. However, senior status students who did not yet meet a graduation indicator must continue to work with through their work in order to graduate.

Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #104 and #107

Executive orders #104 and #107 closed schools in order to promote social distancing and thwart the effects of COVID-19. So long as those Executive Orders are in effect, schools will remain closed. Unfortunately, we have to limit contact even more since Order #107, so we are limiting essential personnel hours and limiting who has access to our schools.

- Essentially, the school facilities will remain closed to outside Use of Facility groups for the remainder of the school year.
- Field trips have been canceled for the remainder of the school year.
- We are hopeful that we will get back to school soon so that our seniors can make some more high school memories before heading off to new adventures beyond high school.
- We are hopeful that our Spring student-athletes will be able to play in one more game.
- We are hopeful that our artists and performers will be able to get one more chance to practice and perform for others on our stages and in our schools.

Here is the link to all of the New Jersey Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy: <u>https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html</u>

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Donating Personal Protective Equipment to Office of Emergency Management

Thanks to a suggestiong from one of our Science teachers, the Science Department is donating many of their gloves to the Office of Emergency Management. Thank you Science teachers for donating personal protective equipment to our first reponders.

Communication

Our teachers, counselors, child study team case managers, and school administrators are available each school day via email. Student attendance is being taken when students log into their Google Classrooms or respond as instructed by their teachers each day. Previous documents posted on our webpage detail teacher and student expectations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email your teachers or send a message via Google Classroom. I know our students are doing their best to engage in the learning opportunities provided by our teachers. If students do not engage or are struggling, school administrators, supervisors, counselors and teachers will be reaching out to students and families to find out what supports are needed.

Food Services

Since the Governor's Executive Order #107 and in the interests of everyone's health, we are going to serve bagged meals to eligible students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 10 am and 12 noon. Bagged meals will cover multiple days. Students residing in the District can also pick up meals at any Gloucester Township Middle Schools on the same days. We are so appreciative of our cafeteria workers for providing this service to the community.

Technology Support

If you are having difficulties with your technology, have an issue with connectivity, have a broken/unresponsive Chromebook, or need a new charger, please call any of the school's main phone numbers...plus extension 4357 Highland is 856-227-4100 extension 4357 Timber Creek is 856-232-9703 extension 4357 Triton is 856-939-4500 extension 4357 OR Email the technology department at <u>helpdesk@bhprsd.org</u>.

The IT department members will assist students, at Highland High School, by appointment only starting Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Contact the technology departments using the contact information above, anytime, and establish an appointment time. You can expect to drop off and pick up technology devices and other needs, curbside, at Highland Regional High School's Library Media Center side entrance (entrance B-2).