

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to start by thanking the school board, staff, parents and the community for their ongoing support in these confusing times. Information is changing daily, if not hourly. As you all know the school will be shutdown beginning Thursday, March 19th and resuming tentatively on April 20th.

Teachers will be on campus this week compiling at-home instructional packets for all students during the shutdown period. This includes 16 days of instruction. All packets will be hand delivered by Mrs. Gasper and I on Monday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. Packets that are not delivered Monday will be attempted to deliver again on Tuesday. It is important to know that teachers have been instructed to utilize this time to review all content gone over thus far this year, not introduce new concepts. Packets should contain well-rounded, thought provoking instruction. We felt instructional packets would be best for our students because most cannot access the internet required for distant learning. Interdistrict parents please call the office to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery options. Thank you all for your understanding.

Providing healthy breakfast and lunch is very important to us during this time. For the dates of Thursday, March 19-April 9 (the last day of instructional days before Spring Break begins) the kitchen will serve breakfast and lunch in a to-go brown bag through the kitchen window. Breakfast will be served Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m. and lunch will be served daily from 12:00-1:00 p.m. All meals are to be picked up at the window and eaten off campus. Students will not be allowed to eat in the cafeteria or anywhere on campus.

Please know that during the shutdown the campus will be going through a thorough, deep cleaning. The main areas will be in full quarantine for a period of at least 18 days. I may be reached via email at akahl@snellingschool.org, my cell phone at (209)819-9233, and the website will be a continued source of updated information.

Thank you all very much for your understanding, support and communication. It is being recommended that all students stay home as much as possible. Stay safe.

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