March 16, 2020

Dear NHCS Community,

It’s hard to believe that it’s been just a few days since things started to change dramatically due to the coronavirus. Since before we made the decision to close school we have been working around the clock to address the many, many questions that come from trying to support our students and families while school is closed, and to make sure that students have access to learning opportunities. Below you will find an overview of school level plans. You should have already received emails from Principals with more information.

**Grades 8 - 11:**
This week we are setting up a structure to loan Chromebooks to any students in grades 8 - 11 who do not have access to a computer at home. Beginning this week, students will receive assignments that they can access from any device, even a phone. Starting next week, we will be regularly expecting them to complete assignments via Google Classroom. Students in grades 8 - 11 and their families should have received a separate email from HS Principal Jahmeelah Bai-Grandson with more information about access to Chromebooks as well as about schoolwork expectations.

**Grades K1 - 7:**
Last Friday all students in grades K1 - 7 were sent home with packets of work. These packets are also on our [website](https://www.thenhcs.org). We are mailing packets to students who were not in school on Friday.

Over the course of the next week we will be gathering information from our K1-7th grade families about technology needs. As we move to an increasingly online curriculum we hope to support our families with access to technology if needed. We have a limited number of Chromebooks, and have made the decision to make them all available to families. If your scholar does not have access to a tablet, computer, or Chromebook, please email your principal directly and we will work to loan you one.

**Special Education and English Language Learner Programs:**
Our Special Ed and ELL program teams are working hard to put plans in place to provide services for students during this closure. If your child receives Special Ed or ELL services, you will receive an email or a call from their teacher and/or service provider within the next several days.

**All grades:**
Our teachers and staff will be working remotely during school closure and will have regular hours where they will be available by email or by phone to answer questions from students and families from 12-2 daily. You will receive more information about this from your child’s Principal.

Our plans are improving daily and we appreciate your patience. As a parent myself, I know how hard it is to feel uncertain about our children’s learning during this period. At Neighborhood House we are taking this challenge very seriously and will do everything we can to maximize student learning while we are closed.

As always, please email any questions or comments you have to [info@thenhcs.org](mailto:info@thenhcs.org).

Be well,

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