

**What is our overarching instructional goal during this pandemic shutdown?**

Our goal is to do our best to keep students engaged in some level of learning. We do not and cannot expect the same level of instruction that takes place in our classrooms to take place in the home environment. We believe that when it comes to education, we should always “strive for live.” Nothing can really replace a professional teacher in a classroom with a student; however, we find ourselves in a peculiar position and we do not want students without education for weeks or months. Our teachers have been working hard to structure learning at home and we are optimistic about what we can provide.

Because this is new to all of us, we will all need to be patient as we work through it.

**What is our primary tool for delivering instruction?**

Teachers have established different methods for communicating with their classes, such as Class DoJo and Schoology, Classroom teachers have been reaching out to parents this week to establish a line of communication using one of these platforms. If you have not yet established that connection with your child’s teacher, please email them ASAP. If you do not have email, please call the school.

**How much work can we expect each day?**

Our basic requirement would be 1 hour per day for K-2 and 1.5 hours per 3-4.

**Is the expectation for synchronous instruction whereby teachers and students are online at the same time?**

No. Given that “the whole world is online,” we can expect many households to have multiple online users: parents working from home, perhaps a college student in the family doing online classes and K-12 students from GM. Families will need to stretch out their online use over the course of the day. Teachers may need to do so as well; therefore, we will function in an asynchronous environment.

**What about grading?**

At the elementary level, the focus should be on completion and not focused on grading. Teachers will handle this as appropriate.

**What are the expectations for communicating with students?**

We are asking faculty to inform parents/students of an “office hour” each day when they would be available to answer email or other communications. That hour will not necessarily be during the regular school hours

**What about students without internet or sketchy internet?**

A number of items are in play on this. First, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority is working to provide hot spots for students without internet but have good cellular reception. We are not sure when or if this will happen. Secondly, there will be a few outside “hot spots” at each building where parents can drive up in the car and students can download what they need (and subsequently upload).\* Finally, we will provide paper learning packets for students who cannot get internet or drive to a school to download work.

**What are the details on these hotspots?\***

During the shutdown, we have increased the receptivity of our wireless “hot spots” in the building to reach outside. You can stay in your car while a student uses the iPad to download assigned work. Locations are:

High school - front parking lot and south parking lot by Education Center

JWPMS - Front near gym, north side by stadium

McKean - front parking lot; rear lot near gym

Edinboro - Front lot and rear lot by entrance

You do not have to go to your child’s school to access a hot spot. It will work the same at every building.

**What are the details on the packet?**

We have compiled a list of students who do not have internet at home. We are creating a package delivery system whereby one of our drivers will drop off a packet on Tuesday. It will be left at the front door. If children in the household are eligible for free or reduced lunch, that will also be included. After the first week, completed work should be left in the envelope at the front door by 8:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

Envelopes will be sprayed with antibacterial approved by the CDC and drivers will handle all materials with gloves.

The first packet will be delivered on Tuesday, March 31.

Please call the school building office if you receive a packet and do not need it or if you need a packet and do not receive anything on March 31.

**What about devices?**

Parents of third and fourth graders will be able to pick up their iPad from the building on Monday, March 30 or Tuesday, March 31 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.\* We will practice social distancing so please be prepared to be patient.

Details on the distribution will be coming from your principal.

Through previous contacts, we believe we know who in grades K-2 do not have devices at home and will have packets delivered.

\* In the Stay at Home order, under the category of “Allowable Essential Travel” is the statement, “Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services. “