

Good afternoon Sci High Families,

I hope this week's *Friday Message* finds you in good spirits and in good health. I know I speak for all of the Sci High faculty and staff when I express how much we miss our students! This time apart has been difficult for all of us, but as I've said before, we'll get through this together.

Important Updates regarding End of the School Year:

- This week Governor John Bell Edwards issued a [proclamation](#) stating that **Louisiana schools will remain closed to students for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic school year**. However, as per the governor, education must continue! The last day of school for Sci High is now scheduled for May 15, 2020, so we will continue our ongoing learning until that date. A revised calendar will be sent in a separate message.
- What does this mean for final course grades for the semester? According to the Louisiana Department of Education, *School systems are responsible for determining if students have demonstrated proficiency in the grade-level content and/or courses to award credit*. Sci High course instructors will create proficiency exams for students to demonstrate that they have mastered the grade level content for each course and should be awarded credit. For Sci High, this means that the **proficiency exams will be factored into students' final grades for the semester**.
- What other factors will be included in **final course grades**? A percentage of a student's midterm grade in a course plus a percentage of the proficiency exam grades in that course will comprise the final grade for the semester.
- All lessons and instruction that students have been assigned during the school closure was to make sure student maintained necessary skills and to make sure that they continued to make progress in the course. It is **critically important** that students continue completing assignments and engaging in lessons in preparation for upcoming proficiency exams. (Please see **Frequently Asked Questions** attached to this message for additional info.)
- Teachers will distribute study guides by April 27 to aid students in preparing for upcoming proficiency exams.

Other reminders:

- Parents, if your student still needs a computer and/or a device to access reliable internet, please have them notify their homeroom teachers as soon as possible! They will receive information on how to collect items from the school.
- **Completed registration packets** (including copies of three new proofs of residency and a copy of your driver's license) should be returned to school. Someone will be available to receive them at the school on Tues. and Thurs., between 12:00pm - 2:00pm. Otherwise, you may mail the packet and documents or scan and email (as long as it is password protected) to registration@noscihigh.org.
- Students should check their school-issued email **daily** and check in with teachers according to their teachers' instructions.
- Students should be completing assignments. These assignments are to make sure that they are maintaining skills and making progress in their courses during this time away from class.
- The Student Based Health Clinic is open from 8:30 - 4:30, but is **only able to do telemedicine (virtual) or phone consults**. They are also currently providing **Virtual Behavioral Health Counseling** and are able to **refill prescriptions** electronically. Please call the Nurse Practitioner if you have questions, at (504) 613-5648. If there is an emergency, please call 911.

That's all for now. Please take care of you and yours!!