

Happy Friday Sci High Families!

I hope today's message finds you and yours doing well. Most of the information in this message is important we approach the end of our school year. Although it has been different than anyone could have ever imagined, we're almost there. And that's why I included the quote above, by the late president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, which states, *"It always seems impossible until it is done."* Students, families, teachers, and school staff were all dealt a very challenging hand, and I believe we've all risen to the challenge. But we're not quite there -- we've got to finish STRONG! Therefore the following messages will include information to help make sure you and your students finish the year strong:

- Reminder - 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 are creating 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. Students who do not take the proficiency exam will receive a zero (0) as the grade for the proficiency exam in that course and may be required to repeat the course.**
- Each teacher will determine which factors will be included in the final grades for their courses, but **final grades for each course will include a percentage of the grade at midterm and a percentage of the proficiency exam grade.**
- Teachers will distribute **study guides** by April 27 to aid students in preparing for upcoming proficiency exams.
- **Proficiency exams schedule:** Monday, May 4th - Thursday, May 7th. Make-up exams will take place on Friday, May 8th. Each teacher will give more details regarding specific 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.
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- Cox Communications has extended free Connect2Compete service, the company's **low-cost internet** offer for families with a K-12 student at home until Wednesday, July 15. The Cox Connect2Compete is available to families who:
 - Have at least one child that is a K-12 student at home.
 - Participate in one of these government subsidies programs: The National School Lunch Program, SNAP, TANF or Public Housing.
 - Are not a current Cox Internet customer.
 - Families can qualify for Connect2Compete by visiting www.cox.com/c2c.
- **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.
- **For Seniors:** The Student Based Health Clinic will be contacting senior students to make sure they have received all necessary **immunizations** that are required before they enroll in college next semester. If you would like to schedule an appointment for when the stay at home order is lifted, please call the clinic at (504) 613-5648.
- The clinic is open from 8:30 - 4:30, but is **currently only able to do telemedicine (virtual) or phone consults.** They are also able to provide **Virtual Behavioral Health Counseling** and can **refill prescriptions** electronically. Please call the Nurse Practitioner if you have questions, at (504) 613-5648. If there is an emergency, please call 911.

- **Citiwide Feeding Program** is ongoing. Every Monday, meals will be provided for 2 days. Every Wednesday, meals will be provided for 3 days. Sites will not be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Service hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon.

Well, that's all for now. Please be safe and let's finish the year strong!



Sincerely,
Dr. Cola