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April 21, 2020

On April 20, the Governor announced that schools will remain closed through the remainder of the academic year. All school activities for May are cancelled. We are trying to find a way to have graduation that will allow us to celebrate the students and families while still maintaining the required social distancing. We hope to have something solidified by the first week of May. The spring athletic season is cancelled. Due to OHSA requirements, student athletes are not permitted to use school athletic facilities until May 3. There will be no summer athletic activities scheduled until permission is given by Public Health.

We will send out an update at a further date to determine such things as how to collect school chromebooks, how to get personal items in lockers and desks back to the students, and plans for summer and fall activities. Some of this we can do without public health guidance and some we cannot do until we are given further guidance by state and local health entities.

4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades will be assigned based on student work during the online instruction. We will work individual issues on a case by case basis. If you have questions about your child's progress, please be sure to contact their teacher or the building principal. We know we are in a unique time and will try our best to remain fair while upholding the law and grading fidelity. Athletes are reminded that fall sports eligibility will be based on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades and academic ineligibility will have to be enforced in the fall due to OHSA regulations.

Because Centerburg had online teaching up and running on March 17 (2 days after being closed), we will not have any school days to make up. The school calendar will continue as planned. K-11 students last day of instruction will be May 21. Senior's last day of instruction will be May 17. Free/reduced meals will be delivered through May 21.

There will be no new assignments for Sr's after May 8 and no new assignments after May 14 for underclass students. We are doing this so the last week will give students and families time to finish up missing assignments and to contact teachers for help. We want to create a situation where struggling families and students can get as much support as possible to finish the year strong.

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## April 3, 2020 Update

Spring Break – Spring break is from April 6-13. There will be no online classes or meal deliveries. Offices will be closed but I will check voicemail every day. If you have questions or a need you think we can help with, please call 625-6346 and leave a message on the Superintendent's voicemail.

Unfortunately, this year's Alumni Banquet has been cancelled. If you know anyone that may have been planning to attend please let them know. Alumni scholarships will be awarded. Awardees will be notified by the Alumni Committee.

If your financial situation has changed, you may be eligible for free breakfast and lunch for your school aged children. Please email [mike.hebenthal@centerburgschools.org](mailto:mike.hebenthal@centerburgschools.org) if you need further information.

Red Cross has issued a blood alert. They will be having a blood drive in Mount Vernon the next three Thursdays (4-9,4-16,4-23). Go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to register. Due to the Covid-19 issues they are asking you register to give.

If you or someone you know is looking for a job or if you have a job to post you can go to [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov/JobSearch](https://Coronavirus.Ohio.gov/JobSearch)



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March 30, 2020

Charter is offering free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll, *consumer customers* should call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households. The representatives at this number can guide consumers on qualifications and process.

The Governor announced today that schools will remain closed through May 1. All scheduled activities for the district are cancelled. We will have spring break from April 6-13 as normal. There will be no online classes during that week.

Unfortunately, because of the inability to reschedule the venue, DJ and other supports needed, the Prom this year is cancelled.

If your financial picture has changed you may qualify for free meals for school students. Please contact [Autumn.Pauley@centerburgschools.org](mailto:Autumn.Pauley@centerburgschools.org)

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## March 27 Update

If your financial situation has changed you may qualify for free lunch delivery. Please let us know and we can work through the process. It doesn't take long and we can approve immediately based on the information given.

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Child-Nutrition-%E2%80%93-School-Breakfast-and-Lunch.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US-Supports/Coronavirus/Child-Nutrition-School-Breakfast-and-Lunch.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

Public Broadcasting (WOSU, Channel 34) is working with the Ohio Department of Education to increase the amount of children's programming and educational programming.

ODE has provided some good information on health and wellness for families during this time. Information about how to talk to young children about COVID, mental health information and activities that can help relieve some stress.

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Supporting-Children%E2%80%99s-Social-Emotional-and-Behavi>

The Knox County Chamber of Commerce has advice and contacts for small businesses that are in need of help. <http://www.knoxchamber.com/>

Knox County Public Health has current, local information about COVID-19. <https://www.knoxhealth.com/>

211 - Knox County helpline. This helpline can help hook you up to offices for a variety of services. It is the best number to call or text if you need help.

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March 26 Update:

Legislative Action – The legislature passed HB197 last night. Here is what it means for Education.

- All state testing is cancelled.
- Graduation requirements have been relaxed. Basically, we have gone back to the old days where the district determined if you met the credit requirements. If you are worried you are in danger of not graduating contact Mr. Gallwitz.
- Third grade reading guarantee has been placed on hold. Determination of promotion to 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be at the discretion of the Elem Principal and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers.
- Permitted schools to count online education as school days. This means the work we are doing now is counted as a legal school day and we won't need to make up any time this year. It also means the work being done now is for a grade. Keep working hard.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Sr. Trip this year. Mrs. Lozier will be in contact with those who had signed up to go.

What about graduation? We plan to have graduation this year. If we can't have it in May then we'll try to have it as soon as the ban is lifted.

Other school activities – We will let you know as soon as we know. OHSAA has not made a decision on the spring sports season. Other activities are on hold until we get guidance from the Governor's office.

Google Hangout - We originally had Google Hangout on for everyone so students were able to contact classmates. Because of CIPA rules, we had to turn it off. Teachers can create a google hangout but students cannot. It is possible for a student to create their own hangout and invite their friends by creating their own google email account. Realize that any school issued Chromebooks will not permit signing in to non-school applications. We wish there was a way to afford this ability to see your friends through school devices but student online safety is our first priority.

Thank you to those who provided feedback to us about how online learning is going. All feedback is helpful as we learn a new way to "do education."

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Update March 25

Feedback is important to us as we continue to work through the online environment. Let us know if things are going ok, if things are going well, or if there are things we can improve. We are new to this and hoping to continue to serve the students as best as we can. We know we aren't going to be able to cover as much material as we could if we were still in school. We don't want to overwhelm the students with too much work and also want to cover as much as we can. Your input is valuable. Please email [mike.hebenthal@centerburgschools.org](mailto:mike.hebenthal@centerburgschools.org)

SPRING BREAK will happen as scheduled. There will be no online classes from April 6 through April 13.

The MS/HS and elementary are doing online announcements each morning to try to give a sense of normalcy. We hope this is helping.

The Ohio Department of Education has offered new information to help parents, families and caregivers with questions about how to support their children's social, emotional and behavioral health during the coronavirus-related school-building closure. Use the following weblink to get this information.

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Supporting-Children%E2%80%99s-Social-Emotional-and-Behavi>

The Knox County Department of Public Health has an updated website with local information. <https://www.knoxhealth.com/index.php/public-health-issues2/infectious-disease/coronavirus>

The Knox County Chamber of Commerce has a webpage with links to many state and local websites related to the virus.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Resources-for-You-and-Your-Business-March-23.html?soid=1109967780426&aid=4EEIt5AwBus>

I hope all are well and extended families are doing well. I know this is a special community so if you need any help please feel free to email me ([mike.hebenthal@centerburgschools.org](mailto:mike.hebenthal@centerburgschools.org)) and I will try to find someone or an organization that can help you out. We are all in this together and need to look out for each other.

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March 23, 2020  
Update

We will maintain meals for free and reduced students the same as last week. It will continue to be delivered at approximately the same time.

Online classes will continue. Let us know if you have an idea how we can make things work easier. We're trying our best to keep some kind of normal education for the students. If you have any needs or questions call the superintendent's office at 625-6346. Because of the Governors "stay home order" we will be closing all offices other the superintendent's office. We will be sure the correct person gets the information and will call you back if needed.

Attendance – To clarify how this works. The state has given guidance that the school's attendance can be determined by completion of assignments. That doesn't mean that you have to do an assignment every day or you will be marked absent. Attendance is tracked on the state report card and they want to have that data at the end of the year. We will not determine attendance until the end of this shutdown or the end of the school year. So if you complete 100% of the assignments, then at the end of the year you will be considered to have perfect attendance for that period. If you complete 90% then you will be considered to have 90% attendance. It is COMPLETION of assignments and not your grade earned that determine attendance. We will not be keeping daily attendance so it does not mean you need to do an assignment each day to be considered in attendance. If you have further questions please call 625-6346 (Superintendent's office.)

Playground - On Sunday the governor ordered playgrounds to be closed. We are not sterilizing or cleaning any outside playground equipment or facilities.

Please let us know how things are going. Email the principals or the superintendent with any questions or suggestions. We're all new at this and learning along with everyone else. Feedback really helps.

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## March 20 Update.

**Website for employees laid off because of the COVID-19 pandemic to expedite the claim**

**process:** <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS00671/pdf/> **You can sign up online. It is much faster than calling.**

1834 is providing a drive through lunch for Centerburg Elementary Students on Saturday from 11:30 – 12:30. Sponsored by 1834, Hometown Market, Collins Country Greenhouse & Farm Market, Gordon Foods, Todd and Trish Smith, Heart of Ohio Firefighters.

**Knox Community Hospital has issued guidance** on hospital use, covid-19 symptoms and what to do if you think you are infected. Go to <https://www.kch.org/> for more information.

**211** – You can text or call 211 in Knox County to be connected to the Knox Crisis Action Line. This office is there to answer questions about organizations and connect you to needed help.

**Please let us know** if you requested meals for **free/reduced lunch** and did not receive them. We have begun delivering meals for free and reduced lunch students.

**Buildings are closed.** If you need something in the building you will need to contact the building office. They will try to get what you need and meet you at the door.

**Lunches are provided for free/reduced students only.** If your financial status changes please call the HS and they will connect you with the food service director to sign your children up for free lunches/breakfast. If you feel your eligible but never applied call the HS to be signed up.

**Directions from the Governor's Virus Task Force** – If you have a fever, sore throat, signs of fatigue you need to contact your primary care doctor for guidance. There are not enough test kits in the state and they will need to order a test if warranted. If you think you may have the virus you need to isolate yourself, call any contacts you may have had in the past few days and let them know.

**If you need help** please call us at 740-625-6346. It doesn't have to be school related nor do you have to have children in school. We have social workers who have contacts and can help. The school district is here to help our ENTIRE COMMUNITY during this time. We may not have a way to help but we won't know until we try. I can promise you we will put all our efforts into trying to help anyone.



Report cards will be mailed for the elementary early next week. MS/HS the will be emailed to the student. If you want a copy emailed to you, call the school office and they will get it to you.

Attendance - Student attendance is recorded based on assignment completion. We still need to keep track of student attendance and to seek out those students not "attending" classes. Work completion will be graded and fourth Qtr grades will be issued as normal.

Both he HS/MS and Elem are doing a daily announcement video for students. We are hoping it is lending something normal to a student's day.

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## **March 18 Update**

Due to the need to pay nonrefundable deposits for transportation and lodging, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Gettysburg trip has been cancelled for this year.

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Update #2  
3-17-2020

Centerburg Schools are here to help. If you need help give us a call. We maybe can help find a group or point of contact that can help. At this time, we want to be as much service to our community as we can. We will use our webpage to pass along any information, education related or not that may be useful to our community. If you want us to pass along any information let us know and we'll put it in our updates.

In response to COVID 19 protocol, all offices of **Interchurch Social Services** are taking steps to minimize risks for staff, volunteers and clients. Effective immediately, Food Pantry Assistance and Emergency Financial Aid will be provided by appointment only. Please call your local office to determine eligibility and to schedule appointments. Food Pantry Assistance will use a pre-packed format available for pick-up at your scheduled time. All Thrift Stores are closed until further notice. We will not accept any donations during that time. For additional information, please call 740-397-4825.

The Ohio Development Services Agency is actively working to get Ohio approval for U.S. **Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program**. This program will allow Ohio small businesses and non-profits to apply for low-interest loans up to \$2 million to assist with the temporary loss of revenue due to the current public health crisis. To assist, impacted businesses are now asked to fill out the below survey to determine damage related to economic impacts in Ohio. The survey does not serve as an application for resources.

<https://odsa.force.com/EDASurvey>

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March 17, 2020 Update

1. Knox Community Hospital has closed the wellness center until further notice.
2. Lunch for Free/reduced lunch will begin today. Please give us some grace as we work out the kinks in the delivery process. Food will be delivered to your home. If nobody will be at your home during the day but you still need the meals, please call 740-625-6346 and we will figure out a way you can pick it up at a different time. At this time we are only offering these meals to free/reduced students. If you feel you qualify for free/reduced and had not applied before please call the HS office (740-625-6346) and they will have our food service director call you to complete the necessary documentation.
3. OHSAA has issued guidance that students are not permitted to use any athletic facilities while school is dismissed. Students will not be permitted to use the track or any of the school's outside facilities.
4. Online classes will start on Thursday March 19. If you need help accessing your classes please call the school offices and we'll get you help. Please understand that it may mean we will call you back after we work the problem.
5. I had a question concerning a college student that is now home and needing to do online classes. I talked to the Health Commissioner and we cannot allow anyone in the buildings. There are places outside the Elementary and High School that you can access our "guest" wifi. It is usually not on until after school but we will turn it on continuously starting today. You are welcome to work in your car or from anywhere outside the buildings. Be advised that the school's internet access is filtered and so you may not be able to access some web sites and some application may not work.
6. Access to buildings are being limited. If AN ADULT needs to get into a building, please call the office before you come in. Arrangements will be made to get you any materials from a student locker or desk. NO STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED IN THE BUILDINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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March 16, 2020

As we face these unusual times, we will try to make school as normal as possible. I think it important that our kids have some things that are “normal” and have some sort of scheduled programming. Here is what we can tell you as of 7 am on Monday, March 16. We will continue updates as information becomes available.

1. How are decisions made – We follow all directives of the Governor’s office and from the Office of Public Health. The superintendent has a direct number to the Health Commissioner for any questions. All questions of staff or student contact are passed through that office before a decision is made.
2. Online classes – We will begin online classes starting Thursday, March 19. Centerburg is a Google certified district and we will use the Google suite to communicate. This will be through school email, Google classroom and Google hangout. Google classroom is sort of like a teacher webpage without all the clutter. Instruction and assignments will be posted on those sites. All students have a school email address. If you need help with getting into that email, please call your respective school. There may be attached video of a teacher giving a lesson. Because it is all run within the Google suite there shouldn’t be issues with needing certain applications on your computer or phone. Google hangout is a face-to-face video application. We usually have it turned off so students can’t use it. We have turned it on so teachers and students can communicate if needed. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT STUDENTS CAN TALK WITH OTHER STUDENTS IN THE CENTERBURG EMAIL DOMAIN. THEY CANNOT REACH OUTSIDE OUR DOMAIN WITH THIS APPLICATION THROUGH THE SCHOOL.
3. All staff will be at school every day and available by phone. If you are experiencing problems or have questions please call.

Elementary – 740-624-6488  
MS/HS – 740-625-6055  
District Office – 740 – 625-6346

4. Lunch – We will do our best to ensure the students on Free and Reduced lunch is delivered each school day. We plan to have this starting on Tuesday, March 17. Please help us out by calling 740-625-6346 to let us know you need this service. Each day we will deliver lunch and breakfast for the next day. We must deliver this to the home of record. If nobody will be at the home of record and you want to pick your meals up please call and let us know and we’ll make arrangements.

5. Lunch for other students. We will not be able to offer lunch for all students. The Governor has encouraged us to offer meals to all students, but we do not have the means to do this and there is no funding from the state to support this. If you are experiencing difficulties, we are working with Interchurch Social Services and other faith-based organizations to help co-ordinate needs. Give us a call and we'll see if we can help.
6. School building access – By state order, students will not be permitted to be in any building after 3 pm on Monday. Adults may enter for short periods of time. If you need to grab something from a locker, the buildings will be open during normal business hours for an adult to pick it up. Arrangements can be made if you need to pick something up outside normal business hours.
7. Wellness Center – The wellness center is operated by Knox Community Hospital. At this time, they will operate during their normal hours. **NO STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED IN THE WELLNESS CENTER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
8. Athletics or other extra-curricular activities – All student activities are cancelled until further notice. No practices or games. Coaches are forbidden to set up practices even if it is off site. The track or outside facilities are available for anyone who would like to use them (including students.)

Please refer to the school website ([www.centerburgschools.org](http://www.centerburgschools.org)) for updates. If you have a question, please call the board office at 740-625-6346.

The school will do our best to serve our students and community through this time.