

WINTHROP HARBOR SCHOOLS

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Dear Students and Families,

Thank you for your extraordinary support over the past several days, as we have worked together to protect our community during the growing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. To further safeguard Illinois from the spread of the virus, Governor JB Pritzker has ordered residents to “Stay at Home”. He has also extended the mandatory school closures through April 7th. Although we anticipate that date may be extended again.

Free lunch and breakfast will still be available to all students. Food pick-up will be at North Prairie on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

We are committed to keeping students engaged in their learning during this statewide school closure. We have a **Remote Learning link** on our website (www.whsd1.org) to guide you and your students to learning activities. Next week was officially our spring break, so there will only be a few things that appear for students to complete. This will give you and your children time to ease into remote learning. We will consider next week to be a “practice run”. Remote Learning will officially begin on March 30, 2020. At that time, teachers/staff will be available to help and answer questions from 8:30am-1:30pm. A teacher might not respond immediately, but they will respond within a reasonable time during that time frame. Teachers may hold Google Meet ups with students at specific times, otherwise students are able to work at their own pace during the day. You are strongly encouraged to work with your child to come up with a daily schedule that fits your family needs.

On the Remote Learning page there is a link to **Westfield and NPJH Attendance Check-in**. We ask you to do this for **each** child **everyday** before 12:00pm (noon). If you do not check your student in, our secretaries will be in contact with you via email or cell phone. If they call your cell phone, the number may come up “Blocked”.

Westfield Students: On the remote learning website, there is a link to Westfield School. In the folder, there is a folder for each grade level. In each folder is the “Week at a Glance” for the grade level. This

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will tell you what needs to be completed daily. Teachers will reach out through their platform to let you know how to access information (Google Classrooms, Seesaw, Class Dojo, Email, Remind). If you don't hear from your child's teacher, please email the teacher or Mrs. Poepping.

North Prairie Students: Students should log into their class **Google Classrooms**. This is the main communication portal/tool that will be used. You will also see a link to **"Weekly At A Glance"**. This is organized by homeroom to give parents and students an overview of expectations and activities for the week.

On the Remote Learning link, please find the **WHSD Remote Learning Plan for Students and Parents**. This document will outline guidelines. Please use this as a guide. Our plan is to start slow and easy to help everyone involved be successful. These are uncharted waters that we are trying to navigate through. We expect there to be hiccups along the way, but we will do everything in our power to work through them together.

Concern over this new virus can make children anxious. It is very important to remember that children look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If adults seem overly worried, children's anxiety may rise. Adults should reassure children that health and school officials are working hard to ensure that people throughout the country stay healthy.

The National Association of School Psychologists has additional guidelines about talking to children about COVID-19 at

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource).

We will continue to inform you as quickly as we can about any further changes to school services.

We appreciate your partnership, and we will get through this together. Please stay safe!!

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