



Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9-12 Students:

As you have heard by now, on Sunday night an announcement was made by our State that students in grades 9-12 would be continuing their education virtually beginning Wednesday of this week at least through December 8 of 2020. We have been working with your child to make sure they are prepared and have what will be required of them to complete the tasks that will be assigned. To follow is a copy of an email that was sent to your child last night. Please read it so that you too are informed! Please also note, that there are some students for particular reasons that will be asked to come into the building some days. If your child is one of these, you will receive a personal call from us. ALL OTHER GRADES WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN PERSON or in the format in which they are already learning. If there are additional changes, we will keep you updated. Please work with your children to maintain a normal routine. Thank you!!

Grades 9-12.....

All students in grades 9-12 will be going virtual on WEDNESDAY this week. That means tomorrow (Tuesday), Sherry will have a form for you to sign to release your laptop. You MUST have this form on file in the office to take your laptop home. You MUST also make sure you have your computer and a charging cord in your bag. DO NOT put other items in your bag with your laptop as this is a fire hazard and can also damage your computer. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for all damages.

You MUST also take any and all text-books home tomorrow with you. Make sure you sign these out with your teachers, and they have a record of what book you have. YOU will be held liable for all text-books to be returned. CLEAN out your lockers. Do not leave any unwanted/needed materials in your lockers. You do not want them to be smelly when you return.

Grades 11-12: Tech Center has its own schedule that you should have received or will receive. THIS IS ALSO important for you to follow. For those doing Job Placement, work directly with Mr. Walker so you know what is expected of you.

Right now, we are expecting you to return to FACE-TO-FACE instruction on DECEMBER 9th. It is highly likely that the STATE will extend this order and that we may not see you back before the Christmas holidays.



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With that said, it doesn't and shouldn't mean we won't SEE you. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for keeping your SAME schedule. YOU MUST log into your email account and to your Google Classroom/Meet each and every day at your normally scheduled class period. ATTENDANCE DOES COUNT EACH DAY/EACH HOUR. ALL GRADES WILL ALSO COUNT!! It is your responsibility to do all assignments and if you are having problems, then it is your responsibility to notify your teacher via email/phone/Google.

DO NOT SLOUGH OFF!! Your grade point averages count in high school and you MUST earn credit to pass out of a class and on to the next grade.

It is also highly possible that we will ask some of you to come into the school for some instruction. BE PREPARED for this in case we contact you.

This is NOT the way we want to be forced to educate, but it is important that we do our best to comply to the rules and regulations. WE WANT to be with our students, and hopefully we will be able to be back together in-person soon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. Know that I and your teachers are here to help you also. I expect to hear from you all and I too will be reaching out to check in with you.

BEST of LUCK as we navigate through this together! Please share this email with your family so they too stay informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terri Falkenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Terri Falkenberg/Superintendent
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