

WEST DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

West Deptford High School began preparing for Distance Learning Friday during the Teacher In-Service. Please note that as we do come up with a plan, some things may be modified and adjusted to ensure we are providing the best scenario we can create due to this “different scenario” in which we currently find ourselves. Classwork will be assigned for each day that school is scheduled to be in session; this does not include time that is needed for homework and study. As well, students will need to review their GOOGLE CLASSROOM for the dates due for class assignments, papers, quizzes, tests, graded discussion and homework. This is the student’s responsibility.

I am asking parents to help in this process by working with the students to create a routine at home; there should be a definite time when class work begins each day. Routine will be important to offset boredom once the newness of being home wears off. If a student is sick and will not be able to participate in our Distance Learning, parents are expected to communicate to your child’s teacher that they are sick. In this way, the teachers will know not to expect what is due on that day because the student is absent.

West Deptford’s Distance Learning Program will count toward our 180-day school calendar and details regarding this program. To ensure that everyone is prepared and has what they need, this plan will begin starting Tuesday, March 17th. Some of the expectations we have at this time are as follows:

- WDHS Staff Members will begin working at 8am remotely from home answering emails that come in from the previous night. I do ask that you email them with questions. Please do not call a teacher’s voicemail. Email is preferred for expediency purposes. However, if you need to speak to a teacher, you can contact 1-856-848-6110 ext 2628, leave a message, and my administrative team will translate information to the staff members.
- All assignments will be posted on Google Classroom by 9am each morning. In order to be counted (and graded) for the day, students must complete work for each class and turn it by midnight of the day it was assigned (*unless a long-term assignment is given by the teacher that stretches over a couple of days.)
- Each assignment will include a clear set of instructions to help students complete the task and hand in their work by the designated due date.
- Teachers will provide specific guidelines for any formal assessment that needs to be given within our window of school closure. For example, if a quiz/test needs to be given, the teacher will assign a specific time frame for that day so that he/she can monitor that assessment via Go Guardian. If assessments are necessary during this time, the teacher will provide advanced notice of the time/date to be given to allow students ample notice to ask questions beforehand.
- Teachers will be available to answer questions from their students between the hours of 9:30am-2:00pm each day. Please reach out via Google Classroom, email, Remind, etc. Please note that teachers will also be able to answer emails from parents.

The mission of the West Deptford Public Schools, valuing our tradition of excellence, is to develop well rounded, motivated, 21st century thinkers. As a result, learners will transition from competent students to productive and responsible citizens.

Students to Pick up Books and Personal Belongings:

Students will be permitted to return to school on Monday, March 16th, to pick up books and personal items from their lockers. Additionally, Alternative School students are to report to the main office to borrow a district-issued Chromebook. I will personally be in the building from 8:00am – 1:30pm if you need additional time to pick up your items.

Athletics and Activities:

All scheduled school events, competitions and athletics are canceled during the school closure. Moreover, we are notifying community groups/organizations scheduled to use our indoor facilities that their events will be cancelled.

Guidance Services:

Please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor via email between 9:30am-2pm each day. Students can contact their counselors via email or via Remind. If they have not already signed up for Remind, please review those codes below. If necessary, counselors will also be available through Google Hangouts for face to face video chats. Feel free to check out our school guidance department webpage for more details.

Ninth Graders

Students assigned to Mr. Baillie: Text @Baillie9 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Quindlen: Text @Quin9 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Canna: Text @Canna9 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Bonzella: text @Bonz9 to 81010

Tenth Graders

Students assigned to Mr. Baillie: Text @Baillie10 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Quindlen: Text @Equin10 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Canna: Text @Canna10 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Bonzella: text @Bonz10 to 81010

Eleventh Graders

Students assigned to Mr. Baillie: Text @Baillie11 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Quindlen: Text @Quin11 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Canna: Text @Canna-11 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Bonzella: text @Bonz11 to 81010

Twelfth Graders

Students assigned to Mr. Baillie: Text @Baillie12 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Quindlen: Text @Quin12 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Canna: Text @Canna12 to 81010
Students assigned to Mrs. Bonzella: text @Bonz12 to 81010

SAC – Mrs. Sanford - Text @sanf20 to 81010

Extra-Curricular -

- **Excursions** - All schedule field trips are cancelled for the next two weeks
- **Senior Trip** - with Disney closing, we do not have an answer at this time. We will continue to follow this and information will be provided to you as we receive it.
- **Spamalot** - Postponed to May 1, 2 and 3. (Again, this could change)
- **Blood Drive** - Cancelled

My communication with you will continue throughout this time, and, of course, I expect to hear from you if there are any difficulties with your student's online education. We know that there will be lots of questions throughout this time period. Please remember to reach out to anyone on my team:

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi bgismondi@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

Mrs. Kelly Clark – kclark@wdeptford.k12.nj.us (Curricular concerns/issues)

Mr. Tim Cammarota – tcammarota@wdeptford.k12.nj.us (Attendance Problems/Home Issues)

Mr. Jason Morrell – jmorrell@wdeptford.k12.nj.us (Practice Updates/Extra-Curricular Concerns)

Also, leave a message on 1-856-848-6110 x2628 for more information. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi