Bayshore Families,

The purpose of this correspondence is to update you on our current plans to remain in compliance with the direction we have received from the NJDOE in the event of an emergency closing.

On Wednesday, March 11th Bayshore staff diligently met to discuss and plan for the possibility of Virtual Home Instruction in the event of an emergency closing. In the event that schools are closed, the NJDOE has provided school districts with the opportunity to employ the Virtual Home Instruction component, which will count towards a day of school and should not impact the current school calendar. This option is only possible should it become necessary to close a school for a health related emergency. Below you will find information pertaining to the current plans that have been put in place and these plans may continue to evolve as more information and direction becomes available.

- Teachers have been discussing their specific classroom plans and procedures with their students and outlining their requirements. Mr. Gannon and I spoke briefly with each grade level during their lunch periods.
- On days when school is closed for a health related emergency, teachers will post approximately 10-15 minutes of direct instruction and approximately 25-30 minutes of independent practice and classwork to their Google Classroom sites by 8:00 am. Teachers will be available, via Google Classroom, during their regularly scheduled class times.
- Students have until 11:59 pm, on the day the classwork is assigned, to submit their classwork to their teachers. Students are encouraged, but not required, to be present and complete the work during their regularly scheduled class time.
- Classwork that is provided daily must be submitted by the 11:59 pm deadline on the day it is assigned, as this will also be used for attendance purposes and verification.
- Students are encouraged to contact their teachers if they have questions during their regularly scheduled class times.
- The majority of the assigned work will be submitted electronically. In the event an assignment cannot be submitted electronically, these assignments must be submitted to the teacher when school reopens.
- Students should leave school each day prepared to engage in Virtual Learning the following day in the event these announcements are made after the school day has concluded. Any necessary materials should be taken home each day.
- We will continue to follow our regular A/B day schedule.
- There will be no advisory classes during Virtual Home Instruction days.
- Grades may not be entered into Powerschool each day and the entering of grades will be in accordance with regular classroom procedures.

The Bayshore staff is dedicated and committed to preparing for and executing our Virtual Home Instruction plans in the event these days are needed. We are confident that our fine staff will be able to continue to provide instruction and support while advancing the curriculum. The information remains fluid and we will continue to adjust as needed. Thank you and we appreciate your anticipated cooperation as we navigate these new procedures. Be well.

Sincerely,

Michael Scarano
Principal
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