

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMANTON

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Dear Parents and Students:

We are continuing to gather information and adjust our plans as we forge through this path of uncharted territory in our lives and in our education system.

- I would like to thank our teaching staff for diligently communicating with students through this process as teachers adapt their teaching methods.
- I would like to thank our office staff for continuing to gather information to communicate with families.
- I would like to thank our food service staff, custodians, and bus drivers for working to get the meals out to our families, sanitizing our facilities, and adjusting to this sudden change to their daily routine.

Our new learning path is being adapted and fine-tuned every day. Teachers have dived in to train students with the use of new technology before they left the building on March 17. As technology issues arise, please stay in contact with the school as we will assist families as needed.

- Elementary students will have a packet exchange on Mondays with school supplies, along with some online activities.
- Grades 6-12 classroom teachers plan to provide students a weekly common learning plan starting March 23 using students' school email, which accesses Google Classroom. Parents are encouraged to monitor the learning plans with their children.

Our instructional goals are the following:

- No more than 10-15 minutes of new instruction per class each day.
- No more than 60 minutes per week of follow-up work in 6th-8th grade, and 90 minutes of work per week of follow-up work in 9th-12th grade per class for students. Follow-up work should be able to be completed without help from a family member.

- Teachers can be available during school hours. An example, if students are requesting help they can email teachers. If students need an in-person conversation with a teacher, we can use phone calls or create a Google Meeting for a video conference.
- If families have questions or concerns they should contact teachers. If teachers feel your child is not progressing or needs extra help, teachers or Mr. Rud will contact parents.
- If issues arise, the staff will be flexible with deadlines. The amount of homework that works best for students and teachers alike is something we can adjust as we move forward, to make this a positive learning experience for everyone.

As a school district, we will continue to share information as often as we can. Gilmanton is a small and proud district, and with us all working together we will rise through challenging times together. Check your email regularly!

Seniors- This situation has impacted the home stretch of your senior year. Graduation will happen, but at this time we do not know when, where or how. When we know more, we will let you know. In the meantime, keep up with your classes and contact the school if you have technology-related or other questions.

As we are daily getting more information from the state on the release of new mandates, etc., everything is subject to change. Our staff will strive to update families the best we can.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rud