

Hi WHS Parents and Families, I hope everyone is staying positive and healthy. I am going to continue to send my weekly Sunday email during our time away from school to provide you with updates and resources. Here is some important information regarding the upcoming week:

**Week of April 6th - April 10th**

***Monday - Day 16 (of school closure)***

***Tuesday - Day 17***

***Wednesday - Day 18***

***Thursday – Day 19***

***Friday – Day 20***

**Events/Important Information**

**\*Monday, May 4th** is the anticipated date for school opening. We will let you know ASAP if that date changes.

\*If your student is experiencing technical difficulties with their school-issued chromebook or has difficulty accessing online learning opportunities at WHS, please click [HERE](#).

\*WHS Student Gmail accounts have been officially set up. In order for students to activate their student gmail accounts, they will need to login to google (on their WHS account) and follow [THESE INSTRUCTIONS](#). Please note that all WHS students are expected to abide by the WHS Internet Acceptable Use Policy (located in the school handbook)

\*Given our newly extended time away from school, we have begun the process of developing more structured and detailed remote learning opportunities for our students. We will be finalizing the new Remote Learning Plan for WHS over the next few days. I will be reaching out to you with specifics as soon as the plan is ready to be implemented.

Please note that our current academic plan (see below in red) will remain in place until further notice.

*\*In response to the prolonged closure of our schools, our teachers will be providing suggested online learning opportunities for the students in each of their classes using their online platforms (ex: Google Classroom, Schoology, etc). Teachers will be posting suggested assignments/opportunities every few days. At this time the assignments are not mandatory and will not be graded but we strongly encourage students to engage in this work. The purpose of this work is to continue the learning process and maintain the home-school connection. Our short term plan of engaging our students and providing them with educational opportunities is similar to the approach taken by other school districts. This plan will be in place until further notice. We will adjust this plan accordingly if the school's closure goes beyond that date.*

*\*The purpose of these engagement opportunities and resources is to review and provide enrichment of previously learned material, and exposure to new material. We do not expect that our students will master new material and work will not be graded. Our goal is for students to explore topics and review materials with the hope that they will be prepared to return to school when the time comes.*

*\*The work provided by teachers will not be graded. Students will not be “behind” their classmates if they do not complete assignments during the school closure. However, by completing and submitting*

*assignments, students will provide teachers with data that will allow them to provide daily feedback and help them eventually transition students back to school.*

*\*The engagement opportunities that we are providing for our students should not be another source of stress for them during this difficult time. If your student needs additional support because of their stress or anxiety regarding their school work, please reach out to their teacher and/or guidance counselor. Additionally, our School Adjustment Counselor, Nurse, and School Psychologist are available via email.*

\*[Click here](#) for a list of all WHS teachers (including contact information), their courses, and the online learning platform that they are using to provide learning opportunities for their students.

\***2020/21 Student Schedules** Please contact your student's Guidance Counselor if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's 2020-21 school schedule.

\*[Click here](#) to view the Guidance Department's Quarter 3 Newsletter.

\***FOR SENIORS:** WHS Scholarship Applications are available on the [Guidance Website](#). All Senior students have been made aware of the scholarship application process and due date. **The deadline for the scholarship applications that are posted on our website is Friday, April 10th. Applications will not be accepted past the due date.**

**The essay portion of the Facella Scholarship Application will be done remotely. There will be more information to follow.**

\*Please follow me on Twitter [@WinthropHS](#) for additional WHS updates/information.

\*[Click here](#) to view the "Principal's Blog" which highlights student achievement as well as other happenings at Winthrop High School.

\*[Click here](#) to view Superintendent Howard's update from March 18th, 2020.

\*If you know a parent/guardian that is not receiving these emails, please have them contact me at [mcrombie@winthrop.k12.ma.us](mailto:mcrombie@winthrop.k12.ma.us). My weekly email updates can also be found on the WHS website by clicking [HERE](#).