

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Students,

It is indeed an unsettling time for all of us as we face the unknown challenges and threats of COVID-19. We certainly do not know the full effect of what awaits health concerns in the future due to this virus; however, we are doing diligence to keep everyone safe yet continuing the learning process.

Staff has prepared educational packets for our elementary and middle school students for this upcoming week. Please return completed homework to teachers by March 27th. Teachers may have their own instructions on how they would like to receive homework so please follow each individual teachers plan. The important part is to keep the students assignment completion in a timely manner so no one gets behind. High school students will receive their assignments via Google Classroom or email. **Parents, if you do not have Internet, please contact the school so we can set alternative education or opportunities for your children.** Staff will be available to answer educational questions from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily through e-mail or ZOOM calls. If your child needs their band instruments, please contact the school for pickup times. Also do not forget the school offers Free lunches for our students with pickup days on Monday and Wednesday. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity; just contact the school so we prepare enough food.

We will continue to monitor information and directives from the state department as to school cancellations; however, it's extremely important for everyone to realize the full impact of this virus. Dr. Daniel Johnson of Nebraska Medicine states "In the USA, we have three pathways for COVID-19: *1. The country views this challenge like WW1 and WW2 and almost everyone does the right things, and we will be harmed but ok; 2. Many people do the right things, and many don't, and we will have the same struggles that Italy is enduring, 3. People blow this disease off as no big deal, and our health care system and life as we know it will be crippled.*" PLEASE for the health of our community and country- keep your children home and only leave home when necessary (doctor appointments and grocery runs). This is going to be difficult, especially right now when most people feel well, but predictions of the pandemic are real. Wouldn't it be wonderful to lessen the effects of this disease if we all did our part?

Also until further notice, all school activities plus field house usage have been cancelled.

If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the office. Thank you for your support as we ALL navigate through this troubled time, and let's pray for better days ahead.

In health and education,

Luanne Warren