March 13, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Our school division is being proactive in the event that schools have to close as a result of the spread of the coronavirus. Our preference is to continue with our school year as planned, but the serious nature of the disease has forced us to think ahead in the event of a closure. Families should plan on having limited access to school personnel in the event that the coronavirus continues to spread and impacts families in our community. Our ultimate goal is to protect the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families in our community.

During the period of time schools are closed, the school division has provided resources in this bag for students. Here are some important notes about these resources:

- The school division understands that there are some students who are unable to complete work independently. As a result, the work will not be graded or expected to be returned. Students will not be penalized in any way for incomplete work. However, by completing the work, the transition back to school will be easier when this crisis is over.

- The work aligns with curriculum that has already been taught and should be a review.

- Many students have access to course content and materials via Google Classroom.

- Valley Academy students may continue to access Courseware through Edmentum.

There are a number of online resources that may be accessed by families. Some of the websites that have resources appropriate for secondary students are as follows:

Google Classroom: https://classroom.google.com/h

Khan Academy: https://www.khanacademy.org/

Library of Congress: https://loc.gov/

Smithsonian Education: http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/index.html

TEDEd: https://ed.ted.com/

CK-12 Foundation: https://www.ck12.org/student/

Google Arts and Culture: https://artsandculture.google.com/

All of these websites have resources that are free. However, for full access a subscription is required. Any subscription fees would be the responsibility of the family.

Our school division will use SchoolMessenger to communicate about our response to coronavirus. Also, please continue to check our website (www.waynesboro.k12.va.us) for updates. The school division also recommends that parents access the resources on the National Association of School Psychologists website for guidance when talking to your child about coronavirus. The website is: https://www.nasponline.org/. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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