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Shamrocks,

As we close our fifth week of e-learning, I want to thank you for your continued support and commitment to student learning. Most importantly, I hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. This week's summary is an informational update as we prepare for the end of the second semester.

Hey Seniors!! Did you know that you have just a little over a week of school left? The last grade bearing assignment for Seniors will be Thursday, May 7, and your last day will be Wednesday, May 13. The time from your last day of assignments will be dedicated to completing assigned work.

For Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors, there are only 3 weeks remaining in the second semester. The last grade bearing assignment for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will be Friday May 15, and your last day of attendance will be Thursday, May 21. The time from your last day of assignments will also be dedicated to completing assigned work.

With these dates in mind, it is critically important that you are engaged for the final push of the semester. Be sure that you have completed and have submitted any remaining assignments that are due. Your teachers will be utilizing Friday, May 22, to finalize your semester grades.

Grading Practices Reminder

Excerpt from Dr. Cates' April 15 Email Regarding Grading Practices

Our grading practices are directly aligned with guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education that "remote learning, in and of itself, should not have an adverse impact on student grades." The following summary encapsulates the overall approach:

If a student had a passing grade as of March 16, then

- a) the student's grade at the end of the semester will be at least equal to the grade earned as of March 16, or
- b) the student's performance during the weeks of remote learning has demonstrated a depth of knowledge about the core concepts of the course such that the student has earned a grade higher than the grade as of March 16.

Any proposed grade of incomplete will be an uncommon exception and will be reviewed with the school's principal.

Institute Days and Reminders

A reminder to students that Monday Institute time is a great opportunity to complete e-learning assignments and projects, especially here at the end of the semester. This time will also be designated time for our faculty to participate in critical discussions about modifications for the end of this school year and for the start of next school year.

- It is helpful for students to know that on the Institute Days listed below, students do not register school attendance
- Teachers will not assign work on Institute Days
- Students may submit assignments on Institute Days
- The Institute Day is counted as a day of work in the 5-day assignment completion window

Remaining Designated Professional Development Days to Support Remote Learning:

- Monday, May 4
- Monday, May 11
- Monday May 18
- Friday, May 22

Summer School 2020 Update

Summer School 2020 will consist of two semesters and each semester will be delivered via remote learning. No in-person summer school courses will be offered this year. The summer school calendar has not changed from its originally scheduled days. Semester one will be held from June 2 through June 23, and semester two will be in session from June 24 through July 15. Remote learning will take place from 8:00 until 11:30 a.m. (STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE DURING THE 8:00-11:30 CLASS TIME), Mondays through Thursdays during summer school, and summer school classes will not be held on Fridays.

Registration began on Wednesday, April 29, with initial registration running through May 8. More information about summer school was emailed, this past Wednesday, April 29, including details on the staggered summer school registration window as well as a list of courses that will be available for students this summer.

Please be safe and healthy during this most difficult time.

Stay well,

Jessica Orstead
Program Administrator

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