

April 24, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians of Todd Beamer High School scholars,
I hope this message finds all of you well and healthy! Let it be known that every staff member misses being at school, teaching our scholars, being a consistent presence in their lives. These last six weeks seem like an eternity since we were last in the building, and yet here we are.

As we complete the first full week of *Remote Instruction*, I am reminded of how far our district and our schools have come to create an environment of learning far removed from what we ever could have imagined when school started eight months ago. Little did we know that we wouldn't be able to return back to *normal*. **This** is our new normal, and we need to work together in trust and support to make the best of it.

Our teachers have been amazing and have adapted to this pedagogical shift, and they are relying on your partnership to ensure all of our scholars are engaged. Will you help us help your student by ensuring that each student: 1) connects with their teacher 2) ensure they are reading the class emails through Synergy/StudentVue 3) ensure they are doing the assignments on Canvas and that they are also working to improve their grades by re-visiting standards they haven't mastered before the school closure on March 13.

By now, your student should have received an email and/or a Zoom "invitation" from every single one of his/her/their teachers. If they haven't, and they have tried to locate the email, **they will need to reach out to their teacher**. Lessons are being posted onto Canvas every Monday morning by 8:00 AM. Additionally, teachers are giving students multiple opportunities to master standards already taught prior to school closing. Also, scholars must log into Zoom using their real names as stated in Synergy. They are not allowed to use nicknames, as our teachers will only allow those scholars who are enrolled in their class to participate.

If you are parents/guardians of a 12th grade student, we know these weeks have been most anxiety-ridden. Superintendent Dr. Campbell, has held Zoom meetings for members of our senior class. While we don't have concrete answers regarding graduation or prom, I can tell you that work is underway to obtain input and ideas to ensure our seniors get the recognition and honor they deserve. **Attached is a "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet which gives insight into the work that is being done behind the scenes. Yes, there WILL BE A SENIOR Virtual Ceremony and we will be providing more detailed information on that in the days to come.**

We ask all of our seniors to update their contact information. It is imperative that we have their latest phone number and email address. And finally, we have plans to conduct a **Senior Class Zoom Meeting within the next couple of weeks** for our 12th graders, their Advisory teachers, and counselors. At this meeting, we plan to answer questions from the seniors themselves, and provide them with important information in order to reach the finish line. Be on the lookout for that **Invitation!**

I look forward to our meetings next week! Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. And on behalf of the entire teaching and support staff at Todd Beamer High School, we want you to know we are still here working in service to your children. We care. And we miss them.

All the best,

Anali Weatherhead, Principal