April 9, 2020

Good afternoon faculty, staff and families of the Canton Area School District:

As we bring this week to a close, I wanted to provide you with the few updates from the school district.

1. Earlier today, Governor Wolf announced the closing of school across the Commonwealth. This school closure means we will not be returning to our brick and mortar building for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We will be continuing with our Continuity of Education Plan and students will continue with education online through the end of the school year. More guidance will come in the coming weeks on our adjusted school year calendar. When we have finalized this calendar, we will post it on our website.  At this point, I can tell you that students will not be going any longer than June 10th.  Seniors will be graduating on May 29th.  Again, the final school day for K-11th grade is still somewhat fluid at this point.
2. Many of you have questions surrounding graduation. The administrative team has already met about this issue. Mr. Jacopetti will be updating the senior class on senior activities, graduation, and all other things involving senior activities. Please be on the look-out for this correspondence. I will be drafting a letter in the near future addressing the graduation issues and will be posting it on the website for the community to see.
3. Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue to follow the social distancing guidance from the PA Department of Health.  To this end, we are going to attempt to develop a plan for teachers and students to return to the buildings to gather belongings. A date has not been determined, but will be largely reliant on the PA Department of health social distancing guidance. Thanks for your patience with this.
4. Please continue to follow the school district through our Facebook page and our webpage. This afternoon, we created a video highlighting some of the great work students across the district has done as we moved forward with our Continuity of Education Plan.  This video can be found under the Community Tab of our webpage, then go to the Coronavirus updates, and look for the District Update sections of the Coronavirus Updates page. Also, you will notice that we have updated our Coronavirus page to highlight more recent updates and tools. You will continue to find information on here about happenings in the district, including report card updates, grab and go food distribution, pop pup pantries, and any other pertinent information from the school district.
5. Speaking of “pop up pantries, the Canton community will be hosting second pop up pantry this Monday, April 13.

What: The Canton Pop Up Food Pantry

When: Monday, April 13th. Times are as follows:

•           3:30 - 4:30 - Open to senior citizens

•           4:30 - 6:00 - Open to all members of the community

•           Backpacks will also be available for students at these same times (4:30 – 6:00).

Where: Parking lot next to the tennis court at the Canton Swimming Pool (same drop off as the “grab and go” pick-up)

Please note:

* Please plan on picking up this food as you did for our “grab and go” lunches.
* We will have additional staff in place for this process.
* Please continue to practice social distancing as we move forward with this program.
* Food for the Pop Up Pantry will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis

Also, this is your reminder that we will not have school tomorrow, Friday April 10th but will continue online on Monday, April 13th.  want to wish everybody an enjoyable Easter weekend, and as always, Stay Safe, Stay Home, and Stay Healthy!

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