

April 13, 2020

WCMS Parents and Guardians,

Based on the recommendation by Governor Kim Reynolds, all buildings in the Webster City Community School District continue to be closed until at least April 30, 2020. With this recent announcement, Webster City Middle School staff has begun the process of developing a method to provide *voluntary continuous learning* to all students in grades 5-8.

During the week of April 13th - 17th, WCMS staff will be attempting to communicate with students to explain the procedures for continuing student education through the platform Google Classroom. Teachers are developing lessons and assignments for students which will be posted on the Google Classroom sites. Although participation is voluntary we encourage and highly recommend that students participate in order to maintain and extend their level of understanding with the district curriculum standards.

Most Middle Schools students are familiar with Google Classroom as many have been using it in core academic classes this year. Students will continue to use the same username and password. One change is that students now have *all* of their scheduled classes (PE, Band, Guidance, Technology, etc.) accessible through Google Classroom. Students will sign into Google, click on the nine square “waffle” in the top right hand corner, then click on Classrooms. They will be able to see all of their Google Classrooms in this location.

Since *voluntary continuous learning* is optional, no grading of assignments will occur. However, staff members will be providing feedback on student assignments. The instruction will be asynchronous, meaning that students have the flexibility to work on lessons at the time of their choosing. If you have questions, feel free to contact your teachers through email. Email addresses can be found on the district website.

If you have any questions about the *voluntary continuous learning* plan for WCMS, please feel free to email your child’s homeroom teacher or one of the building principals.

Sincerely,

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