

# Wednesday Weekly

4/1/2020

## Principal's Note

Good evening!

I hope all of you are healthy in this chaotic time. By now you've probably seen the email sent by Superintendent Thomas regarding "KCS at Home", the online review and enrichment materials that we will be providing for all students. In the coming days, your student's teachers will reach out to touch base and offer assistance with any of these materials. As stated by Mr. Thomas, these materials are not mandatory and they will not be graded, but we strongly encourage students to take advantage of continued learning during the school closure.

Just like you, I am still anxiously awaiting what happens after April 24th with the school year and the planned end-of-year events such as prom and graduation. The State Board of Education meets next week, so hopefully we will have more guidance at that point.

-Mr. Long

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### KCS at Home Device Request Form

KCS is rolling out an initiative called "KCS at Home" beginning Monday, April 6th to offer students optional review and enrichment educational materials. We are working to make sure all of our Halls High School students have access to a Chromebook or a computer to work from home as the school district rolls out the "KCS at Home" resources on Monday, April 6th. Teachers will be in touch with students beginning Monday to help facilitate review and enrichment activities from home while schools are closed.

In order to facilitate this initiative, we are asking families of students that do not have access to a computer or a Chromebook to fill out the Google Form at the bottom of this announcement. This will allow us to set up device deployment on Monday. We are asking that parents of multiple students that need a Chromebook only fill this out once, as we will only issue one Chromebook per household.

## Supplemental Education Resources

Follow the link below to view a list of supplemental education resources available to students during the school closure. Please note these resources are not meant as a replacement for regular classroom instruction, but used as supplement resources to keep students engaged in grade-level content. Additionally, while school is closed, these resources will not be mandatory nor will they be graded in a particular class.

For students in AP classes, you will be hearing from your teacher for further word about preparation for AP exams.

<https://www.knoxschools.org/covid19update#resources>

## Scholarship Opportunities

There are two scholarship opportunities available to HHS Seniors. Online application packets are available on the school counseling page of the HHS website.

The HHS Alumni Association Scholarship Application deadline is extended until Friday, 3 April. Applications can be emailed to [Connieahunter@icloud.com](mailto:Connieahunter@icloud.com).

The Halls Crossroads Women's League is offering a \$2000 scholarship to a Class of 2020 female student. The deadline is April 6th.

## Field Trips Canceled

All field trips for the remainder of the school year will be canceled. When we return to school on April 27th, there will only be 18 instructional days remaining, and less than that for our seniors. Therefore, we have made a school-wide decision to maximize instructional time in the classroom.

## Graduation Requirements

Many of you have reached out about graduation requirements for our 12th grade students including Personal Finance/Economics, Civics exam, etc... I have been told that word is coming regarding these matters, but I don't know what that word is yet. Be encouraged that thousands of students across the state are all in the same situation, so I don't expect the Department of Education will treat these students unfairly.

## Free Meals to any child under 18

HHS is a distribution site for free meals to any child under 18 years old. We are serving on Monday & Wednesday mornings from 10-12 while schools are closed. Children must be present to receive meals.

## TN Promise Community Service Waived

Due to the current state of emergency related to COVID-19 the Tennessee Higher Education Commission/Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (THEC/TSAC) has made the decision to waive the April 1 community service requirement. A TN Promise student enrolling at an eligible institution for the summer 2020 term will not be required to complete and submit community service to maintain eligibility for that term.

## Lifetouch Spring Photos

If you had spring photos scheduled with Lifetouch, those have been canceled and you will be receiving a refund from Lifetouch within 10-14 days.

## Track and Football Field Use

As has been the long-standing tradition in this community, the track is accessible when school is not in session for walking and running. The turf football field; however, is only to be used by permission and reservation only. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Student Schedules for Fall 2020

As we are in the midst of student course sign-up for next school year, we encourage parents to maintain communication with your student and our school counselors regarding recommended course selection.