

Wednesday Weekly

4/8/2020

Principal's Note

Good evening!

What a busy week it has been at the school serving meals and handing out KCS at Home packets to grades PreK-8. As of last week, the most meals we had served on any given day at HHS was 320. Today, we handed out 680 meals! I want to express my deepest gratitude for the hardworking staff volunteers from all of our Halls Community schools, and to all of you who experienced a long wait on Monday. I'm pleased to say things progressed much more smoothly today.

Many of you have reached out offering to volunteer, and I truly appreciate your willingness. At this time, KCS is only allowing employees to volunteer.

As you'll see in the announcements below, the State Board of Education meets this Thursday, so hopefully we will have more guidance about academics, grades, graduation requirements, testing, and curriculum at that point.

Best regards,
Mr. Long

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meals & "KCS at Home"

This being a holiday weekend, we will not serve food on Friday. We will serve food from 10-12AM on Monday and Wednesday next week. New KCS at Home packets for PreK-8 students will be distributed on Wednesday next week following the same traffic pattern that was used today.

Any high school student still needing a Chromebook should email Mr. Long at spencer.long@knoxschools.org.

AP Exam Updates

Exam Dates

- Exams will be given from May 11–22.
- Makeup test dates will be available for each subject from June 1–5.
- Students can take exams at home or in schools, if they reopen.
- Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide.

Exam Format

- Most exams will have one or two free-response questions, and each question will be timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question.
- Students will be able to take exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. They'll be able to type and upload their responses or write responses by hand and submit a photo via their cell phones.
- For most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, plus an additional 5 minutes for uploading. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up.
- Certain courses—Art and Design: 2D; Art and Design: 3D; Computer Science Principles; Drawing; Research; and Seminar—will use portfolio submissions and will not have a separate online exam. All deadlines for these submissions have been extended to May 26, 2020, 11:59 p.m. ET. Teachers and students may receive separate course-specific communications.
- Students taking world language and culture exams will complete two spoken tasks consistent with free-response questions 3 and 4 on the current AP Exam. Written responses will not be required. We'll provide additional details in the coming weeks to help students prepare.

TN State Board of Education meeting

The State Board will meet on April 9 beginning at 3:00. Here is a link with the agenda and video if you are interested in watching. We are hoping to have several of our questions answered during this meeting, so you are welcome to join in and watch.

<https://www.tn.gov/sbe/meetings/meetings-calendar/2020/4/9/april-9-2020-sbe-conference-call-meeting.html>

Free reading material

Mrs. Hartsell, our school librarian, has put together this list of sources for free eBooks and audiobooks that students, parents, and teachers can access.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IHE8ih_0llz4v1rXxZtQ4FivWjYCeitKytvZjKnIXz4/edit?usp=sharing

Cheerleading Tryouts

All cheer tryouts have been postponed at this time. A new date is still to be determined.

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.

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.



April Senior Memo.pdf

Families of Seniors, please see the Senior Memo from the School Counseling Office.



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