



April 26, 2020

Dear Harpurville Families:

I hope you had an enjoyable day yesterday and had the opportunity to get outside to soak up a little sun and warmth. Nice weather brings a little bit of joy and so do kind, caring, and giving people that extend goodness to others. We have so many examples of that in our school community over the past many weeks, some of which I'll highlight below. With that in mind, I'm pleased to provide some important information and updates for this week.

Grab-and-go meals continue this week with one additional meal served for the weekend...

Our meal distribution plan in the district will be the same for this week as it was for last week. This includes the locations and times that we've been at the different drop-off sites within the district too. Furthermore, the Broome County meal pick-up locations are posted on the website and can be found in the "letters and special notifications" section on the webpage dedicated to coronavirus information or at this link: <https://www.hcs.stier.org/Downloads/Broome%20County%20Meal%20Sites%204-27%20to%205-1%20FINAL.pdf>. Consistent with past couple of weeks, you will notice that we are serving meals on Monday and Thursday of this week and each person will receive 3 breakfast and 3 lunch meals to cover each of the respective days (Monday-Wednesday and then Thursday-Saturday).

Our "closed until" date is through May 15th...

As of this moment today, the timeline established by the Governor for our tentative return to school remains the same. The latest Executive Order has schools closed through May 15th (meaning the return date would be on the 18th). I'm listening to the Governor's daily press briefing as I write this letter and there is no update regarding schools, even when asked specific questions about schools. We are likely to hear an update this week and if that happens, I will be sure to communicate with you as soon as I can. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the health of our society allows us to return to school and begin to build our new normal.

The list of superstars in our district continues to grow...

I've been pleased and humbled to highlight the stars in our district that have been working so diligently to take care of others. Leading that pack has been the team of people providing food service and this group of dedicated people just continues to shine. Another group deserving of our recognition and gratitude is our PTSA! In conjunction with several of our school staff members the PTSA has been doing an amazing

job of recognizing and celebrating our senior class, the Class of 2020! Please join me in extending an enormous ***THANK YOU*** to our PTSA and those members of our school staff that have been working to recognize our seniors. For example, I hope you've been able to see the senior shout-outs each day. Also, on Friday, a group from the PTSA and school staff visited the homes of our senior class members to put out the yard signs highlighting our "Hornet Seniors". You may have noticed these signs if you've been out over the weekend and if you haven't seen one yet, you will and they look amazing! Thank you to the PTSA and to the Harpursville Teacher's Association for providing the resources for these signs and for making sure that our students are celebrated!

Our quarter 4 instruction and grading plan was provided this past week...

There is still responsibility and accountability for the students in terms of making sure they successfully complete their coursework during the period of closure. In fact, just a couple of days ago, the district's plan for instruction and grading of students during the 4th quarter of the school year was provided on the website, through email, and a direct mailing to each family is on its way. The document can be viewed here: <https://filecabinet4.eschoolview.com/41B44D8E-A01B-40B6-B424-AB449D0A08C1/Quarter4Instructionandgradingplan.pdf> . It is important that students continue to learn during this school year. Please stay in touch with your teachers as the teachers are your best resource!

The district website continues to be the best resource for accurate information...

In closing, please continue to check the website for updates and information related to our school closure as a result of the coronavirus. Our webpage dedicated to this information is located at: <https://www.hcs.stier.org/coronavirusinformation.aspx>. I will continue to provide important updates, as necessary, by direct emails and through posts on our website. Please be sure to contact your child's teachers, counselor, principal, other administrator, or me if we can be of any assistance. We are here to help!

Best wishes for your well-being and safety!

Yours in education,



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