

March 17, 2020

Arcadia Parents,

I want to thank you all for your patience as we here at Arcadia, and throughout SUSD, work through this unprecedented situation. I know that you have many questions and concerns. I will do what I can to supplement for you any SUSD communications as it relates specifically to Arcadia High School. Above and beyond that, please know that I am thinking of you and your student(s) during this time. I would appreciate you telling them hello on my behalf, and that I miss them. I hope that each of you stays healthy and safe.

I want to be sure that you are aware that Nutritional Services is ensuring that students are fed throughout the school closures. The closest location to Arcadia is Tavan Elementary. Two meals per day will be provided to students (they must be present at time of meal pick up). Meals can be picked up between 9:30am and 11:00am. Details were shared through SUSD and can be accessed at:

https://www.susd.org/cms/lib/AZ50000436/Centricity/shared/covid-19/2020_03_14_Non-Congregate%20Feeding%20Plan.pdf

Many Arcadia students take medication at school. If during the closure you need to have that medication at home you may pick it up today, March 17, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm or tomorrow, March 18, from 8:00am - 10:00am. You should have already received a notification about this.

A plan to shift to online instruction is currently being developed. This would include training opportunities for teachers, as well as an opportunity for teachers to plan and post online lessons for their students. Details of the plan are still being developed and will be communicated out to staff, and then to parents. It is our intention to begin online instruction as quickly as feasible, perhaps as early as Monday, March 23. Teachers are aware that assignments are not to be considered as "due" this week, and that any assignments due next week would be based on online instruction presented to students next week. It is understood that some students may not have access to devices and/or the internet. A plan is being developed to address and resolve this issue.

A major topic of concern are our activities for graduating students, including Senior Breakfast, Senior Picnic, Senior Honors and Awards Ceremony, Prom, and the Graduation Ceremony. I ask that you understand that it is too early for us to comment on those activities at this time. I also ask you to understand that our primary focus will be ensuring that our senior students are able to earn the credits required to graduate.

Many of you also have questions about high stakes testing such as AIMS Science, AzM2 (this year's replacement for AzMERIT), Advanced Placement course tests, CTE course assessments, and other tests such as the ACT and SAT. For each of those, we must await guidance from the respective organizations. Once we receive that information, we will share it with you. All that I can add at this time is that CTE course assessments have been postponed and are pending reschedule dates.

We care about your student's well-being. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your administrator or counselor to see how we can help. Knowing that this is a stressful time for students, you can visit the link below for resources to utilize when speaking with your students. It is from the National Association of School Psychologists.

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

Please understand that this situation is fluid, and seemingly changes by the minute. SUSD is committed, as am I, to providing you with accurate information and updates.

Professionally,
Todd Stevens
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