

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to students, parents, and teachers as we have made it to the halfway mark for our online learning program! As the end of the school year approaches, you will find the information below to be helpful in your planning:

- Online learning will continue full-time through Friday, May 29.
- The week of June 1-5 has been designated for students and teachers to tie up loose ends.
- The week of June 8-12 will be used by teachers to finalize and report the 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester grades.
- We will not hold final exams this semester due to the unusual circumstances.
- A number of courses will still require some kind of wrap-up test, cumulative project, or final paper.
- Those tests/papers/projects that serve as a final assessment will be counted as part of the 4th Quarter grade.
- Our regular grading scale will be used for determining 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester grades (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F).
- A student's 2nd Semester grade will be calculated using the average of 3rd and 4th Quarter grades. Credit is then awarded for all passing (60% or higher) semester grades.
- Grades for the 2019-20 school year will be sent to students and parents on June 15.

The teachers have been putting in a tremendous amount of hours to provide distance learning for their classes that will allow students to move forward. Almost all of our students have been fulfilling their responsibilities for the new learning and related assignments. Regardless, it is very important for students and parents to understand that even the very best online learning program can only accomplish a portion of what is done when students are meeting face-to-face with their classmates and teacher. Therefore, we will be prepared to tackle the challenge of providing some remediation and catch-up learning for our students that return in the fall.

We know that many of you are anxiously awaiting information about graduation and other end-of-year events for the Senior Class. As the picture of the stay-at-home orders for May/June becomes more clear, plans for those events will be finalized. We hope to be able to share more on May 1. If you have any suggestions for alternative ways in which to hold those events, please share them with Dr. Brandt (jbrandt@vlhs.com).

Thank you for your support of this distance learning and for helping your student to have a successful experience. Here at Valley, we are all praying regularly for you and your family and are very much looking forward to being back with the students as soon as possible!

In His Service,
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