

SOLON MIDDLE SCHOOL COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR MARCH 15, 2020

Dear Solon Middle School Students and Families,

As you probably have heard by now, the Solon Schools are **CLOSED tomorrow, March 16**. We know what a challenging time this is for everyone.

PICKING UP NECESSARY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Students only (no parents) may come to SMS tomorrow, March 16, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to pick up necessary educational materials in their lockers. Students must enter SMS through door number 12 on the north side of the parking lot. This is the same door that students enter when dropped off in the morning.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON GRADES AND THE END OF 3RD QUARTER:

The SMS administration has amended how 3rd quarter grades will be determined. This is different for high school credit courses vs. those that are not attached to high school credit.

Non-High School Credit Courses

Students, your 3rd quarter grade for all non-high school credit courses is closed as of Friday, 3/13.

High School Credit Courses

If your Algebra I, Honors Geometry or World Language class did not have an assessment scheduled for tomorrow, your 3rd quarter grade is closed as of Friday, 3/13. If one of these classes did have an assessment (including World Language speaking tests) scheduled for tomorrow, you have the following options:

1. If you are satisfied with your grade as it currently stands, you will be exempt from the test and your 3rd quarter grade will close as of 3/13.
OR
2. You can reach out to your teacher to take an alternate assessment. Your teacher will post the assessment to Google Classroom by 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 3/17. You will need to complete this alternate assessment by 3 p.m. on 3/17. Your 3rd quarter grade will then close 3/17.

INCOMPLETES:

With Governor DeWine's message today that, "While we have closed schools for three weeks, the odds are that this is going to go on a lot longer," the SMS administration is realistic about what we can expect students to "make up" several weeks or even months from now.

Therefore, any students who missed school 3/10 through 3/13 need to work directly with your teachers to make sure all assignments are completed digitally by 3 p.m. on Thursday, 3/19.

Grades for 3rd quarter will be posted in PowerSchool in early April. A message will be sent to you when report cards are posted.

4TH QUARTER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Learning opportunities for students moving forward will begin on Wednesday, 3/18.

MEDICATIONS:

If your child has a prescription medication that is administered at school, **parents or guardians** only should pick up the medication in the clinic at school tomorrow between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Enter the building at the main office in the bus turn-around. Family members picking up medications must come to the clinic and then exit the building immediately.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Social distancing is critical to minimize the spread of COVID-19. If you are coming to the building tomorrow, it is imperative that students go directly to their lockers to get what they need and exit the building immediately. Again, only students should enter the building unless the parent is picking up medication. Student and parents should not congregate in and around the building.

If you have questions, please contact your building principal via email.

Thank you for your support.