



White Pigeon Community Schools

"Every Student—Every Day"

March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

Last night, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan, she is ordering the closure of all K-12 school buildings starting Monday, March 16, until Sunday, April 5th. Under this directive, school buildings are scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6th. (See information below about Spring Break).

Additional information can be found on the Michigan government website at: <http://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0.9309.7-387-90499-521560-.00.html>. Governor Whitmer stated, "This is a necessary step to protect our kids, our families, and our overall health. I am working with partners across state government to ensure educators, parents, and students have the support they need during this time, and to ensure our children who rely on schools for meals have access to food. I know this will be a tough time, but we're doing this to keep the most people safe. I urge everyone to make safe choices during this time and to do everything they can to protect themselves and their families."

The Governor's closure encompasses 14 school days and the county has decided to keep our Spring Break intact as scheduled (April 6-10, 2020). We made this determination understanding that staff and families may have unchangeable plans in place during Spring Break, so we will resume student instruction on Monday, April 13, 2020. If the state forgives the Governor's closure days, our last day of school will remain on June 4, 2020. If some or all of the days are not forgiven, we may have to add make-up days in June. We will provide updates as we learn more from the Governor.

One of our primary concerns is ensuring students have adequate food resources while school is not in session. The St. Joseph County Human Services Commission offers information related to food pantries available in our county. The website resources information page link is <https://www.sjchumanservices.com/resources.php>. Additionally, we will be adding to our district website a list of locations where food is available next week.

Health and safety of students has to be the primary concern, but we know many families will be looking for resources to help their students stay engaged in learning during this time. Here are a few websites that are recommended by families, for families:

- <https://www.verywellfamily.com/best-free-educational-websites-for-kids-3129084>

- <http://adayinourshoes.com/free-educational-websites-for-kids/>

- [Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings:](#)

http://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NUKLZN7hGSu1Hzm70kfzBKs-1sSELaEMggS60Bi202I/htmlview?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwAR3QqmGRjlnVjQEYVpcHLLsin9FCBjzC-FL1KiLFv4cdZc6gIBQGTUoZAWo&sle=true&pru=AAABcPgmdIQ*ZCUfuNKFsGBLpYGj2xixdw

- [Comcast offering 'Internet Essentials' package free for low-income customers for 60 days:](#)

<http://www.wxyz.com/news/national/coronavirus/comcast-offering-internet-essentials-package-free-for-60-months-during-coronavirus-outbreak?fbclid=IwAR1sTF358rJmcdroZs-8cZf57Y0CR4hmTGbgcnulVLc1YYvkkWY68mEddqo>

Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses will likely be utilizing online learning during the closure. Dual enrollment students should contact their instructor to coordinate how this will work for that instructor's class.

Go to our district website (www.wpcschools.org) for additional resources regarding food resources, sports practice, and other school activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 269-483-7676

Sincerely,

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