

March 14, 2020

Hello STHS Students and Families,

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we navigate a rapidly changing health crisis and work together to protect the well-being and safety of our community. Note that you are receiving “emergency” messages because we need to bypass Aeries permissions to ensure notification for everyone.

You should have received two separate messages from LTUSD regarding school closure in response to the COVID 19 virus.

- One is an announcement from El Dorado County regarding a county-wide approach to school closure in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- The second is from LTUSD outlining expected dates of closure, students’ access to learning, educational services for students with 504s and IEPs, and food services.

In this case, *school closure* means that students will not have access to the physical campus. However, our goal is to provide access to learning through technology tools and teacher-directed activities. While the intent of the district is to close schools through Spring Break, updates will be sent each Thursday advising on the following week’s closure.

Additionally, it is important to remember that our schools are closing to help reduce transmission of the virus through “social distancing”. Please follow the County Public Health Officer’s directive to stay home and minimize social contact to the extent possible.

Schedule this Week: March 16-20

Monday

- Snow Day
- Expect a message from STHS outlining event and activity status (ie. PSAT etc.)

Tuesday

- Teachers will refine our plans to support learning from home and begin to communicate with students in their classes by the afternoon.
- STHS will send a message Tuesday afternoon to students and parents with details on how to access classwork and students may begin assigned work.

Wednesday

- Students check teachers’ Google Classroom and student email for teacher instructions and attendance procedures.

Thursday

- Check your email and Aeries for an update from LTUSD on school closure for the week of March 23rd. Students continue learning via teacher instructions.

Friday

- Students check teachers' Google Classroom and student email for teacher instructions and attendance.

Remote Learning Platform to Continue Learning from Home

Due to our ongoing 1:1 Chromebook program, student responses to our readiness assessment indicated that only a small portion of our students do not have access to either the internet or a computer at home. (Our staff will be reaching out to students who need access directly via phone starting Monday.)

Our incredible teachers have already begun to plan for teaching via remote learning technology to provide continuity of learning.

- The primary platform for two-way communication, assignments, and attendance will be **Google Classroom**. Teachers will also use a combination of video presentations, video conferencing for virtual interactions, and other tools and technologies their students are familiar with.
- We will be adding more information to the STHS website and will continue to keep the site updated.

Food Services

LTUSD has already begun to plan for delivering breakfast and lunch via bus routes. Details coming soon. THANK YOU to kind souls who have already reached out with concern for our students' nutritional needs.

Special Education and 504 Services

The plan to serve our students will evolve, but we want you to know that we are ensuring that your child's IEP and 504 services and supports are being considered in the development of distance learning access and activities. Please see the letter from the district for more details. Again, more information will be provided as we proceed.

Finally, we realize that this is a very unpredictable time for everyone, especially our most vulnerable. However, our community has a tremendous amount of empathy, creativity, and perseverance. I am confident we will all learn together and support one another through the weeks to come. Our office will continue to be staffed for portions of the day, please reach out to the school if you have questions or concerns.

In Community -

Carline Sinkler

Principal