

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Re: Updated Information Regarding Peace's Distance Learning Plan (4th Quarter)

Greetings, Peace students and parents,

As we go forward with the "no face-to-face" instruction order, let's stop and take a much-needed breath and focus on our mission. Even in this time of "sheltering in place," "staying home," and "no gathering with others," we are still "disciples who Gather, Grow and Go to make disciples." We continue to share God's love, His Word and His plan of salvation to others. We continue to be loving missionaries of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I personally want to thank you, parents, our partners in ministry, for taking on so much with your child being home now and still trying to learn and grow spiritually during the stay-at-home order.

Peace Lutheran School's plan for the remainder of the school year is to continue instruction and learning through a virtual or distance classroom. This can look different for the various grade levels and teachers. We are sensitive to the fact that there are some challenges in this new learning environment. We are working hard to customize the education plans for each grade level. Your child's teacher will be communicating with you on a weekly basis and will schedule specific times they are available for your child to communicate with them.

Weekly chapel will continue on Wednesdays at 7:55am on Facebook Live at [www.Facebook.com/PeaceSaginaw](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceSaginaw). Please note that you do not need a Facebook account to view the live chapel videos. Students are asked to participate in chapel each week, and parents are also encouraged to participate.

Regular student attendance will be taken on the basis of students' communication with their teachers and with turning in assignments in a timely manner. Teachers will reach out to those students who are not communicating or turning in assignments.

Our "specials" classes will continue as a part of instruction and learning. Specials will include Art, P.E., Spanish and Technology. To lighten the class load, we are going to count students singing at chapel and worship services as credit for music. Specials will be planning one lesson per week. To alleviate some of the email traffic, these lessons will be posted in your child's Google Classroom by the teacher by noon on Mondays and will be due the following Friday by noon. For students in our band programs, Mrs.

Sugden will continue to provide resources and ways students can practice for band. These will be recommendations and not assignments for students to keep their skills in shape for next year.

If your student is in our resource program, they will continue to receive resources to assist their learning through Mrs. Witchger. If your child is struggling because of the different learning environment, please reach out to your child's teacher for assistance.

Although the style of instruction has changed, learning has not stopped. Peace was proactive and prepared lessons and instruction from the beginning of this executive order and will continue instruction until May 29, which will be our new last day of school. All assignments, projects and tests need to be completed and turned in by this day. Plans for turning in textbooks will be announced at a later date.

In closing, we are in this together and are all doing our best. We appreciate all that you are doing to work with your child and their teacher during this time. We can not do this without you. Do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to help.

May God bless us all as we work together for the sake of our children and equip them for lives of Christian service. Indeed, we are "disciples making disciples" for Christ.

In His service,

Mr. Keith Trent
Director of School Ministries (Principal)