



Shenandoah Valley Governor's School

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Dear SVGS Students,

Good afternoon. As an FYI, I wanted to keep you up to date. Please read the following completely and carefully. Contact me if you have specific questions or concerns.

1. Week of 3/16: Treat this week as a "normal" as much as possible. As one teacher said *"The point of instruction this week is to keep things flowing; I am not looking to inundate you with work just because we're not together. Instead, we will continue with business as usual."* As you know, you do not report to school;)

2. Student Technology Concerns: If you have technology or internet access issues, please let your teachers or me know. We will work with you and will make adjustments as needed.

3. Student Projects: Do not panic about student projects. Teachers will work with you as needed for class projects already assigned and started. Seniors needing to modify capstone project should work with your advisors. No new proposals will be approved. Work to re-think/modify what you have at this point as needed.

4. Students in the Building: Students are not allowed in our schools. We have to minimize the amount of people in the building as our governor has closed them for a reason. If there is a situation where a student needs to pick up some equipment or technology, please let me know and I will make arrangements.

5. Week of 3/23: Simply, it is SPRING BREAK. Take a break. We will all need it;)

As you can tell by the news and continuing emergency responses, it is difficult to know exactly what things will look like in April and May. For now, we have a plan in place for two weeks and during the course of that time I expect the picture will become somewhat clearer. Until then, just do what we do this week and take a break next week. Everyone is in the same unnerving and unfamiliar place.

While what we do in our classrooms remains incredibly important, there are other needs to attend to including your own and those of your family. Please look out for yourself, your family, and help your friends and classmates as you can. Continue to monitor your school email, CANVAS, and our website regarding updates.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Be flexible, be vigilant, be smart, and most importantly be safe.

Best,