

KJUHSF Families-

Following the Governor's Executive Order, the State Superintendent, and the direction of Fresno County Health Department we will have to extend the **closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020** school year. This was a very difficult decision for all involved, but the safety of our students and community will always be of our highest priority. I know that reading this news is probably unwelcomed for many of you. Our district has waited patiently over the past few weeks waiting for better news but unfortunately, that never came. It finally came time for our district to make a final decision and I believe that our board came to the correct outcome given the current situation.

Although there will be quite a bit of information coming your way in the weeks to come, I wanted to highlight some important information:

- **Seniors:** If you are on track to graduate, you will graduate on time. If you are in Concurrent, please continue making progress. Dr. Phelan will be sending you out information in the coming weeks.
- **Graduation and Festivities:** Site administrators have begun talking with senior leadership on other options to celebrate this great accomplishment. We have many exciting ideas on the table and an official announcement will be coming shortly. Our graduation supplier has mailed all announcements and caps and gowns are now at KHS. There will be more info coming out soon on pickup. Grad Night and prom will, unfortunately, be canceled. We are looking at other ways to celebrate our seniors. Please know that KHS will refund all money that has been collected by us concerning Grad Night.
- **Testing:** All state testing has been suspended this year. Advanced Placement tests will still proceed. See your teacher for details.
- **Packets:** For students picking up packets from our attendance window, they will be made available for you to pick up on 4/22, 5/6, and 5/20.
- **Due Dates:** The due date for assignments will be 5/29 for all 9th-11th graders and 12th graders will have their work due on 5/22.
- **Textbook/Device/District Property turn in:** We will send out a plan on how we will collect KJUHSF property in the coming weeks.
- **Summer School:** Summer school will be 100% online. Updated summer school information will be sent out this week.
- **Grading Policy:** KHS has actively been looking for a grading structure this semester that is equitable for all students. In collaboration with the California Department of Education, California State University system, University of California system, district and site administration and teaching staff, KJUHSF will be using the following grading guidelines:
 1. ***Students cannot receive a grade lower than their 3rd quarter grade.***
 2. ***Students can raise their grades by doing distance learning and maintaining a higher grade throughout the 4th quarter.***
 3. ***Assignments issued on or after March 2, 2020, maybe turned in late with no penalty.***
 4. ***If a student has an "F" at the 3rd quarter mark and has not put forth the effort to raise their grade, a failing grade can be assigned for the semester.***
 5. ***Students will receive letter grades of A,B,C, and F.***
 6. ***If a student ends the semester with a "D", their grade will be changed to a "Pass".***

We believe our grading policy allows us to offer the best of both worlds in regards to grades. Your third quarter is your baseline and you cannot fall below that mark. However, if you want to improve your grade, continue your progress with the work provided by your teacher. If you have a low mark, you still have the opportunity to improve your grade. We know this is not perfect for everyone, but we feel this policy serves the needs of most students. Our teachers will continue to provide lesson plans for the remainder of the year. We encourage you to continue to work on the lessons provided regardless if you are satisfied with your grade. Our teachers have shown great commitment to our students during this trying time and should be commended for their efforts.

Thank you to all involved in making this difficult situation a little more manageable.

Respectfully-

Don Shoemaker