

Friday, May 15, 2020

Dear Gavin D37 Parents/Guardians,

Happy belated Mother's Day! I hope this message continues to find you and your families safe, warm, and well.

There are so many moving parts associated with this pandemic that every day a new change or procedure comes our way.

Based upon the recent changes by the Illinois State Board of Education with the Act Of God (AOG) days, we have learned that our Spring Break of 5 days was replaced with AOG days which are now considered Student Attendance Days. That means we can alter the end of our school year to reflect those additional days on our calendar. In addition, we were given 5 remote learning planning dates. We have used 2 and 1/2 of those dates for teacher planning and have 2 and 1/2 remaining dates.

Here is what this translates into:

- May 20 - Last Instructional Day for Students. Students will have until May 27 to complete missing work.
- May 21 - Remote Learning Planning Day for Staff
- May 21 - 8th Grade Drive In Graduation Ceremony
- May 22 - Institute Day for Staff - No School
- May 25 - Memorial Day - No School
- May 26 - Remote Learning Planning Day for Staff
- May 27 - Remote Learning Planning Half Day for Staff - End of School Year

During those Remote Learning Planning dates with Staff:

- We will create some packets or lists of suggestions for summer work for students. We will have those available for families.
- I will work on a survey about remote learning for parents and staff and students. I will ask Ms. Lisa Adler, our Tech Coach, to co-present to the Board about our findings and her work with staff and students.
- Students will have until May 27 to turn in any incomplete work, and it will count.
- We will prepare for a variety of options for school's start in Fall 2020, and these opportunities will be shared with families in June.

Meals

We will be providing a package that includes cold breakfasts and lunches for our students that receive free and reduced lunch for the week May 18. Please fill out the breakfast/lunch request form that was sent through email. Orders must be received by 6:00 pm on May 15, 2020. Please note that if your income situation has changed, the following link/application is available on our website:

English:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB4XtMj3m7UoMUnVfRENpZONLQjN6Y2JRR3ptYXFJdXVYVlMo/view>

Spanish:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB4XtMj3m7UoMRVA1dERqYy1PNnc1Yy05Qjh3ZUk5LUdKWG44/view>

Family Resources

United Way of Lake County 2020 Census team is still working hard to raise awareness across Lake County about the importance of participating in the Census. Here are the links with opportunities for help and assistance through the United Way of Lake County:

English:

https://www.gavin37.org/cms/lib/IL50000119/Centricity/Domain/1114/211_Flyer_English.pdf

Spanish:

https://www.gavin37.org/cms/lib/IL50000119/Centricity/Domain/1114/211_Flyer_Spanish.pdf

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony Update

District 37 will be able to use the McHenry Outdoor Movie Theater as the site to show the 2020 Gavin Graduation Ceremony. Here are some important dates for you to know:

- Friday, May 15th-Last day for 8th grade students report for remote learning
- Tuesday, May 19th-9am-12pm by the South gym doors (on the side)

Pick up:

- Hallway and gym locker contents (8th Grade only)
- Cap and gown
- Diploma
- Graduation ticket

Drop Off:

- Tablet and other school supply drop off.
- **All school supplies (tablets, etc.) must be returned and all school fees must be paid before you receive your pick ups.**
- Thursday, May 21st- Graduation ceremony at the McHenry Outdoor Theater - 8:30 PMish
- Saturday, May 30th- Graduation Parade through the District - 10:00 AM
- Please contact jjurgaitis@gavin37.org for information about these events.

Locker/Desk Items Pick Up & Device, Instruments, Library Book Drop Off

Our custodians and staff are putting locker (including gym lockers at South) and desk (Central) items in bags for parents to pick up. These bags will be organized by last name so it is easier for families to collect these items at each school during the days of May 19-June 2. Please see the below schedule for returning devices, instruments, and/or library books and to collect your child's/children's items from lockers and desks at each school building:

8th Grade Only - South Gym Pick Up Locker and Graduation Items/Drop Off Devices:

- **May 19 - 8th grade only - South gym 9 -12 AM**

Pre-K through Grade 7 - Central Front Area/South Gym Pick Up Locker and Desk Items/Drop Off Devices, Books, Instruments (Dates/Times by your Child's Last Name):

- **A-C - May 22: 9-12 AM**
- **D-H - May 22: 12-3 PM**
- **I-M - May 26: 9-12 AM**
- **N-R - May 26: 12-3 PM**
- **S-Z - May 27: 9-12 AM only**

Procedures:

1. There will be a sign-up sheet provided at a table outside the front entrance door at Central and the side gym doors at South.
2. You will come to the table, sign the sheet, and share your name with one of our staff members who will bring the bag of items to you.
3. Once the bag of items is collected, it will be placed outside the door for you to pick up and take home.
4. Library books, devices, and instruments must be returned in the bins next to the table.

Grading/Reporting

It is important for students to complete their remote learning assignments or their grade will be considered incomplete. Grades cannot go down, and the first two trimesters will be used to determine grades, unless a student has really shown substantial growth. Student grades for Trimester 3 will be based upon **work completion** and will either be *Pass* or *Incomplete*. Students with IEP goals will be provided an update about progress toward their goals through email at the end of the trimester; goals are either marked complete or in progress.

Our current remote learning plan will take us through Governor Pritzker's end-of-school-year closing Executive Order. We will continue to communicate with you about the options for Fall 2020. Once again, thanks for your patience, and support.

Stay warm, safe, and healthy,

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Monday, May 18 - Wednesday, May 27

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- Teachers not in buildings, but working remotely with students.
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Wednesday, May 27 - Remote Learning Planning Day - Last Day of School

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- Teachers not in buildings, but planning remotely with colleagues.
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