Dear CHS Families and Students,

I hope everyone is staying at home, staying healthy, and enjoying time with their families. I know families have questions about graduation and our new distance learning model. I have provided information below to help answer some of those questions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at craig.mckee@whitesalmonschools.org. We are all working hard to make sure all of our students are successful during these challenging times.

Last Thursday, the White Salmon Valley Board of Directors approved waiving the senior project and community service hours as graduation requirements for the class of 2020. With seniors missing at least four weeks of school this trimester, I hope this alleviates some stress from our seniors so they can concentrate on the courses they need to graduate. Also, I have had many people ask me about the graduation ceremony. At this point, students are expected to be back in the physical school building on April 27, and the seniors will graduate on June 6 as originally planned. If Governor Inslee extends the school closure, then we will adjust as needed.

Last Tuesday, we were informed by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to begin developing a distance learning model for all students and to begin delivering instruction this week. Given this extremely short planning window, our staff has done a fantastic job to get a distance learning model in place. Many of our staff members attended training last week so they would have a platform to better communicate with their students. For students who don't have access to technology or the Internet at home, we can provide an alternative, paper-based assignments as needed.

I know everyone is a bit anxious about the change to a distance learning model and the COVID 19 crisis, but we will get through this if we continue to work together.

Weekly Schedule for Distance Learning

- Teachers will have two-way communication with students at least once a week, but students may still have work to do in each of their classes every day.
- Teachers will contact students between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by Email, Zoom, Google Classroom, Phone, or Remind.
- Students will have two-way communication by their first-period teachers on Monday, second-period teachers on Tuesday, third-period teachers on Wednesday, fourth-period teachers on Thursday, and fifth-period teachers on Friday.
• Between 12:30 and 2:00, teachers will be available to assist families and or students by appointment. Please email your teacher to schedule.
• From 2:00 to 3:30, teachers will be involved in staff meetings and working with their advisory students.

If your student still needs a Chromebook but was unable to pick one up this week, call the school 493-1970 and leave a message to set up a time to pick up a Chromebook.

Sincerely,

Craig E. McKee
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