

I hope this email finds you and your family doing well and are staying healthy and safe. This is not an easy time for anyone but I know our students, staff, families and the greater Tecumseh Community will persevere. Please continue to take care of one another. I want to thank you for your patience as we have worked to put a plan together for our high school...which includes a lot of different areas and events.

I have included in this email information on several topics that have come up as well as areas of focus for the high school. **An important message to all students.....PLEASE CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAILS.** I apologize for the length of this email but I just want to give you as much information as we currently have as well as any updates on particular events.

Emotional/Social Support

Our primary concern is about our students and families well being.

- A high school counselor will be available for a zoom meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
 - You can ask questions about scheduling, college applications, or just talk.
- The link to set up an appointment is located on the THS website under the *Tecumseh High School Guidance Office* tab and then click on [Contact your Counselor](#). Follow the directions to schedule your appointment.
 - If you need immediate assistance you can email our counselors anytime.
- Please also utilize any of the social/emotional resources provided below for your convenience:
 - Michigan Department of Education - [MDE COVID-19 Social and Emotional Learning Resources](#)
 - C.S. Mott Children's Hospital - [Thrive With Your Family Web Series](#)
 - Michigan Medicine - [Michigan Psychiatry Resources for COVID-19](#)
 - Michigan Department of Education - [Educator's Guide to Supporting the Social and Emotional Needs of Students](#)

Seniors

- **All Seniors will graduate as long as they were passing all their classes as of March 11th.**
- We will provide you with additional instruction and resources to best prepare you for your post-secondary plans.
- **If you were not passing a course that is required for graduation, you will need to immediately contact that teacher and your counselor.**
 - Your teachers will work with you to give you the opportunity to turn your grade into a passing grade and allow you to move forward towards graduation.
- Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Instructional Plans for the 2nd Semester of High School

- Our focus will continue to be our students and family's social and emotional support while still giving everyone opportunities to choose to advance their learning.
- **This plan was created to develop as many "win-win" situations for ALL of our students. Equity is at the forefront of this plan!**
 - Taking into consideration that not all of our students are in a situation that gives them the same opportunity to advance their learning and ultimately their grades is definitely a major factor.
 - Events such as poor internet connectivity, issues with technology, students working, students watching siblings throughout the day, parents working, parents not working and financial hardship is present, students having a family member or friend affected by the virus.....an even longer list could have been provided.
 - Even if you and your family are not experiencing any of these concerns.....other families are.....but together....we will get through this!
- THS Teachers will be sharing information each Sunday night and will be available throughout the week for support.
- Our teachers may also set up a time to give everyone an opportunity as a group to discuss the different learning opportunities presented for each course.
- The emphasis for schoolwork is on continuous learning, supported by monitoring and feedback....not grading at this point.
- **Basic Schedule**
 - Monday - Social/Emotional Focus
 - Electives - Delivery, support, & feedback
 - Electives can schedule additional support throughout the week
 - Tuesday - Math/Science - Delivery & support
 - Wednesday - ELA/SS - Delivery & support
 - Thursday - Math/Science - Feedback & support
 - Friday - ELA/SS - Feedback & support

Academic Workload Expectations for our Teachers

Your teacher will focus on two pathways in order to advance your learning.

1. A review of the past curriculum from the start of 2nd Semester up until March 11th.
2. Enrichment material which will give you the opportunity to advance through material that would normally be covered the last 9 weeks of the 2nd Semester.

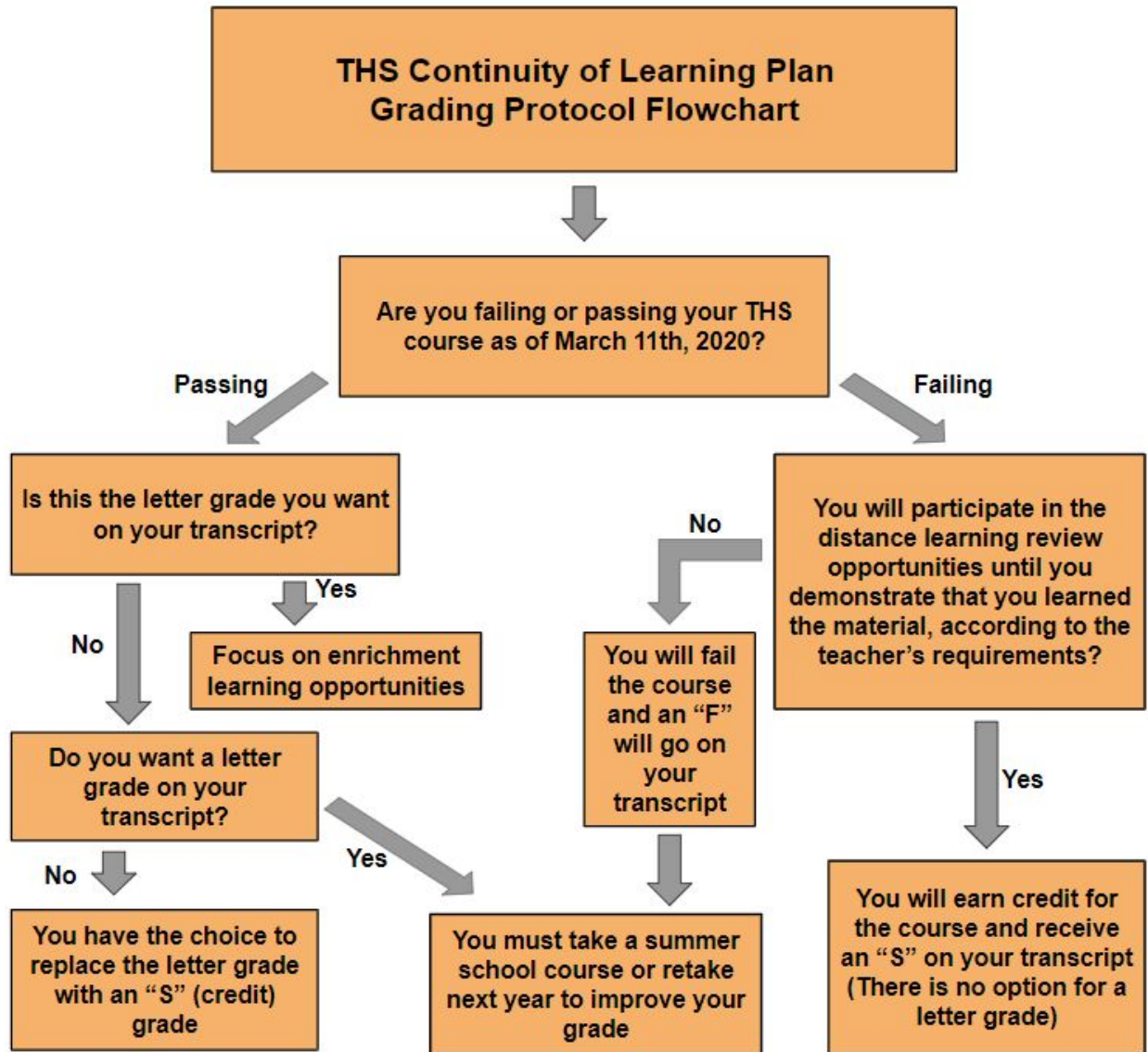
We ask that you do your best to continue advancing your learning and knowledge. At the beginning of next school year, we will develop a plan to find those "learning gaps" that may exist as a result of the cancellation of face to face instruction.

Grading for High School and Tecumseh Virtual Academy

Your grades on March 11th will be used as your 2nd Semester Grades

- For those students with a passing grade:
 - You will not be given the opportunity to raise or lower your grade during these last 7 weeks.
 - If you want to raise your grade, you will be given the opportunity to retake the specific class during the summer for free.
 - You can replace your grade with a higher grade from summer school if you choose to.
- If you are passing your class(es) as of March 11th.
 - You will receive that letter grade for the 2nd-semester grade.
 - All grades will be updated by Monday, April 20th for your viewing on Home Access and all work turned in previously to March 11th, will be counted towards your grade.
- As required by the Governor's Executive Order, If you are failing your class(es), you will have the opportunity to raise it to a passing status and receive an "S".
 - **An "S" on your transcript will not impact your cumulative GPA in a positive or negative way.** It will only be counted as credit towards your graduation requirements.
- At the end of the semester, students will have several options.
 - **Option One** - Students will have the option of accepting their current "letter grade" from March 11th.
 - **Option Two** - Students will have the option to change their "letter grade" to an "S" grade onto their transcript.
 - **Option Three** - Those students who are failing can raise their failing grade from an "F" to an "S".
- In regards to those currently taking online courses or enrolled in TVA:
 - You will need to complete the percentage that should have been completed by March 11th (35%).
 - Once you have reached this percentage of completed work, you will be assigned a grade.
 - Again, you will have the option to choose from the "letter grade" or an "S" on your transcript.
- **We did reach out to Michigan State University as well as the University of Michigan, both universities reassured us that an "S" on a transcript during this "Covid 19 Semester" will not negatively impact students.**

- The grading flowchart below will help each student determine which option is possible and suits their needs the best.



Seniors (Class of 2020):

- **Senior Exit Survey**
 - This will be emailed to you by **April 17th**.
 - This information will be utilized for our Senior Awards Program.
 - **Please fill out in detail and return by April 24th.**
- **Senior Awards Recognition:**
 - We will continue this tradition of recognizing our seniors for their academic excellence, scholarship awards as well as plans for next year.

- So much of the needed information is taken off of the SENIOR EXIT SURVEY that will be emailed out to each senior by April 17th.
- Please fill out the survey in detail as this will be a driving resource to make our Senior Awards Recognition as correct and updated as possible.
 - **We will need the survey back by Friday, April 24th at 4:00 pm.**
 - **With the current status of restrictions, we have not finalized if this will be scheduled for a later date in June or July.....or if we will recognize our seniors through social media and our webpage.**
- **Prom**
 - Again, just like a few other events.....we are holding out hope that we can still have some type of Prom.....even if it occurs later in June or July. More information will be forthcoming once we know more.
- **Senior Mystery Trip**
 - I know our parents have put in a lot of hard work into the planning of an exciting time for the Class of 2020. Thank you to all of those that have put in the time as well as made donations to make this event a lot of fun. Again, we are holding out hope that this event will still get to happen once the restrictions are lifted. More information will be forthcoming once we know more.
- **Graduation Ceremony**
 - I wanted to share with you that I had a Zoom meeting with our Senior Class Officers and our Senior Class Advisors that was very informative.
 - Our students made it clear that they would like us to hold out if at all possible to still host an in-person Graduation Ceremony.....even if that would mean having it in June or July.
 - We also discussed a "worst case" scenario plan if it looked like the restrictions that we are under may still be in place. It is reassuring working side by side with our Senior Class officers.....they truly care a lot about the Class of 2020.
 - We will continue planning and hoping for the best! Graduation and Club cords are in the process of being ordered. **Rest assured....we will have some type of graduation ceremony.**

Scheduling for Next Year:

Our counselors will continue working on schedule with their assigned students.

- Scheduling will be completed as follows:
 - Rising seniors
 - Rising juniors
 - Rising sophomores
 - Rising freshmen

Juniors (Class of 2021):

- Your transcript credit check will be completed by **April 17th** by your counselor

- An email will be sent out asking you to fill out the form for your course requests for next year
- You will need to respond to this email with your course selection by **April 24th**
- Your counselor will schedule your classes. Makeup dates for SAT / ACT tests are TBD

Sophomores (Class of 2022):

- Your transcript credit check will be completed by **April 24th** by your counselor.
- An email will be sent out asking you to fill out the form for your course requests for next year.
- You will need to respond to this email with your course selection by **May 1st**.
- Your counselor will schedule your classes.
- Makeup dates for PSAT are TBD

Freshmen (Class of 2023)

- Your transcript credit check will be completed by **May 1st** by your counselor.
- An email will be sent out asking you to fill out the form for your course requests for next year.
- You will need to respond to this email with your course selection by **May 7th**.
- Your counselor will schedule your classes.
- Makeup dates for PSAT are TBD

8th Graders (Class of 2024):

- An Orientation presentation will be sent to you prior to scheduling.
- An email will be sent out asking you to fill out the form for your course requests for next year.
- You will need to respond to this email with your course selection by **May 7th**.
- Your counselor will schedule your classes.
- Makeup dates for PSAT are TBD

Department Awards Recognition: Our Departments Awards will still be awarded to those students that are chosen by their teachers in each department. We feel it is important to recognize our students and their academic excellence. The criteria for Department Awards are the following:

1. Each teacher chooses Department Award recipients in recognition of outstanding academic effort, excellence in a particular area, or as a general recognition of the contributions a student has made to their classroom or department.

2. Teachers nominate students for an academic award with the utmost integrity in mind. The teacher believes your child represents the characteristics of an excellent student.
3. We appreciate their efforts, and wish to recognize them and thank you for your support of their achievements!

On Friday, May 22nd, an informational email will be sent notifying our students and families that have been selected for this recognition. This information will also be posted on our website. All students recognized will receive their certificate in the mail.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony:

Our National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is currently postponed due to the restrictions we are currently under. Our advisors, Mr. Kozlowski and Mr. Newcomb have put their selection committee together and will be emailing those that academically qualify to start the application process. We are currently waiting to see what options present themselves in terms of having the ceremony possibly in June or July. Cords for graduating seniors have been ordered. Further information will be forthcoming as we learn more.

AP Testing

AP Testing is still scheduled to take place. Mrs. Bruner has sent out an informational email in regards to a lot of questions that you may have had. Please email Mrs. Bruner if you have any concerns or further questions. Good luck on your examination.....I know your teachers have prepared you well....even considering all of the disruption.

Lenawee County Educational Foundation (LCEF)

As a result of the coronavirus and the uncertainty it brings for all of our nation, the LCEF Scholarship Reception scheduled for May 17, 2020, and the LCEF Strokes for Students scheduled for May 18, 2020, has been cancelled. Scholarships will still be awarded and recipients will be notified via email late April/early May. Recipients will receive instructions/information on scholarship requirements and certificates will be mailed to the recipients late May/early June.

Return of Items Left in Lockers

At this point, our district is required to follow the "Stay at Home" directive from the governor. Items will not be taken out of your locker and thrown away. As we are given more flexibility and the restrictions are lifted, we will move forward with a plan to get you your items.

Technology Support: As we move forward throughout the rest of the year, we want to give you a few options in terms of meeting any technology needs that could arise.

- You can call 517-423-2167 ext. 1337
- Mr. Devin Knight dknight@tps.k12.mi.us
- Mr. Jean-Pierre Quezairé jquezaire@tps.k12.mi.us

- Mr. Shane Elarton selarton@tps.k12.mi.us.

Again, I apologize for the length of this email, but there is just so much information to try and get to you. We are doing our best in regards to planning for these events. We truly miss seeing all of our students on an everyday basis. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and please remember to remind all students to continually check their emails when possible. I will do my best to answer your questions or concerns. Also if you are in need of any other support, please do not hesitate to make us aware.

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