

Dear DY High School Parents and Students,

I hope this email finds you well. It is incredible and unsettling how much the world has changed in the last two weeks. Our new procedures for educating our students over the next month (hopefully until May 4th) present many challenges to both teachers and students. I have said many times that our high school students have a special bond and will find a way to fight through this difficult time.

Our DY Teachers and Administrators have worked diligently to find ways to educate your sons and daughters in a constantly-evolving situation. For us to execute our plan and continue to educate our students we need your help as parents and guardians. **We need you to ask your sons and daughters to check their emails and google classrooms daily.**

Our teachers will be using a number of methods to reach our student's educational needs throughout this pandemic. Teachers will be posting assignments in google classroom and asking students to submit assignments through google classroom and email. In addition teachers may post videos, podcasts, assign readings from literature, have students use Khan Academy, and many other remote learning options. Students will be given credit for the assignments they turn in. It is imperative that students make every effort to work with our teachers to enhance their educational experience.

Our teachers and administrators realize that the level of instruction for remote learning will not be equivalent to what is taught in the traditional classroom setting. There is no substitute for in-person instruction. However we feel that we can provide students with educational services that will help keep our students moving forward.

In addition to continuing our students immediate online education I can assure you that Dennis-Yarmouth High School will not sit stagnant in this unsettling time.

- The high school leadership team has put a schedule together for students to follow, which I am attaching, with guidelines for parents and students.
- Our guidance department will be reaching out to all students through email to do periodic check-ins.
- The guidance counselors will also be performing their junior parent conferences via Zoom. (Zoom is a computer program that allows virtual meetings to take place) or by phone.
- Our administration will be scheduling students for all fall classes.
- The DY Cafeteria Staff are feeding any student breakfast and lunch with the Dolphin Drive thru, which is located in the bus port from 11am-1pm daily.
- Our special education teachers are now part of each content teacher's google classroom and will be checking in with their students and providing assistance for students that need it.
- We have put a committee of teachers, counselors, and administrators together to provide virtual spirit weeks for our students.

- We know this has been extremely difficult for our seniors and we will continue to find ways to help our senior class fight through this difficult time. We will have graduation!!
- If you have a technology issue please email Assistant Principal Jen Govoni govonij@dy-regional.k12.ma.us. The district is still working out how to fix IPADS that have been out of the building and in the community while not contributing to the spread of the virus.
- DY will find a way to celebrate our senior class and we will have and celebrate graduation!!!
- If we are back to school on May 4th I assume all senior activities will go off as planned.
- If the school closures continue we will then find a time to do graduation, it will go on.