FAQ
COVID-19 school shutdown

From the students at AHS

Q: Will teachers enter percentages and letter grades in Infinite Campus Gradebook for our assessments and assignments?

A: Infinite Campus Gradebook for Trimester 3 will only carry marks of CR or NC. Letter grades and percentages will not be entered into the gradebook. The credit / no credit will only be for the weekly assessments. If your teacher decides to grade tasks and lessons with letter grades and percentages, they will do that on a separate spreadsheet that will not be entered into the gradebook.

Q: How will the credit/no credit assessments affect my GPA?

A: The Credit / No Credit marks will not decrease or increase your GPA. Your GPA will remain the same as it was at the end of the 2nd Trimester.

Q: Are we still required to complete our Michigan Virtual Academy online courses, dual enrollment, and early college classes?

A: Yes, continue with all of these classes as you were before the shutdown.

Q: What if I do not have a device at home to connect to the internet

A: If you don't have your school chromebook, other computers, or your smartphone, please check out your gaming system. Students can access Google Classroom via their PS4 or Xbox in cases where they do not have a device in the home. Please email Mr. VanderLaan if you do not have any technology to use for internet access at home.

Q: Are scholarships still available?

A: Yes. Please continue searching for all available scholarships. There are several new scholarships in response to the COVID-19 shutdown. Please see a list of scholarships on our high schools website: https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/schools/highschool/counselingoffice/financialaidinformation/scholarshipinformation/

Q: Since the governor's address, do we still have to do the online work that teachers give us?

A: Please continue completing the weekly assessments that your teachers are providing. These assessments (quizzes, tests) are graded as credit or no credit. You will also want to complete the daily lessons and assignments that your teachers post. These lessons will prepare you for the assessments. We will make sure that everyone receives the credit they need to move to the next class and grade. It is imperative that you continue with your remote learning plan so that you are prepared for your classes in the fall. You will risk the possibility of falling behind in your education if you do not do this work during the shutdown.

Q: Are seniors still done with school on May 8th?

A: Yes, the last day for our seniors is still May 8.

Q:Since Governor Whitmer has closed schools for the rest of the year, is there any way seniors that already have enough credits can graduate early?

A: Per the governor's EO 2020-35, we will be sure that all of our students (including seniors) gain credit to graduate this year. Some seniors have already applied for, and were granted, early graduation because they have completed all of their required AHS and MMC credits. You are done with school if you are a senior that can confirm your completion of all the required credits for graduation. If you're a senior that still needs credits to graduate, please continue working on your remote learning plans. Please continue to do the daily work and take your weekly assessments. Again, we will make sure that all of you graduate this year.

Q: When can students retrieve their belongings that are in the high school (Eg: Art work, woodshop projects, apparel in lockers, etc.)

A: As of now, we are still following the governor's guidelines on school closures until June 5. We are currently working out different options that will best support our students retrieving their belongings. Please have patience with us. We will keep you posted on when and how you will be able to retrieve your belongings.

Q: If I'm a senior, can I now work full time for my employer due to the shutdown for the rest of the school year?

A: Please continue following the work permit regulations for 16 and 17 year olds. We have online links to work permits for our 16 and under students and for our 16 and 17 year old students. If you are a senior that is 18, please follow our guidelines from the questions above regarding remote learning plan for seniors. Here are the links for both work permits:

https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/downloads/high_school/mi-under-16-work-permit-rev-12-2019.pdf

https://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/downloads/high_school/mi-16-17-yo-work-permit-rev-12-2019.pdf

Q: Are we still taking the SAT, PSAT, and AP tests?

A: Through Executive Order 2020-35, the governor officially canceled the spring SAT, PSAT, M-Step, and WorkKeys test. Students will take these tests in the fall instead of this spring. Advanced Placement (AP) tests will still be administered from home. There are several details regarding the changes with the AP tests. Mrs. Mucha will be sending a Zoom video and several important pieces of info via school gmail that discusses all of the changes for AP tests. Your AP teachers will also provide crucial and beneficial info regarding your AP tests. Stay tuned...