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**Principal Johnson Communication #13, April 13, 2020**

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2019-20 School Theme "Lives without Limits"

Monday, April 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

We're back! I hope you enjoyed a much-deserved break from school stress! Parents, teachers, students and even myself have been pushed to do things differently than ever before. On the plus side, many of us are learning new digital technology and creative ways of communicating that will help us in the future. I honestly believe we are receiving an incredible technology education! What a blessing in disguise!

As promised, I will keep you updated. I wish I had more, but here are a few items regarding updates for now.

**1. Grades for Term 4**

The district is looking at alternative grading practices for the 4th Term. There are inherent problems with changes. For example, a student who gets a "P" grade could be adversely impacted by NCAA eligibility or scholarships. It is important that individual student circumstances are considered. The goal is to find the right balance of academic accountability and to help with the anxiety/stress that many are feeling during this time. A change in grading will help bring the stress level down for students, teachers, and parents. More information will be coming. In the interim, please help monitor your child's progress, and help them stay current with assignments. Some students have not started any school work for the 4th Term. There is an expectation that students show some type of proficiency or competency to receive credit. If your child is having difficulty with the amount of work or accessing work, then please reach out to the teacher to express your concern.

**2. Extra-curricular Try-Outs**

A reminder that there will not be any type of activity try-outs at the secondary level through May 1. If school reopens in May, there will be "live" try-outs for all activities. If schools remain closed, we will have guidelines in place for virtual try-outs for most activities. Principals at both the junior high and high school levels, as well as the leadership of the PAAC Team, were all part of, and supportive of this decision. The decision was made in order to provide students a "level playing field" with respect to try-outs. Some students may have substandard technology that could adversely affect their try-out.

**3. AP Exams**

The College Board has released the at-home AP exam dates along with information about the tests. Teachers will be sending out this information regarding AP testing dates and test information, it will also include information on how students can access online AP courses. We were told in a webinar last week that these courses will include information on how students can prepare for this new way of taking the test. The courses will be a great resource for our students and our AP teachers. The College Board will reach out to registered students with information on how they will access exams. If you have any questions, please contact your school assigned counselor.

#### **4. Update from the Utah High School Activities Association**

The UHSAA staff has been putting together contingency plans based on schools opening after May 1 addressing two different time tables. One would have a modified spring season-ending prior to Memorial Day and another that would take the spring season into the first part of June. The UHSAA staff will send a survey to member schools to receive feedback on the two timetables if the decision is made to re-open schools. If the announcement is made to not resume school, the UHSAA staff does not see an avenue for spring activities and athletics to continue.

#### **5. Graduation**

ASD is looking at all possibilities for all of the high schools regarding graduation. Currently, BYU has said that they plan on providing the Marriott Center in May for the scheduled graduation. However, we are also looking at virtual graduation contingency plans.

#### **6. Other Activities**

We will try to squeeze in as many activities into May as possible if... we are in school. We will keep you updated as soon as we receive updates from ASD, The State Board of Education, and the Governor.

#### **7. Arctic Circle**

As you may have noticed, we have a new fast food restaurant about to open here in City Center. Arctic Circle is looking to hire a large number of new employees to work at their new location off of Eagle Mtn Blvd by the Chevron Gas Station. They would like to hire with an immediate start date. If you are 16 and older, or know somebody that is, and are looking for a job this could be a great fit. Due to the current COVID-19 and not having a specific location to meet they have asked that you please email your resume to Mr. Peck at [reaganpeck@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:reaganpeck@alpinedistrict.org)

#### **8. Answers to Other Questions**

We know that there are still many questions to be answered. We will continue to communicate as soon as new information is able to be shared. Please visit our [Questions and Answers Link](#):

Sincerely,

Courtney Johnson

Principal CVHS

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