

March 26, 2020

Dear High School **Senior** Students and Parents,

As we move into 4th quarter, you will continue receiving information (from administration as well as teachers) about a variety of topics. We know this may feel overwhelming at times, but we encourage you to continue reading all information as thoroughly as possible to stay updated and informed. Our continued learning plan for online instruction will begin Wednesday, April 1.

Quarter 4 Term Courses and Grading

There are a few courses that will not be offered as they cannot be taught appropriately and supported through distance and/or on-line learning. Mr. Hornickel has been and will continue to reach out to the specific students impacted by this. By phone or by e-mail, he will share the options with you and make decisions as soon as possible to help you move forward. If Mr. Hornickel does not contact you by Sunday evening, you should assume that your current schedule is good and the teachers will be in contact with you in the near future. With those very few exceptions, our intent is that seniors will continue with their current Qtr. 4 schedule.

Also, for a couple of reasons, the decision was made that all classes for Quarter 4 will be graded Pass/Fail. This means that students will continue seeing grades and percentages in the Skyward Gradebook and a "P" or an "F" will be assigned as a final grade. For equity reasons, this is to make sure that term 4 will not impact Grade Point Average and Class Rank and students can continue earning credits toward graduation.

HS Materials Pick Up and Drop Off

We will be holding a HS materials pick up and drop off on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31 from 3:00-6:00pm in the HS commons. Textbooks for Qtr. 4 classes will be available for pick up and we are asking students to drop off Qtr. 3 textbooks as some of these are needed for Qtr. 4 classes. Students will be contacted by teachers confirming if they need to pick up materials for their Qtr. 4 class. Students are encouraged to drop off library books due back to the IMC during these hours. We will be closely observing social distancing so pick up and drop off tables will be separated and organized for minimal amount of time in the building.

We recognize that this situation is not how seniors would have imagined their final months of high school. Please know that no decisions have been made regarding the graduation ceremony at this time, as we would like to wait for further information. Our goal continues to be that a graduation ceremony will be held, even if at a later date. Finally, as you continue to wrap up your senior year at DHS, we remind you of all the hard work that you've already put into your K-12 education. You're a class of integrity and each of you has a solid work ethic. Our staff will be here to support you in finishing the year strong. We know you're doing it for yourself, your classmates, your community and for your future plans no matter what those may be. As you may still need transcripts, GPAs or class ranks, etc, please reach out to Ms. Poirier at poirierm@deerfield.k12.wi.us (or Mr. Hornickel), and we will do our best to help you through the process.

Please reach out to Mr. Hornickel if you have any questions/concerns about scheduling and classes. Outside of scheduling, as always, please don't hesitate to contact the Guidance Office/Student Services or me with questions or concerns as well. We care deeply about all of our students and families and are here to support you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Brad Johnsrud
MS/HS Principal