

Camden-Frontier Schools

Small School Environment, Large School Opportunities

Administration

Kevin Kelly
Superintendent

Ben Slusher
Principal & Athletic Director

Board of Education

Scott Nicholls, President
Matt Shiery, Vice President
Barbara Balbo, Secretary
Nathan VanAken, Treasurer
Lynn Landers, Trustee
Gary Morrison, Trustee
JR VanAkin, Trustee

April 13, 2020

Good Afternoon Camden-Frontier Families,

Due to Governor Whitmer's executive order closing schools, our teaching staff will be significantly ramping up distance learning activities this week through June 1. We feel that providing as much meaningful instruction as possible – even at a distance – is critically important for our students. As we all know, students regress in their learning every summer. Adding three more months to that pause in teaching and learning would be very damaging to your child's academic progress. We are committed to avoiding that damage but we need your help to succeed.

Here is what to expect in the weeks between now and June 1:

Caseload Teacher: In March, each student was assigned a "caseload teacher" who is primarily responsible for the child's academic progress over the next seven weeks. In the elementary and middle schools - grades K-8 - the caseworker will be each student's primary classroom teacher. For grades 9-12, the caseworker will be the student's 1st period teacher. The caseworker for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) will be their special education teacher.

Weekly Communication: Caseload teachers will reach out to their students and families each week through phone calls home or student email. The purpose of this is to check in on the student's academic progress across all subjects and share news and updates from school. Please make sure your child is checking email (grades 6-12) each business day or is available for these important calls.

Assignments & Instructional Materials: Academic work will be coming home either online or through the U.S. mail or a combination of both. If you do not have Internet access at home, please make sure your child's caseworker is aware of this and all materials will be delivered through the mail. Students with email should be checking it every week day.

Is the Work Required? Because we cannot know the circumstances facing your family during this crisis, we are not requiring completion of the work sent home. Student grades will not be impacted. However, we cannot encourage parents enough to require their child complete some or all of the work assigned. Your child's readiness for his/her return to school in the fall depends on it.

What about Middle and High School Semester Grades? Our approach to grading this semester is simple: we want to make certain that no student's permanent academic record is negatively impacted due to the coronavirus. Therefore, whatever grade a child received for the 3rd quarter will automatically become the child's official 2nd semester grade. High school students will be awarded full credit for the entire semester if passing. Advanced Placement students will continue to be graded on the 5.0 scale. Semester grades will be factored into high school grade point averages as usual. Career Tech students will receive important continuing education from their tech center teachers. Students in online courses are responsible for completing those classes as normal. For those students who failed the 3rd quarter, we will be offering credit recovery over the next seven weeks, work that will be required in order to pass and earn credit for the semester. A member of our counseling team will be in touch with those students' parents in the weeks ahead.

Elementary Grade Promotion: All elementary students (grades K-5) will be promoted to the next grade if they were eligible to do so on March 13. If we feel that retention would be in your child's best interest, we will be in touch over the next two weeks to make a collaborative decision about next year.

Enrichment Activities: Our art, music, physical education and other teachers will be providing regular enrichment activities throughout the remainder of the year. Please check our Facebook page or website for some fun and engaging activities for the entire family.

As we broaden our distance learning program for our students, we need your feedback to improve it. We know that adjustments will be required. If you have suggestions, comments or concerns, please share them with your child's caseload teacher or feel contact us at office@cfss.org or (517) 368-5255.

Sincerely,



Kevin Kelly
Superintendent
kevin.kelly@cfss.org