



Spring Branch Independent School District

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Monday, March 31, 2020.

I pray everyone is in good health and spirits during this challenging time. The teachers at Northbrook High School have been working diligently to prepare appropriate instructional lesson for your students on our online program called ItsLearning. I know many of you attempted to pick up a laptop for your child last week but were not able to. I sincerely apologize for this. The overwhelming large number of parents who appeared to pick up a laptop on Tuesday last week was due to SBISD attempting to serve the entire community within our district as we anticipated Harris County to announce a shelter in place within a short amount of time. The process of deploying the laptops would have gone a lot smoother if it was not for this last minute announcement by Harris County, but we work hard to adjust and support as many people as possible. The district is working hard to organize another laptop deployment as soon as possible. So for the meantime, there will not be a laptop deployment until further notice.

In the meantime, teachers continue to work hard and prepare lessons that are stored in ItsLearning so that all of our students may access the lessons either on a computer or on their cell phones. SBISD prepared a digital backpack that was meant to provide students instructional lesson for most of their classes for 2 weeks after Spring Break. Beginning April 6th the lessons available for all classes will have been created by our teachers.

I would like to stress several important things concerning your students' classes and grades. It is very important for all of our students to complete their lessons on ItsLearning. The lessons are purposely designed for students to be able to complete the assignments with little struggle. Although they are not being taught directly by the teachers, your students' teachers will reach out to her/him to let her/him know when the teacher is available for tutorials or support whenever the student needs help.

By monitoring your child and ensuring that she/he completes her/his assignments successfully and earn a passing grade, the student will be able to take advantage of the following: regain credit if she/he had accumulated an excessive amount of absences, recover credit for particular classes that she/he has failed before, earn credit for an EOC exam by passing that class, and earning credit to graduate or move on to the next grade level. In my opinion, the biggest advantage is for all of our students who are currently in a STAAR tested class (English 1, English 2, Biology, Algebra 1, US History) to earn credit for that test without taking it. I do not think they could have ever imagined being able to get credit for an EOC test by only passing the class. If your student is in one of these classes, she/he must take advantage of this...if she/he does not pass the class, she/he will be responsible for the test next school year. Please help your daughter or son be successful by monitoring your child to ensure that she/he completes all of their assignments!

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The students will see their first class assignments on Monday, April 6. However, we would like for all of our students to go into ItsLearning and complete a survey in all of their classes tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1st. This completion of each survey will count as a grade in each class. The information provided in this survey will help us determine the needs of each of our students. I have attached instructions for your students to enter ItsLearning either through their computer or cell phone. Please encourage your child to complete these easy assignments.

If your students comes across any difficulties, you may contact the SBISD Helpline at 713-251-8324. If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached at antonio.avalos@springbranchisd.com . Thank you and God bless you all.

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