



April 21, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

E-Learning Days Extended to End of Semester

As you know, now that the decision has been made by the Governor of Illinois to end in-person learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, **Resurrection will be completing the school year via e-learning**. We are grateful and appreciative of all of the flexibility and resourcefulness that has been shown by faculty, parents, and our young women!

Successful Transition

When we transitioned to e-learning, we stressed the importance of making every effort to adhere to three goals, grounded in our mission and commitment to providing our young women the strongest, Catholic education: maintain our community, implement best practices in assessment, and modify/implement our responsive curriculum and instruction.

There are many factors that we have to take into account when delivering upon the three goals, including home life balance for students and teachers, student access to resources, and changes to social/emotional experiences. Fortunately, as we transitioned to 1:1 learning during the 2012-13 school year, we began implementing necessary measures to prepare our students and faculty for a possible e-learning environment. These include extensive and varied use of Schoology, Google Drive utilization, digital/e-texts in many courses, project-based learning and assessments in many core courses, responsive programming in student services, and involved and targeted professional development of faculty on all elements of teaching and learning. As a result of those efforts, our teachers have modified the curriculum (what is taught), instructional measures (how the curriculum is taught), and assessment (how we measure student learning against outcomes) to account for our e-learning circumstances.

With these tools already in place and ongoing modifications for these unprecedented times, we have had a successful transition to e-learning. We continue to offer a robust curriculum, delivered in a measured and responsive manner, and assessed using modified assessment techniques.

Grades

While we continue to hold our students accountable to the standards and expectations, albeit modified, as expected before the e-learning transition, we certainly understand the flexibility this situation requires. We ask that parents, students and faculty continue to demonstrate flexibility as we continue to utilize our new learning environment and at-home situations. Please know that we are continuing to support our students' ability to successfully learn in this environment while also providing our faculty with ongoing professional development to support our students. Expectations have been shared via various communications and a summary can be found [HERE](#). As always, grades can be viewed via [Parent Connect](#).

If you have questions or concerns about how your daughter is assessed/graded in a course, or in the type and amount of work and instruction, please contact the course instructor directly. Our faculty are open to feedback and input and are committed to partnering with you in this process!

With that being said, please know that, administratively, we have been continually evaluating the quantity and quality of our curriculum via student surveys, daily check-ins with faculty, student check-ins via student services, and conference calls. We know that these are unprecedented times and we are most appreciative of both feedback and patience as we navigate this experience.

Final Exams

In response to the times, and following what we believe to be in the best interest of our students, **we will not have final exams for the Spring 2020 semester**. Student final grades will be determined, thus, by work submitted and evaluated within the semester.

AP Exams

AP Exams are still taking place and will be given remotely based on the schedule set by the College Board (May 11-22). Specific details will be communicated with students who are currently taking AP Courses.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding grading or assessments of students, please feel free to contact our Principal, Dr. Rick Piwowarski (rpiwowarski@reshs.org). We are grateful and appreciative of all of the flexibility and patience shown by faculty, parents, and students.

Upcoming Schedules

Classes will continue to utilize the e-learning schedule [HERE](#). The last scheduled days of classes were May 18 and May 19 and exams were scheduled until May 22. With the exception of AP Exams that will continue until May 22, 2020, students can expect to be finished with all classes and final assessments by May 18, 2020.

Lockers

Lockers will be accessible over the course of a few days in early May. Our Administrative team is creating a schedule that will allow for appropriate social distancing so that students can retrieve items left at school and clean out their lockers.

Summer School

[Online Summer Courses](#) (Health and Communications/Financial Literacy) and Summer Bridge Courses for incoming freshmen (Bridge to Algebra and Bridge to Literacy) will still be offered. Bridge classes will be modified if needed. The deadline to register for Summer Courses is May 1 and students and parents may contact the student's counselor or Ms. Valone (tvallone@reshs.org) with any questions. Details and registration are available [HERE](#).

Athletics Camps

As previously communicated, the decision has been made to **cancel Summer Athletic Camps for current students and incoming freshmen**. Summer leagues for current Resurrection teams may still occur and information will be shared if and when details become available from facilities that typically host summer leagues. **Athletic camps for girls in grades 5 to 8 are being rescheduled for the fall**. Details will be shared when they are finalized.