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Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, academically rich environment utilizing best practices to develop all students to be productive citizens and preparing lifelong learners for post-secondary readiness and success in a global society.

Dear Grizzly Parents/Guardians and Students,

Greetings from Mesa Ridge High School! I hope this email finds you and your family doing well.

In this time of rapid, ever-changing information, it is my plan to provide you with updates on how things are going at Mesa Ridge High School. As I get additional information from the Governor of Colorado and our district leaders, I will send out updated information that I believe will be important to the students and parents. My plan at this time is to send out several shorter emails, such as this one, to address various topics associated with the closure. Please bear with me through this time of communication as I will undoubtedly not have all of the answers. We will do our best to make sure that we consider all options when making plans for the end of the year. By working together, I'm confident that we can get through this!

As you are all aware, the Governor of Colorado extended the suspension of in-person learning through Thursday, April 30, 2020. He will continue to provide guidance for how districts should proceed for the remainder of the school year. In the meantime, please see the following bullet points of how we will handle the distance learning, at least through April 30, 2020.

- **Engagement:** It is our hope and desire that all students engage in distance learning during the closure. Whether it is online or through hard-copy packets, teachers are preparing work for students to complete during distance learning. Based on the class, teachers have been asked to prepare lessons that will take students approximately 30-60 minutes each day per subject, or 60-120 minutes per week per subject, to complete. The work that will be assigned at this time will primarily be review activities of the first 3 quarters to help students maintain skills.
- **Weekly Schedule:** We feel that providing a solid schedule for staff and students to follow allows for consistency and routine for all stakeholders (teachers, student and parents) **WE WILL NOT FOLLOW BLACK AND PURPLE DAYS!**
- Students will be asked to engage in their classes as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math Science	English Social Studies	Math Science Electives	English Social Studies	Electives

- Please keep in mind that not all teacher use eLearning Platforms such as Google Classroom and Schoology, their work may be sent directly to your students school Gmail.

- **Teacher Availability:** Teachers will be checking their email daily and responding to student/parents requests in a timely manner. Teachers will be available from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on their schedule content days. If you have a question about an assignment or anything else, please do not hesitate to email the teacher. **NOTE: Please be aware that many teachers will be using their personal cell phone devices to contact parents during this time of distance learning, and their incoming calls may appear on cellular devices as “No Caller ID.”**
- **Online vs. Hard-Copy Packets:** Access to the Internet and availability of computer devices at home can be significant issues during distance learning. We are in the process of identifying which students have access to the Internet and a device and which students do not have this access.
 - If your child has access to the Internet and a device: he/she will complete the distance learning online.
 - If your child **does NOT** have access to the Internet and a device: we will provide a hard-copy packet for him/her. Unfortunately, due to the volume of packets needing to be made, we will not be able to prepare packets for those students who have access to the Internet and a device.
- **Packet Distribution:** Packet distribution for students who do not have access to the Internet or who do not have a computer device at home will be on Monday, April 6, 2020, in the Mesa Ridge High School bus drop off (in front of the school) between the hours of 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - We will adhere to all social distancing norms during the packet pick-up and students and families will remain in their cars.
 - **Procedures for Packet Distribution:**
 - **Drivers:** Arrive no earlier than 9:00 am in the bus lanes and **remain in your vehicle.**
 - Provide your students name(s) and grade to a staff member who will then pull their packet of work and provide it to you.
 - **Walkers:** practice the 6 foot social distancing by locating a chalk line on the sidewalk leading to the ROTC doors. Wait for the person in front of you to move forward to the next chalk line before you move forward. Provide you name, wait for your packet to be delivered to the table, pick it up and you are free to leave.
 - **Packet Due Date:** Packet work is expected to be fully completed and either turned in to the drop box located in the bus drop off prior to April 20th or it needs to be brought back April 20th, which is the next pick up date. **(Work must be completed in order to receive the next packet of work.)**
 - I will create additional drop-off schedules in the near future to return things such as textbooks, instruments, uniforms, library books, etc.

Thank you for making it to the end of this email! I appreciate your time and effort in reading it in its entirety. I will continue to send emails on different topics over the next couple of days. I hope to answer at least most of your questions through those email. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. If you have any questions or need to get ahold of your student's teachers, please contact the following offices: **Math 391-3655 English 391-3653 Social Studies 391-3654 Science 391-3652 SPED 391-3651 Electives 391-3600 Main Office 391-3690**
Go GRIZZLIES!!!

Respectfully,

Scott Sage
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