



March 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support in this dynamic situation - your words of encouragement and gratitude are appreciated immensely!! Outlined below is our school plan for helping each family during the closure, however long that ultimately is. If you haven't yet, please fill out this [survey](#) I sent a few days ago asking about meals and devices so we have an idea of what to anticipate and can be prepared for you. Also, please note that ***everything*** your student needs, regardless of his/her grade, will be in an online system beginning Wednesday morning so there is no need to come to school (please don't!) unless you need a paper packet or a chromebook.

School hours: we will be open Wed and Thurs (Mar 18 & 19) from 9 am - 12 pm. We will be distributing electronic devices during this time and each grade will have a table set up in the gym for you to come and get packets if needed. *We are purposely spreading this out over two days and 3 hours each day to naturally spread out the families we anticipate coming. If we have an abundance of people at any one time, we will have you wait outside the front door to limit how many people are inside the building.* We have enough devices to provide one per family, do not feel like you have to come early to get one.

Office hours: we anticipate having a skeleton crew available to answer phones and be available to you during this closure during regular school hours.

School Work: our teachers have been busily putting lessons on digital platforms. In K-2nd gr, this will be SeeSaw. In 3rd-6th gr, this will be Google Classroom. Rather than teachers sending out individual links and you having to keep track of this child goes here and that child goes there, our approach will be to post all needed links and directions to one site (bit.ly/SageCreekLearning) and this site will be the top thing you see on our school website throughout the closure. If you go to our school website (sagecreek.nebo.edu), you will see everything you need in one place. Neither of these platforms, SeeSaw or Classroom, are new, but not every student has used either platform. If your student is new to the platform, the first time getting on will take a little bit more effort and need an adult's help - you will need a class code and username and password that your child's teacher will send either today or tomorrow. After getting on the first time, it'll be a breeze once you go to our site and follow appropriate links. *Please note that teachers will be taking "roll" and students will be held accountable for work done each day and receive credit for work completed and no credit for work not completed. Of course we will work with each student based on his/her unique situation and be very flexible, but we are planning on each student participating in school each day be it online or returning packets when complete.*

Meals: we will still be offering breakfasts and lunches to go and any student can get a meal at any school (junior high siblings can come to Sage Creek or our kids can go to the high school ... whatever works best for your family). If you need to add to the [survey](#) you may have already filled out to help us better prepare, please do! Don't duplicate what you've already put in for meals, just fill it again if you need to add more than what you have already put in. Breakfasts are available from 8-9 am and lunches from 11 am-12 pm. The meals are grab-and-go style, the cafeteria will not be open for students to stay and eat.

Library: we hoped to have the library open for limited hours; however, per new directives to limit crowd size and us being on skeleton crew at school, our library will be closed. Not sure if/when we will reopen during the closure. However, the online library our school has always used and most students are familiar with (Sora) is available with directions on the SageCreekLearning link mentioned above in the School Work section.

Students in Special Education: Mr. Makin (resource) and Ms. Winfree (speech) will include with your child's teacher information to help your student be successful related to their IEP services. This will be available in



our one-stop-shop site where all links will be found mentioned above or linked to each individual student's site (depends on if a student will be using SeeSaw or Google Classroom).

Free internet: I have found two resources to share that I hope are helpful. Many thanks to these companies who have stepped up!

COMCAST - Effective March 16, 2020, COMCAST will provide free internet to families with students K-12, through their *Internet Essentials Program* for two months. They will also increase the speed of current customers. There is no term contract or credit check associated with this service. In addition there is no shipping fee for equipment. To apply log onto Website: <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

CentrCom - CentraCom will provide free 20 Mbps Internet to families with K-12 students living in their homes that do not currently have internet service from CentraCom. They will also provide a free boost in the internet speed for those with service until the end of the school year, May 31st, 2020 To apply log onto Website: <https://centracom.com/COVID> or call at 800-497-8449

Calendar Items: while this may be obvious, I want to make sure we are all on the same page with the following.

- Our school play scheduled for Apr 1 will be postponed to a later date, yet to be determined.
- 5th gr Hope of America has been cancelled. Next year, they will include 5th and 6th gr students to capture the kids who miss out this year.
- SEPs scheduled for Thurs of this week (19th) are cancelled.
- The book fair scheduled for this week is cancelled.
- Maturation for 5th and 6th gr students will be postponed to a later date, yet to be determined.
- All other school events scheduled during the closure will be cancelled or postponed.

We are available for phone and email during school hours and in-person at the specified times above. Please let us know if we can help you, we will try our best during these unique circumstances.

Sincerely,
Ms. Hansen