

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

Huge congratulations are in order to all of you for successfully completing your first week of remote learning. Please remember that success looks different for all of you. Many of you were able to complete the assignment in each of your classes successfully as well as navigate this new and different world of remote learning--that is a success. Some of you are still finding ways to juggle a job, your family responsibilities, and technological challenges--juggling all of these responsibilities is a huge success! Some of you have stepped up to help your families meet their basic needs during this time when many people have lost their jobs or are unable to work because of illness -- helping out your family and loved ones is a huge success.

Whatever challenges you've had to overcome over the past month is worthy of applause and admiration. This Commander Community is a strong one. The most important thing I need you to know and hear from me is, We are Stronger Together, and if you need help PLEASE reach out. You can contact me, your Teachers, your Counselor, our Mental Health Providers, a staff member you feel close to, and we will help you find solutions. See the bottom of the [Student and Family Guidance document](#) for a list of staff email addresses. You can contact your teachers directly through their Schoology courses and their office hours.

If you have QUESTIONS, please enter them on this [Google Form](#) which will be posted to the website for you to access as questions arise, and a staff member will reach out to you via text or email with an answer.

With LOVE and Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Your Proud Principal
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FAQs

Do we have to complete our work? Do our grades count?

Yes, here is a description from our Superintendent, Susana Cordova, of how the grading for this entire semester will work. "All spring 2020 marking periods for grades 9-12 that were in progress as of March 13 will convert to a **credit/no credit model**. This model will focus on the essential understandings/big ideas/competencies of a course and will rely on a body of evidence (e.g., essay, presentation, project) for determining credit for the course. All marking periods that were in progress, or yet to begin, will be converted to a credit/no credit model. The 2020 spring semester will be removed from all cumulative GPA calculations for students in grades 9-12. Class ranking for seniors will be based on GPA through the fall of 2019."

It is extremely important to complete all of your assignments when you can (try your best to turn them in by 4PM on Thursday of each week), as you need the credit for these courses to graduate. I am meeting with Ms. Cordova's team and other Principals from around the district to get more clarity around grading practices this week. I will send out information as it comes.

What about Senior Check Out? We will create a detailed plan shortly regarding Senior check out and share asap.

How do I receive my Senior Pictures and Cap and Gown?

We are creating Senior packages to be safely distributed to Seniors with all items you've already purchased as well as some special treats. Details coming.

When will Graduation be rescheduled?

We will reschedule Graduation as soon as it is safe to reconvene as larger groups. We are planning something special virtually for the day Graduation was originally planned on 4/28. Stay tuned for details.

Can I still buy a cap and gown? Yes, contact Laurentz Gilmore at laurentz_gilmore@dpsk12.org

Can I get the personal items I left in my locker?

When the stay at home order lifts and it is safe for students to be back in the school, we will let you know.

I still don't understand how this works!

You can find all the information you need for Remote Learning under the remote learning tab on our website jfk.dpsk12.org, you can access the Student Guidance doc [here](#).

How do I get on track during remote learning?

Contact your counselor to determine ways to get back on track through Edgenuity. We will be hosting a Junior Class Meeting virtually and will send out details soon.

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REMINDERS and Celebrations:

- **The Future Center is hosting Office Hours you can sign up on the Schoology group for Seniors, or [HERE](#) for Ms. Emily and [HERE](#) for Ms. Ambria.**
- **Huge shout out to the following students who received scholarships (contact us if you earn a scholarship, we want to celebrate you!):**
 - Claudia Loya received the Inspired Leaders CORE scholarship from Regis, which is a full tuition scholarship!
 - Jaylantis London Brown received the 4 - year Denver Alumnae Chapter Scholarship.
 - Brian Tran was accepted to Columbia, Georgetown and UCD BSMD program which provides a clear path to CU Denver Anschutz school of medicine from an undergrad degree.
 - Krist Tran was also accepted to Cal Berkeley in their Chemistry Program.
 - Tam Nugyen is a Daniels Scholar receiving a full ride for all 4 years to her choice of CSU
 - Jocelyn Gonzalez is a Boettcher Scholar also receiving a full ride to CU Boulder to study Architecture.
 - Thuy (Suzie) Pham received the Musical Scholarship from Regis, which gives her a monetary reward and offers her free lessons in any instrument of her choice while at school. She auditioned on drums.
- **Ways we will take attendance and build community during remote learning --**
 1. **Mondays** -- Google Meet Advisory meeting -- *your advisor will send you the meeting invite and times by the end of this week. These meetings start the week of 4/13.*
 2. **Wednesdays** -- Commander Check In -- *JFK Staff and members of Student Council will create a Commander Check in video to update you on important information and on the #Anchor Fun Challenge for the week, we will send out a survey for you to enter your information so that we can record attendance.*
 3. **Fridays**-- Your teachers will grade your work and provide feedback, if you do not turn your work in at the end of each week (by Thursday 4PM), a member of the JFK staff will call you to make sure you are okay and have access to the learning the following Monday.
 4. **Mondays through Thursdays** -- your teachers will host office hours to answer your questions and provide instruction; our mental health providers and counselors will be available by appointment, and your Admin will be available by email or phone any weekday from 8am to 4pm.

Information about our JFK Remote Learning plan is found on our website (jfk.dpsk12.org), and you can find your student and family guidance document [here](#). Check your email and Schoology everyday!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LINKS:

- **MEETING YOUR BASIC NEEDS**

- Information for Grab and Go Meal Centers found [here](#)
- **If you need immediate Mental Health support** please call 1-877-542-7233 or visit <https://safe2tell.org/> which will provide an anonymous way to help someone who is struggling or hurting.
- If you are inquiring about DPS free medical clinics during the extended break: [Denver Health at Lincoln High School](#)

- **TECH NEEDS**

- If you still need a Chromebook and have not yet made arrangements with a JFK Staff member, you can go to Lincoln HS or Valverde Elementary School on Tuesday or Wednesday from 10:30am to 1pm to pick up a Chromebook and a charger.
- [Link to Comcast's offer for FREE INTERNET for two months to low income households](#)
- Technology related problem? Call 720.423.3163 (English & Spanish)

- **CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

- If you are reporting confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 and/or have questions about COVID-19, please visit the [DPS Corona Virus](#) page.

List of ONLINE Learning Sites

- [Industry Chats Online](#) -- learn about different professional pathways here
- <https://www.wilbooks.com/wilbooks-free-resources>
- Over 25 different online learning platforms for HS students found [here](#)
- Free ebooks found [here](#)
- 10 great FREE websites for HS students found [here](#)
- http://www.openculture.com/free_k-12_educational_resources
- Amazing [LIST](#) of educational resources
- [Khan Academy Learning Schedules](#)

ARCHIVED UPDATES and REMINDERS linked [HERE](#)

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