

Shaler Area School District

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Dear Shaler Area families,

We hope that this email finds you and your family well during these uncertain times. Thank you for the tremendous work that you have accomplished as we transitioned to remote learning. We are so proud of the perseverance that everyone has shown, and we are seeing learning occurring across the district, even during these difficult times.

During our first two weeks of remote learning, the instruction has focused on re-teaching and enrichment. The lesson plans have consisted of informal activities that reinforce or extend students' prior learning. Our goal has been to connect with students and engage them with some meaningful work. As we move forward, our intention is to blend planned instruction with re-teaching and enrichment.

Our planned instruction model will be delivered in the same manner as the past several weeks but will include more formal teaching and learning. Within this process, teachers will begin to introduce new concepts/skills aligned to grade level standards. We believe that as a school district we must move forward in providing our students with the high-quality education despite the school closure.

In order to comply with attendance regulations set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), all students will need to continue submitting attendance for each school day that they are participating in remote learning by visiting <https://support.sasd.k12.pa.us> no later than 3:00 p.m. on each school day.

General Reminders:

- Spring Break is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th through Monday, April 13th. No remote learning will occur during this period of time.
- ALL Shaler Area School District buildings, fields, and facilities will remain closed in order to adhere to strict social distancing guidelines.
- We will continue to share relevant information and resources on our website:
<http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/COVID-19.aspx>. Please continue to utilize this site as a resource during this closure.

Finally, but most importantly, please know that we view you as a critical partner in your child's education. We understand that remote learning is challenging for families, students, and our staff. However, we also know that our mutually supportive relationship is invaluable to our students' learning. We look forward to working with you to provide the best education possible for each and every student.

As always, we are here to serve you. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, principal, or either of us.

Sincerely,

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