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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the last few weeks. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, and team members for their positivity, flexibility and resolve during such difficult times.

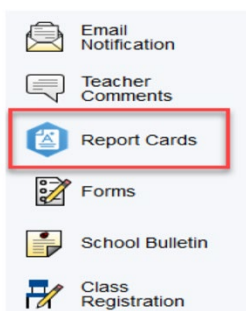
We know that you have many questions about how this extended school closure will impact your child(ren); especially our high school students and their credit needs for graduation. We are continuing to work with the New Jersey Department of Education on the development of the guidance given these unprecedented times.

NEW INFORMATION

Starting on Monday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m., students and parents will be able to view K-12 report cards for the third marking period on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Converting to a secure, password-protected online report card system will allow parents and students to get more timely delivery of grades. Please note that the adjusted marking period schedule for this year is as follows:
Marking Period 3: February 5 – March 16
Marking Period 4: March 17 – June 15

Once you are in the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please follow the steps below:

Step 1. Click on the Report Cards link located on the left Navigation screen. Please refer to the sample image below:



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Step 2. Click Report Card link “SCH-XX-Q3 Report Card 19-20” under Archived Report Cards. Please refer to the sample image below:

Archived Report Cards

Sch 3 Q3 Report Card 19-20

Step 3. Report Card will open in a new window in your web browser.

If you do not have a PowerSchool account, please contact your child’s principal via email to request the web access identification (ID) and password. Once you have been provided with this information, please click on the following link. PowerSchool Directions can be found [here](#).

Phase 2 E-Remote Learning Plan

We have incorporated “Flex Fridays” into our student schedule in order to provide students additional time to complete their weekly assignments. Your child’s teachers will continue to provide support during office hours.

I would like to share that the instructional packets are being delivered by mail to your home. Based on the date the packets were delivered to the post office, we anticipated and were optimistic that packets would reach homes in time for students to start Phase 2 of E-Remote Learning on our announced launch date. Unfortunately, with the increased strain on the postal service and delays in mail delivery, it appears that packets have not yet reached all their intended recipients. I will be in contact with our local post office to obtain further updates.

Reminders

PK-12 Registration

We will reschedule our Preschool – Grade 12 registration dates when we can return to school. This date shared via our website and other media outlets.

High School Selection Process

All current 8th grade students will make their high school selection beginning on May 1st through May 15th.

Grab and Go Program

Our Grab and Go Breakfast and lunch distribution to families will continue on Monday and Wednesday of each week, with the same pick-up locations and timeframes.

Laptops

We are working to address any questions or concerns that you may have regarding your child’s laptop. Please contact us at 908-436-5051 or you can email helpdesk@epsnj.org if you or someone you know needs this support.

In closing, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all healthcare and first responders, as well as the many individuals who continue to demonstrate great courage and make tremendous sacrifices to provide critical services on a daily basis. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those individuals and families who may be suffering.

We all look forward to a return to an even stronger Elizabeth Community. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions. I wish you a happy and healthy weekend and hope to have more information to share with you early next week.

Sincerely,



Olga Hugelmeyer