



Remsen Central School
Jr./Sr. High Update to Students &
Parents
4/10/20
Mrs. Kristy McGrath, Principal

Happy Easter!

Changes to the Calendar:

School is closed until April 29, 2020. Gov. Cuomo will make a decision as it nears to determine if we close longer. Gov. Cuomo has indicated he will make decisions in 2-week increments.

May 9 - **Prom - postponed**

May 14-15 - State FFA Convention - **postponed**

-**Yearbook** orders are being done on-line and will be shipped directly to houses. There is a link on the school website. If Seniors are choosing to pay for their yearbook out of their fundraising, email Mrs. Hazen (Carpenter) and she will reimburse you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from Mr. Jenny (4/10/20)

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Online Yearbook Sale

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your yearbook online.



School Work:

- **The work being sent home isn't optional. If students don't complete it they are in jeopardy of failing. In order to graduate, Seniors must pass Government, Economics, Senior Seminar, PE, and English 12. Some Seniors may need other courses to ensure they have 22 total credits.**
- No Regents exams will be given in June. If you pass a course, and a Regents was to be given in June, then you are exempt from the Regents. If you fail the course, you will need to take summer school to get the course credit or repeat it next year.
- Students should check Google daily and their emails. If you have trouble with your Google account, contact Mrs. Reilly (areilly@remsen.sdsd.org), and if you have trouble accessing your email, contact Mr. Carney (mcarney@remsen.sdsd.org).
- Students should expect to be spending approximately 20 minutes/day per course. For all courses, this should be about 2 to 2 ½ hours of work time per day. If you are spending more time than this on a course, please contact the teacher (if it isn't resolved, then Mrs. Nebush and then Mrs. McGrath).
- Help is available. Contact the teacher to set up small group or one-on-one help sessions. You can also contact me (kmcgrath@remsen.sdsd.org) if you'd like a Teaching Assistant (Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Griswold or Mrs. Countryman) to set up half hour or hour tutoring sessions on a daily or weekly basis.

- Teachers will continue to send work home on buses or send work electronically. At this time, we do not want hard copy work sent back to school. However, teachers may have ways they'd like students to send their answers of the hard copy work back (via pictures, through Google, or email).

Grading Plan:

- The end of Marking Period 3 would be 4/17/20. We are not in a position to be ready to accurately and fairly grade students due to the closure for the past month. All districts are in the process of coming up with a revised grading plan. Below is the Remsen Plan.
- **Instead of four Marking Periods in a year, we will have three. Marking Period 1 (done), Marking Period 2 (done), and Marking Period 4 (combination of Marking Period 3 and 4).**
- Art 7 and 8, Tech 7 and 8, Ag 7 and 8, and Home & Careers 7 and 8 will continue in the same course until the end of the year, and will not switch to what was on the schedule for MP4.
- Report cards will be mailed 4/24 but they will be a progress report (not include a grade, since we are rolling Marking Period 3 into Marking Period 4).
- You will get another Progress Report mailed on May 15th.
- Please make sure you are aware of what your child has or hasn't completed, and pay close attention to the reports that get mailed 4/24 and 5/15. Again, the work assigned at home isn't optional and if not done, puts students in jeopardy of failing.

The Board will act Tuesday (April 14th) on a change to policy for this year only, allowing class rank to be calculated at the end of Marking Period 2 (not Marking Period 3) for Seniors in 2020 only.

Review of What we Know:

- All 3-8 state exams are canceled for the year - math, ELA and Science.
- June Regents are canceled. If a child was intending to take the Regents exam, and they pass the course, then they get credit for the Regents. If a child doesn't pass the course, and they take summer school to pass the course, they also get credit for the Regents. **IMPORTANT MESSAGE IS STUDENTS NEED TO ENSURE THEY DO THE WORK TO PASS EACH COURSE!**
- AP Exams are still given, but students are only graded on content they learned prior to the closure, and the exams are significantly shorter. The dates are: May 15 (2pm) AP US History, May 18 (2pm) AP Biology, May 20 (2pm) AP Literature, and students can take the tests at home or at school (if we are open). The exams are electronic.
- In order for students to get college credit they must have covered the content of the course, per college policy.

-If you do not receive **lunches**, but would like them, please call 315-205-4300 (x 4223 or x 5236).

-If you have any **emotional/mental health concerns**, please reach out for help to our Social Workers (Mrs. Laury or Mrs. Vitagliano), our School Counselor (Mrs. Nebush), or call the NYS Social Emotional Line at 1-844-863-9314.

-Congratulations to Mrs. Cooper and her family on the arrival of a baby boy...Francis Cooper.

I miss each and every one of you! Please stay safe and healthy! Call the main office and leave a message if you need anything. Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Hajdasz check the phones daily. Also, feel free to email me if you have any questions. All my best - Mrs. McGrath