Parents and Guardians,

As the COVID-19 situation progresses, many items are changing at a rapid pace with school building closures and changes in the structures for teaching and learning. Here are several items we know today that we wanted to share with you.

**School Event and Activity Cancellations**

All school related activities and events are canceled up through April 13. Decision about activities after April 13 have not been made at this time.

**STEM School Schedule and Classes**

The STEM School is closed until April 13. This date may be extended, but the return date for face-to-face classes will not be sooner. Here is a schedule for the next few weeks:

--March 16-20: Students work online to submit items from previous coursework assigned. No new work is assigned to students. Teachers will review, provide feedback and grade items submitted this week. This includes completing Edgenuity items for students in 9th and 10th grade that have been assigned Edgenuity.

--March 23-27: Teachers will post items in Google Classroom for students to do for learning targets that are new. Students should check Google Classroom daily for assignments. Students can communicate with the teacher through email and Google Classroom comments.

--March 30 - Apr 2: Same as March 23-27.

--April 3 - April 10: Students and teachers are on Spring Break for Hamilton County Schools. No work will be assigned for STEM School classes. STEM teachers will also not be checking with students during that time. Students with college classes should read below section about Chattanooga State.

--April 13: Students and teachers return in person to the STEM School. Please note this date is subject to change and is dependent on Hamilton County Schools and Chattanooga State administrative decisions.
Chattanooga State Schedule and Classes

Chattanooga State classes will resume on March 23 through an online format. No college classes will meet on campus and the college classes will be taught online for the remainder of the semester. STEM students with college classes should check their eLearn and connect with their college instructors if they have any questions. Please note that these virtual classes will also take place during the Hamilton County Schools spring break week.

Questions

If you have questions regarding specific items for your student and a STEM class, please email the teacher for that class (emails for teachers are on the STEM School website in the Directory). If you have any other questions or are having difficulty reaching a teacher, please email Amy Robinson (robinson_amy@hcde.org) and Glenda Pearson (pearson_g@hcde.org). Amy Robinson and Glenda Pearson will help you to connect with the appropriate person or help find an answer to your question(s).

Please note that there are many items coming at us with directives from the state, county and college. We are doing our best to simplify those messages and provide you with the key information you need. As items become updated that create change in plans or updates to existing plans, we will work to communicate those to you.

On a side note, in a small effort to keep our students connected and provide some normality to all of our lives, I have agreed to create a TikTok for every day we are not together. The TikTok account is titled STEMprincipal and I have also been posting the videos in Google Classroom for the students as well. I have already received several emails from students demanding I continue. I will do my best.

As always, we appreciate your amazing patience during this time.

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen
Principal