

# CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello CHS Parents and Students,

First and foremost, I hope all members of our Central Family are doing well. I am reaching out to all of you to provide an update, as well as to communicate what we need from you moving forward. I want to assure you that our staff will continue to work together to implement a plan designed to support students' learning through this challenging time.

- All Central Families must go to the Central High School website at **[bridgeportedu.net/Central](http://bridgeportedu.net/Central)** and complete the Distance Learning survey located at the top of the page. If you do not have the ability to access the website, please call the school at 203-275-1502 between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:00 pm and **inform our clerical staff if you do not have the ability to complete online assignments and need paper copies.**
- Online instruction of all Central classes will begin on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue until further notice. This week, all teachers are in the process of preparing work for their students. Student work will be posted through Microsoft Teams and other platforms established by each of the teachers. For students needing paper copies of their work, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements. Please note that Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the first day you could come in to pick up paper copies. Once again, please call the school at 203-275-1502 prior to coming to the building. Only 1 person per family will be allowed to come into the building.
- Starting on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, all teachers and students are expected to maintain daily online communication with each other. Students need to check their Microsoft Teams and also their school email [schoolID#@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:schoolID#@bridgeportedu.net). At this time, we are prioritizing instruction over assessment and grading. As things become clearer and students become more comfortable with the distance learning platform, we will provide updates regarding questions revolving around grading, report cards, etc.
- **Communication among teachers, students, and families is the key to success.** Students or parents may email our staff at any time with questions or concerns regarding assignments, expectations, technology issues, etc. All staff emails are listed under the staff directory on the Central High School website **[bridgeportedu.net/central](http://bridgeportedu.net/central)**

- The Bridgeport Public Schools website ([bridgeportedu.net](http://bridgeportedu.net)) is being updated regularly with specific information related to "COVID-19" and should serve as one of your primary sources of information and updates from the district in addition to SchoolMessenger. Please call the school if you need to update your phone number and email for the SchoolMessenger system.
- Information regarding the Emergency Food Service sites in Bridgeport is available on both the school and district website.
- Special Education Students and their families: Case managers/teachers will be contacting parents to schedule Annual Reviews. If you are not contacted and believe your child is due for his/her Annual Review, please email your student's case manager. If you need assistance beyond the case manager, please contact Dr. McPherson at [cmcpherson@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:cmcpherson@bridgeportedu.net)
- If you need translation assistance, please contact Mr. Gordon at 203-275-1605 or [bgordon@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:bgordon@bridgeportedu.net) for any questions relating directly to instruction and/or translation for our ELL students and their families.
- Our guidance counselors, social workers, school psychologists and school nurse are all available via email to all Central families who need any of our support services.

**To all of our Central students:** Thank you in advance for being willing to make the necessary adjustments in your learning protocols. While I know you would rather be in school with your teachers and classmates, please know that we will continue to do everything we can to make our school a caring and supportive environment for each of you. I know many of you (especially our seniors) have questions regarding all of the end-of-year events we were planning. At this time, I do not have all of the answers to those questions, but I promise that I will continue to communicate with you as decisions are made.

**To our parents:** Thank you for your patience and understanding through this extraordinary time. While this may not be how you envisioned the school year to go, I am confident that we can still work together to make this school year a successful one for our students.

Please take care of yourselves and those around you.

Sincerely,



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