

Dear Bradford Families,

On Monday, Governor Whitmer issued a shelter-in-place order for all Michigan residents for the next three weeks, closing schools until April 13th. I understand things are continuously changing, making providing you with reliable information difficult. We are all waiting to hear what will happen next.

We had hoped to have clearer guidance from the State about High School in particular, but have not had any rules to follow other than assurances that students would not be penalized, held back, or prevented from graduating on time if they were on-track. You also are aware that we were unable to finish our second trimester exams; as we are now prevented from entering our building and because we are unable to deliver those exams in any way that can guarantee their security or validity, we are going to consider all work for the second trimester complete. We are intending to use a method of assessing the final grade using at least two formulas: determining the curved score of the exams that were taken and then determining if this grade helps or hurts students' final grades. If it helps, we will keep it, if it hurts, it will be excused and the grade will be based on the work that was submitted during the term. It is certainly not ideal, but seems the fairest way to go. We are planning to close the gradebook at the end of the day on Friday, April 10, 2020.

While we may all be confined to our individual homes, know that you are not alone. The entire Bradford staff and teachers are here for you. We are willing and ready to aid and assist in any way possible. Our teachers and staff have been attempting to contact each scholar to check in and assist them on their studies. In addition to Google Classrooms, students can consult the many resources in the Bradford Online Learning Resources that is available on the website; and let's not forget that Edgenuity and Khan Academy are up and running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please keep the learning alive in your home. Reading anything, playing board games and card games, getting exercise (try an online yoga, dance or fitness class!) are all good activities that our scholars can partake in. Learning takes many forms--practicing a musical instrument or a song, cooking (and finding recipe substitutes!) are all instances where the brain is fully engaged.

We will get through this together, because we are #BradfordStrong! Stay tuned to our website, social media, and School Messenger for updates. Until next time, stay home and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Dr. Harrison
Principal, Bradford Academy High School