

March 24, 2020

Dear Elmwood Community, Parents, and Staff,

I want to send an email with information to give everyone the latest updates. First and foremost, I want to stress that I continue to think about the students and families during this rough time. I know I am struggling to comprehend it all, and I am sure that the students are struggling also. Please talk with your child about how they are feeling and help them work through these emotions. If at any time you feel your child could benefit by talking with a school counselor, please email their counselor and a phone call can be arranged.

Here are some updates for you:

1. Governor DeWine has issued a state wide, shelter-in-place, which requires everyone to stay home unless they are dealing with, or working in an essential job area. What this means for the school is that all offices are closed and we only have someone there when we have an essential task to be done. If you need something, or have a question, please email me and I will help out where I can.
2. Our feeding pick-up went really well last night. Our next food pick-up is next Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6:30 PM. Please enter from the circle drive and use the high school entrances.
3. I am really impressed with the online lessons that the teachers are creating. This is a huge learning curve for both the teachers and the students. It is nice to see that everyone is working to make these lessons of quality and enhance the learning the best we can.
4. Moving to the future, I fully anticipate that the ordering issuing schools to stay at home and use online lessons will be issued at some point. As this happens, or new directives issued, I will do my

best to update the community on what this means. We are still waiting on guidance about state testing, spring sports, and other similar items. My guess is that most of these will be removed at some point. Finally, decisions on prom and graduation will be made in the near future. I am hoping that no matter what, we can get graduation in, even if we have to go later in the summer.

In closing, please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or your family. Take care of yourselves and take some time to get outside as it begins to warm up.

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