



HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Cheektowaga High School Parents,

The high school staff would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time in society. This closure of school and implementation of distance learning came fast and furious, and was an adjustment for everyone.

Nobody was 100% prepared but I feel our teachers were in a great place to continue education on the digital platforms. All of our staff have been using some form of technology and/or distance learning tools prior to this which helped with this continual transition. At the onset all teachers were posting review assignments daily for students to work on, as we didn't want to lose our momentum that we began in September. Quickly we realized the burden it placed on students and families as well as the sense of being overwhelmed so we created a structure and some guidelines to move forward with "new learning" on the digital platform. As we all work through this please consider the following:

- Your students utilize the structure of our delivery as their structure to complete assignments daily, and utilize the office hours set by the teachers.
- Office hours are defined as getting a response within a reasonable time (5 min), and some will even be live, face to face.
- We are available by email 24/7, please give us time to respond.
- Teachers will be working with students to complete proficient work, those assignments not deemed satisfactory will be afforded the opportunity to re-submit for success. We will still be grading numerically.
- Our staff expects a positive attitude as well as honest effort when working digitally. **Students are responsible for their education the same as if we were in our building, we are now on a different platform.**
- Student Services (counselors, social workers, psychologists) reach out on a regular basis to all students, but should be used as a resource for our families on a regular basis. Please reach out to Student Services 24/7, they are here for you!
- Other pieces of information as of 3/27/20:
 - AP exams are continuing online through the College Board
 - NYS Regents assessments are on as planned
 - Local (Cheektowaga HS) requirements will be addressed at a later date.

Lastly as we move through this time in history I remind parents you do not need to take on the role of the teacher. Help where you can and where you see fit, but please do not let this digital platform become an additional family stressor. We are here to help. Please reach out to any teacher, administrator or counselor at any time.

Mr. Zipp and the whole Cheektowaga HS Staff