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School Closure Update - 3/29

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Wow, do we miss all of you so much. The entire staff had a video conference this past week and everyone echoed the same message of missing our students! In that same breath, we couldn't be prouder of the work many of you are doing from home. We understand these are trying times and something that brings on such a wide range of emotions, so know that we are here for all of you!

Our teachers are working closely with one another and administration to communicate expectations for remote learning. Additionally, CPS is having each school put together a remote learning plan to clearly lay out expectations moving forward. These remote learning plans are to be communicated with families by April 6th, so please stay tuned for more details. We truly appreciate every families teamwork during this unprecedented time. #TeamSauganash has shown its strength over and over!

We have decided to offer the Dell Chromebooks for take home use to students who do not have access to a device (Grades 2-8). Our goal is to ensure all students 2-8th are able to do remote online learning moving forward. We understand many students already have access to device and/or won't want the liability of the school's Chromebook during the closure, but if you need the device please see the schedule below.

This distribution (3/31 - 4/3) is designed for PARENTS to come to retrieve, sign a [permission slip](#), and take the Chromebook & charger. This distribution will take place this coming week outside of **door 12 near the playground**. For safety reasons and to ensure our technology is properly accounted for, we put together a specific process.

- We will have cones set up 6 feet apart leading up to the Door 12, this will create a line but also practice social distancing at the same time.
- When you reach the 1st spot in line.... your Chromebook/charger will be retrieved and placed on a desk for pick up, while you fill out the permission slip and place in the box.
- The permission slip details the responsibility of the device & policies listed below [Sauganash Technology Use](#) & [Chicago Public Schools - Acceptable Use Policy](#).
- **Please bring your own pen to fill out the form!**

***A huge shout out to Ms. Court** who has put our school technology system in such a good place that we are able to do a distribution like this. Additionally she has completed all of the updates necessary on all of our devices so that we can run everything accordingly and effectively!

*Remember we are unable to let anyone in the building, so we feel this is the best option to distribute the Chromebooks.

*PARENTS....If you come at your grade level time to pick up and would like to pick up for a sibling in another grade we will accommodate but may take a couple more minutes.

*We appreciate the patience and collaboration

Chromebook Distribution Schedule

Tuesday (9am-1pm) - 7/8th Grade

Wednesday (9am-1pm) - 5/6th Grade

Thursday (9am-1pm) - 3/4th Grade

Friday (9am-1pm) - 2nd Grade

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers have recently sent out communication regarding remote learning assignments and the pick up materials from the school. Unfortunately, we do not have technology devices for K & 1st grade but we will continue to make sure there is hard copy resources for your children to remain engaged and enriched during the school closure. We thank you for your continued support and partnership during these tough times. This has been a new experience for everyone and we are working hard to put forth the best learning opportunities for your children!!



7/8th Grade Virtual Spirit Week

March 30-April 3

Ask your parents to create a Twitter account so you can participate in this week's fun! If your parents already gave you permission to have an account you can post each day your picture or

video to the Sauganash account

@SauganashChiefs

Monday

Move it Monday= Show how you dance, run or stay active while at home.

Tuesday

Teamwork Tuesday= Show how you stay connected with your family or friends.

Wednesday

We are "all in" Wednesday. Show who you are "all in" with, dog, cat, pet, grandparents, brother, etc.

Thursday

Throwback Thursday. Dig through your old pictures and share one of your best or worst elementary school pictures.

Friday

Freedom Friday. Show us what you will do when you are able to move about freely.

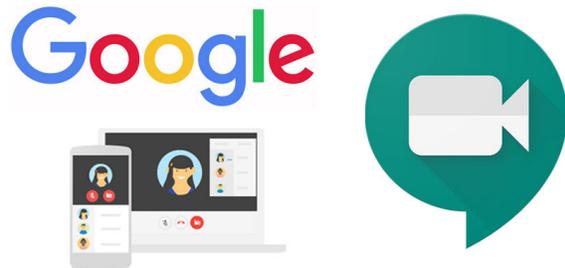
***Be creative, be appropriate and have fun.**



Twitter has been a great platform for communication during these times. Parents, please take this opportunity to join [Twitter](#) so you can and your children can participate in future Spirit Weeks, see great pictures, and be in the know the all things Sauganash School. We have the school account (@SauganashChiefs) along with many teachers holding accounts as well!

CPS Enables "Google Meet" for 2-8th Grade Students

Starting this week CPS has enabled the Google Meet platform for the teachers to video conference with their students during the closure. There strict guidelines regarding this platform as it pertains to the CPS Acceptable Use Policy. Additionally, CPS has shared the below resources for reference as well!



Google Meet for Students & Parents

Communication Tools

Chicago Public Schools Update

March 26, 2020

Dear CPS Community,

We hope you and your families are doing well. During these uncertain times, it's critically important that we all come together to support each other. We ask that you consider giving just a little more of yourself to your fellow Chicagoans. It's these moments of give and take that will strengthen the bonds of our community. To that end, today we are asking for your support in three vital ways:



- Volunteer to work with the children of Chicago's First Responders. While first responders, healthcare professionals, and other essential personnel work on the frontlines during the fight against the spread of COVID-19, their families are in dire need of child care during this unprecedented time.
- You can help by volunteering to provide child care for the family of one of these workers keeping our city going through Sittercity's "Chicago Responds" program. Launched in partnership with the City of Chicago, the "Chicago Responds" program will connect members of the public and public-sector employees like yourselves with first responders who are looking for volunteers to provide sitter services in their homes. The program will also give all Chicago parents working as first responders free access to Sittercity Premium. Please consider donating your time to these local heroes and their families by signing up at www.sittercity.com/chicagoresponds.
- If you are a licensed medical professional, please consider volunteering with the Illinois Medical Reserve Corps. Please help Illinois provide the surge capacity needed for public health emergencies. Additionally, volunteers of all backgrounds are welcomed and are encouraged to register. There will be a need for volunteers with all types of skills and expertise, such as those who are skilled in: interpretation (languages and hearing impaired); administration; transportation training; provision of daycare, IT and security services. Learn more at www.illinoishelps.net/
- Share information with essential workers on how to secure reliable, safe childcare during the school closure period. If you or someone you know are an essential worker in need of childcare during the school closure period, please consider using or sharing information on Chicago's Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies helpline.
- A dedicated helpline has been created so Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) can help connect essential worker families to emergency child care. Call toll-free (888) 228-1146. The helpline will be

available from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday to answer calls, but callers will be able to leave a message 24 hours a day.

- Follow the statewide Stay at Home order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Under Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home order, all Illinois residents have been asked to stay home except for essential needs and to maintain at least six feet of distance from others at all times. Earlier today, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot implemented additional measures to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic through social distancing, including immediately closing the city's Lakefront, Riverwalk, 606 trail, and all adjacent parks.
- Please note that outside of food distribution, all CPS schools and playgrounds are closed to the public. The playgrounds in particular pose a high risk for transmission and it is critically important that we take these measures seriously and do our part to keep ourselves and our communities healthy.

We thank you for your support of our first responder families and everyone throughout the city of Chicago. This is an unprecedented challenge for all of us, and our team is committed to supporting you however we can. We will continue to keep you updated, and we look forward to welcoming you back to your schools as soon as possible.

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