**EASTMONT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**Online Learning during COVID-19 School Closures**

**FAQ - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

***GENERAL***

**Will students be learning from home during the closure?**

Yes. Although traditional in-person instruction is not taking place, we will provide remote/distance instruction using technology based virtual instruction **starting Monday, April 6th.** The primary method of instruction will be through Google Classroom. Paper instructional learning packets will be made available soon (more information to come). Please let your child’s teacher know if you need paper packets.

**What if I do not have a chromebook?**

Students may check out a chromebook from the Junior High School on Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27, between the hours of 11:30am and 1:00pm. Monday April 6th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students will be able to drive through to pick up a chromebook. Students/parents will be required to sign off on the chromebook. Parents will need to assume **full responsibility** for any damages or loss of the chromebook.

**Will I be able to come into the school for instruction or help?**

The school building is not open to the public at this time. You can contact your teachers, counselors or administration through google classroom, email, or phone.

If a teacher chooses to use a “virtual meeting platform.” They will use Zoom or Google Meet. A schedule has been built for our building that lists times in which a teacher can request a virtual meeting. It also lists office hours each day when teachers will be available to you and your child. These schedules will be posted on the website soon.

**What will my class schedule be?**

Students will continue Semester 2 based on the classes they had been assigned on the first day of the new term.

**Will we still have a regularly scheduled spring break?**

Yes, Eastmont School District will follow the School Board Approved Spring Break of March 30 through April 3, 2020.

**Will I be graded in my distance learning classes?**

The grading system recommended by OSPI is a Pass/No Credit. This means that if your child is communicating with their teachers and turning in work, they will **P**ass. If they are not, they will receive a **N**o **C**redit. We will not be using a traditional grading system.

***INSTRUCTION***

**How will my classes be taught: What type of work is being assigned / How is it being assigned?**

The primary method of instruction will be electronic, using Google Classroom. Teachers may provide additional interactive supports via electronic video conferencing such as Zoom or Google Meet.

Paper instructional learning packets will be made available soon to those that do not have computer access (more information to come). Please let your child’s teacher know if you need a paper packet or contact your child’s school

If a teacher chooses to use a “virtual meeting platform”, they will use Zoom or Google Meet. A schedule has been built for each building that lists times in which a teacher can request a virtual meeting. It also lists office hours each day when teachers will be available to you and your child. These schedules will be posted on the website soon.

**What can you do when you complete assignments?**

Each of your teachers will work with you on how to turn in assignments.

**What should I do if I need technical assistance?**

Please reach out to your individual teachers or call your school

**How will teachers access students?**

Students will primarily receive communication and assignments from teachers via Google Classroom. Families can email their student’s teacher(s) if there are questions or supports needed with the activities and assignments.

**How do I earn credit for my TA class?**

More Information will be available soon

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Will meals be provided for students during closures?**

School meal programs continue during the school closure for COVID-19. In the ESD, meals can be picked up from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday, at Rock Island, Clovis, Sterling and Lee schools. In addition, busses will be delivering meals to children at designated bus stops. For more information and questions regarding bus routes please refer to our website at Eastmont206.org.

**How will schools support students experiencing homelessness?**

Schools are expected to plan how they will continue to support students experiencing homelessness during the closure. Reach out to your school counseling office for more information.

**Will students have to make up missed days?**

We will make every effort to make up missed time. However, OSPI will grant emergency waivers to allow districts to end the school year on Friday, June 19 at the latest.

**When will schools reopen and students be allowed to return?**

Per Governor Inslee: Schools are currently closed and prohibited from providing traditional in-person instructional activities through April 24, 2020. If this is updated, it will be posted on the Eastmont School District Main Webpage.

**Will this have an impact on student testing?**

OSPI is canceling all state testing for the 2019–20 school year. This includes the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS), the Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM), and WIDA Alternate ACCESS for English learners.

**How will schools communicate with students?**

Once remote instruction begins on April 6th, staff are expected to follow their standard procedures for notifying families. This includes, but is not limited to calls, emails, and digital platforms. Students are welcome to email teachers through school email.

**How can students communicate with staff?**

Students can email all staff - teachers, counselors, administration, and others - using their school email address. Last name, first letter of first name, @eastmont206.org. Your teachers will have specific times set up for instruction and then additional time for office time in which you can access them through Google Classroom or email.

**Will summer school be available?**

More information on availability of summer school will be released at a later date

***COUNSELING SERVICES***

**Are the counselors available?**

Yes, email them to start a conversation to get the information you need.

**Can counselors still help with transcripts, other documents, scholarship questions?**

Yes, initiate contact through email with your request.

**Need help contacting an outside counselor?**

Please feel free to contact your grade level counselor for further information.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING SPRING SPORTS AT EASTMONT**

**\*\*NOTE:** The **Middle School** (Grades 7-8) Spring Athletics season has been cancelled.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS:**

**WIAA FAQ on Spring Sports Guidelines and Championships** <http://wiaa.com/News.aspx?ID=681&Mon=3&Yr=2020>

**FAQ for Eastmont Athletics:**

**Q - What is the current plan for Spring Sports?**

*A - If Governor Inslee allows schools to reopen on the 27th of April, then we will be able to start practices again on Sat April 25th. The first date to play games would be May 2nd for all sports except for boys and girls golf, they will start April 28 and 30th respectively.*

**Q - How many practices will be needed to compete this spring?**

*A - Due to the length of the closure the WIAA is requiring 10 practices from the time of the first practice after the reopening. Boys and girls golf do not have a pre-competition practice rule. The WIAA is allowing up to 2 practices a day to accomplish this as well as being able to practice on Sundays if local school districts allow. At this point Eastmont will not be practicing on Sundays.*

**Q - What will 2 a day practice look like?**

*A - Currently each program will decide what a 2 a day practice will look like. There may be a need to do a morning session and afternoon session to get enough practices in. As coaches finalize their practice plans, they will communicate them via team Remind accounts.*

**Q - What if a physical has expired or is about to expire and an athlete cannot get in to see a Healthcare provider?**

A - The District is waiving its current 12 month policy to allow a physical to be good for 24 months this year which is what the WIAA standard is.

**Q - Can students get together and practice on their own during the closure?**

*A - Athletes should adhere to the Governor's guide to social distancing and to stay home unless it is for an essential need as defined by the Governor's order. You may work out in your homes and yards. This is a great time for Eastmont athletes to lead and show their civic responsibility.*

**Q - What will the game schedule look like when sports resume?**

*A - The Big 9 AD’s have worked to create a shortened season in which all schools will play each other once. Some District 6 Tournaments have been cancelled due to this and the top two (2) teams will be seeded into Regionals or the State tournaments.*

**Q - Can athletes still earn a letter for their spring sport?**

*A - Yes, Lettering will be a head coach's decision.*

**Q - Can Senior athletes earn a letter blanket if Spring sports are cancelled?**

*A - Yes. Senior athletes that would have met the requirements for a letter blanket with a letter this spring season will be awarded an Eastmont letter blanket.*

**Q - Will sub-varsity (JV, and C teams) teams be able to play?**

*A - Yes. Sub Varsity schedules will be created and will be played when we can and availability of other teams. They will be able to play their contests all the way up to the State Championship in their sport.*

**Q - If there is not a spring sport season will there be a refund of ASB and sport fees?**

*A - Athletes that participated in only Spring sports will be issued a refund of their ASB and sport fee upon request to the ASB office,*

**Q - Will the Senior sport banners get distributed this year?**

*A - Yes. We are still planning on having our Senior recognition night to do this. Date and time are TBD.*