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Anderson Early Childhood Center

- **When is PK and K registration?**
 - At this time, we have not set a rescheduled date. We will post information on social media, in the newspaper, and on the radio at a later time to give everyone plenty of time to get registered.
 - In preparation for that date, parents can gather their required documents which include: Income verification (needed for PK and NOT kindergarten), shot records (turn in what you have currently), address verification (light bill, phone bill, rental/lease agreement), copy of the child's birth certificate (not the "mother's copy"), and copy of the child's social security card.
- **Will I still receive my child's school pictures and yearbook?**
 - YES!!!! We have already contacted Inter-State school pictures and the pictures are currently on the way. UPS will deliver them next week and we will set up a pick-up time for pictures like we did for the instructional support packets. Yearbook information will be given out as it becomes available, but you will get your yearbooks, as well.
- **Do I turn in any of the materials or supplies that I received during the instructional support pickup?**
 - No, our goal is to provide you with ways to interact with your child while reviewing many of the items that have been taught up to this point during the school year. We also want you to keep the supplies (scissors, pencils, crayons, and glue) so that your child can continue to use them as needed at home.
- **Will we have kindergarten graduation?**
 - At this time, we are still planning to have our kindergarten graduation. We do not know any other details at this time. As soon as a date, time, and location have been decided we will make announcements to inform all parents and families.



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- **How do we get in touch with our teacher to inform them that we have moved or have gotten a new phone number?**
 - The easiest way to get in touch with them is just to e-mail me at Charles.byrum@hcsk12.net and I will be more than happy to send the information to them so they can call you.

Haywood Elementary School

Opening: Good Evening! I would like to first speak to parents, grandparents, family and friends of our HES students. This is a difficult time for everyone, but especially you because you are being asked to continue working and helping your child with instruction while also making sure they are safe and protected from this pandemic. The HES family would like to say thank you for all you are doing to help keep our students learning and also for protecting them. Now to our students, this is a different time, I hope you are writing in your journals your daily activities. This will be something for you to keep to remember this history making year. The instructional packets are for you to keep so that you can review the standards your teachers have taught you this school year. We have to keep our minds fresh and always learning. Another great way to keep our minds learning is by reading. Reading can come in many different forms, a book, a magazine, the stories in your packet, street signs, anything with words. We also want to encourage you to get outside to play games, take a walk, ride your bike, draw a picture, remember we want to continue Sharpening our Saw! We miss all of you and look forward to seeing you real soon! Our seven habits can be practiced throughout this time away because we will Persevere through this and come out as better students, parents, teachers, administrators, and people! Stay safe and take care of each other!

Questions:

- **When and How will we get our Yearbooks?**
 - Of course, if we return this school year, yearbooks will be handed out to your child. If we do not return, we will have a pick-up time for parents to pick up at the school. At this time, yearbooks have not been delivered to the school.
- **Will students pass to the next grade?**



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- If a student was in good standing on March 20th, the student will be passed to the next grade. Decisions for passing is on an individual basis and decisions are made in the best interest of the student.

East Side Intermediate

Message to East Side Intermediate School's staff, students, families, and the Haywood County community:

It is my pleasure to share with you today. For much of the population, as a whole, this twist in our daily routines, our interactions with one another, and our limitations to pick up and go as we want and like is a first. Given this struggle we are all feeling, I have witnessed growing care and love toward one another.

To our staff, you have all stepped up and reached out to families to provide comfort and concern toward their well-being. I appreciate our compassionate staff and their determination to make sure our students and families have their needs met. You are doing an awesome job showing families and students how much you care about them. To our students, this change to your schedules has empowered you to seek out different ways to entertain yourselves. I encourage you to keep a journal to write down what you are doing each day and how that differs from what you used to do each day before spring break. Monday through Friday, you used to be in school. What are you doing Monday through Friday? To our families, stay strong and diligent during this time with your children, and please reach out to let us know if you need help. To the Haywood County community, it has always been clear, but is even more evident now, how well you rise to every occasion and come together to support one another. Even with social distancing, your encouraging words for one another and to us as we are giving out meals is sincere and certainly appreciated. Everyone is so willing to help in any way possible, even if that means keeping distance from each other. The goal is to make sure everyone is safe and healthy, no matter what we have to do to succeed, and Haywood County is doing just that!

FAQs:

- Will students be able to promote to the next grade level if they were already struggling?
 - Yes, all students will move to the next grade level. Supports will be in place to help students continue to grow.



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- Will we still have D.A.R.E. graduation for 5th grade students?
 - I have communicated with Officer Jackson. We currently have the parent bumper stickers, graduation cards, and certificates for our 5th grade students. I will continue to communicate with Officer Jackson to determine how and when we will celebrate our students' completion of D.A.R.E. classes. We will have a better plan after April 24 and will keep you updated.
- What should we do if we finished writing our D.A.R.E. essays?
 - If you have completed your essays, please turn them into the Brownsville Police Department. If you haven't completed your essay, but would like to, you may write your D.A.R.E. essay and turn it in to the Police Department.
- How will the missed instruction be made up if my child is already having difficulty with math and/or reading?
 - Communication between grade-level teachers will be key in sharing skills that may be most challenging. The goal will be for the next year's grade-level teachers to provide intentional focus to develop what is necessary for students to find success in their learning. We will do our best to bridge any gaps that we notice to help to minimize struggles in learning so students will grow.
- Do the instructional support packets need to be returned by a certain date?
 - No. As of right now, the packets are so students may practice and review skills already learned so far this school year. Should we return after April 24, we would encourage students to bring the packets to school. They would be good review for teachers to use during class and make sure students feel confident in their work.
- Will we get the pictures and yearbooks that we ordered?



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- Yes. Picture packets have been delivered to our school. Yearbooks should be delivered by the beginning of May. We will make sure all pictures and yearbooks are given/delivered after April 24.

- Has the school/district prepared for a safe return of our students?
 - Yes. After our spring break week, our custodial staff cleaned every piece of furniture, the restrooms, and floors with cleaners to thoroughly clean and disinfect everything. Upon thoroughly finishing each room in our building, the staff dated each room with tape to show when the room was completely cleaned. This will be done again prior to our students returning to make sure everything is properly disinfected.

- If we are out of school beyond April 24, will more packets of work be provided?
 - Yes. We will make sure we provide instructional support through the duration of our time away from school.

Haywood High School

On behalf of every faculty and staff member of Haywood High School, we hope and pray that you all are well. We are looking forward to the day that we will all be together again. In the meantime, the district-level and school-level leadership teams are constantly and thoughtfully reviewing this new normal and planning to continue provide supports to our students and their families. The administration, faculty, and staff of Haywood High School are here for you. Please reach out to us with any questions not addressed in tonight's Town Hall or for any other needs you may have.

We are praying for those whose health has already suffered, for those who will be impacted, our community, our nation, and the world.

Finally, please know that you are a member of a wonderful community and a great school system. We will get through this together, as a community of Mighty Tomcats.



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- How will a 9th – 11th grade student know if they have earned the credit in their classes for this semester?
 - Students taking courses for high school credit who were not scheduled to graduate in the 2019-20 school year shall receive no grade lower than the grade they earned in the course as of March 20, 2020; however, those students who were failing their course will have an opportunity to bring your grade to passing by meeting the requirements set forth by the teacher of that course and administration. You will receive communication from your teacher and/or school administrator for those arrangements by April 21, 2020. Please check your PowerSchool Portal for updated grades. If you have not received communication by the 21st, we may need updated contact information. Please email your teacher with the updated contact information.
- Will seniors have a graduation, prom, and scholarship night?
 - As I stated at the beginning of this pandemic, it is our hope to work with the senior class to ensure the milestones that you have worked hard and waited 13 years to participate in, can still be a reality for you. Unfortunately, we know at this time we will have to postpone the May 1, 2020 prom date from the guidance of health experts working with the COVID 19 pandemic. Keep in mind that we are NOT cancelling the prom at this time. We are waiting on additional guidance to know when we could have it at a later date. I am meeting with your class officers each Friday during school closure to provide updates and to get input from your class regarding these end of year events. We will keep you posted as decisions are made.
- If a student in an AP course or SDC course does not take the associated exam, will we still receive the additional points for taking the course?
 - Schools shall not remove additional weighting for students who were unable to participate in the culminating exam in the spring semester of 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Students will still receive their additional points earned for taking EPSO courses.
- I am in a SAILS class and need access to a computer to complete my coursework.
 - HHS is distributing laptops to those students in SAILS classes without access to complete your senior year. If you do not have internet access, we can print hard copies of the modules and turn it in to Ms. Johnson for grading. Please contact Ms. Johnson if you need printed copies or if you need to pick-up a laptop.



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- Are there any updates to TN Promise? The mandatory webinar deadline in May 15, 2020.
 - Any student whose mandatory meeting was scheduled after March 11, 2020 MUST watch the 37-minute webinar by 11:59p.m. on May 15, 2020 in order to maintain TN Promise eligibility. If you missed your assigned meeting prior to March 12, 2020, you can view the webinar in order to reinstate TN Promise eligibility. The webinar can be viewed with your mobile device. Information is available on TN Achieves webpage. Students can earn community service hours by participating in virtual community service opportunities online. The webinars focus on subjects relating to careers, professional development and college success. To receive your hour of community service, simply login, view the webinar in its entirety and click submit.

Haywood High School – School Counseling

- **When will the senior cap and gown arrive?**
 - Herff Jones, the company we use to order our graduation regalia, will send those to the school closer to the new graduation date.
- **When will my other senior things arrive that I have paid for?**
 - May 1st, Herff Jones will set up a distribution table at the High school from 11a 1p. It will be in the bus loading parking lot, where the meals are distributed. Student or parents can drive thru and pick up their items. We will set a schedule, alphabetically, when each senior can come so there will not be confusion. We are planning on this to be drive thru, where no one has to get out of their car and we practice social distancing.
- **What is the status of the senior LOCAL scholarships?**
 - The senior scholarship application has all been turned in. I am in the process of sorting and separating the applications. I try to go through and make sure they are all submitted correctly and all the information is provided. I will contact each senior individually if I am missing any of their information. If the scholarship application asks for a transcript or GPA, I will make sure to include that in the packet for the senior. My goal is to start mailing those to the scholarship donors later this week.
- **Can donor contact HHS and give their own scholarship?**



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- Yes. Please email me at vicki.deberry@hcsk12.net and let me know you would like to give a scholarship and I will contact you back and get the specifics needed for the scholarship. We will have a cutoff date for this once we know the exact date of graduation and the awards ceremony.
- **Do you have ACT vouchers for Juniors and Seniors?**
 - Yes. I do have vouchers which will allow any Junior or Senior to take the ACT for free during their Saturday test dates. The next ACT is scheduled for June 13, you would have to register by May 8 in order to use the voucher. There is also a test date of July 18 and you have to register by June 19 in order to use the voucher for that date.
- **How will the HS students register for their classes next year?**
 - At this time, Ms. Ross has met with the upcoming 9th graders and we know their requested classes. For the upcoming 10th and 11th we are planning on having a registration card for the students to complete. We plan to have a date set later in the summer, June or July, where the students can come to the high school, complete their cards and the counselors will input their requests while they are there. For the Seniors, we will also have a registration date set in the summer. We will meet with each student and review their 4 year plan to ensure they will get registered for the classes they need to graduate.

Haywood County Schools – Special Services

- How can families provide academic support for SWDs during this time?
 - Provide students with access to materials being provided and engage students in that material. So, start by getting the printed resources that the district is providing.
 - Also, SPED staff are reviewing printed resources to make notes/accommodations/modifications for students with learning disabilities according to the students IEP.



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- SPED staff is also reaching out weekly to all families of students with disabilities to check in as well as provide support as needed.
- So, SWD will get a weekly check in from Gen. Ed. Teachers and SPED staff for additional support.
- Are IEP meetings going to occur during this time?
 - Annual IEP meetings that are scheduled during our time out of school will be held through zoom video conferences and phone conferences.
 - SPED staff and administrators are working to schedule meetings with families & students.
 - Most meetings have been scheduled and multiple meetings have already taken place.
 - Reevaluations will not be held during this time unless the process was completed before school closure. This is very few meetings and they have been scheduled.
 - Any other re-eval will be completed as soon as possible once we return to school. (We have extensions through the state department on these meetings and need students in school in order to test/evaluate.)
 - We do have a few initial IEP meetings that will take place because the evaluation process was completed before school closure.
 - Other Initial IEP meetings will be completed as soon as possible once we return to school.
 - All safe guard procedures are being followed in this process as well (Invitations, 10-day notice, 48-hour draft, all required participants, prior written notice, etc.).
- How can families provide support to SWDs that receive related services (Speech, OT, & PT services) during this time?
 - The district is providing resources that can be used by families at home to help students that receive speech, OT, and PT services.



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- These resources have been uploaded to the HCS website and can be printed for families that request printed materials.
- In addition our SPED and Speech staff will check in with families/students that receive speech, OT, & PT services to provide support and activities for students. The activities provided will align with the student’s IEP goals in reference to any related services received. These check-ins will be weekly.
- I would encourage families to engage students with the resources/activities that the district is providing to help support students that receive related services.
- How can families provide support to ESL students during this time?
 - Provide students with access to materials being provided and engage students in that material. So, start by getting the printed resources that the district is providing.
 - The district ESL team has created resources and activities for families to use to engage ESL students.
 - These resources and activities have been uploaded to the HCS website for families to use.
 - We are also printing these resources and activities for families/students that need printed copies.
 - The ESL staff will also be checking in with families/students on a weekly basis in order to provide guidance/assistance.
 - I would encourage families to engage students with the resources/activities that the district is providing to support students.
- How should families support students that were receiving Homebound services during this time?
 - All options that are available to all of our students are available for students that were receiving Homebound services.



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- So, families can start by accessing all materials and resources being offered by the district.
- This would include academic materials as well as the resources and activities that have been created and uploaded by our SPED, Speech, and ESL teams.
- If the student receives any special education or ESL services, our staff will be reaching out weekly just like we are for other students.
- How will pass/fail be handled for students on an IEP? What if a parent wants their student on an IEP to be retained?
 - Students on an IEP that are failing a subject/course should get the same opportunity to improve their grade in that subject/course as any other students in the district. This would include completing assignments to increase the grade.
 - Pass/Fail regarding a grade level is also a topic that should be discussed in an IEP team meeting and the decision (pass/fail) should be made by the IEP team. Best interest of the student should be priority.
 - If a parent is asking for their student to be retained, this should be discussed in an IEP meeting and the team should make the decision that is best for the student.