



LAMPHERE SCHOOLS

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Dear Lamphere Families:

We hope that you and your families are doing well. We miss seeing your children on a daily basis and interacting with you. We know that you are doing your best and we appreciate all of your efforts as you support your child's learning at home. Thank you!

As you have heard, the Governor announced that we will not be returning to face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Included in Governor Whitmer's executive order, she stated that all districts must complete a Continuity of Learning Plan that would be submitted to the county and state, outlining our plan for providing new learning opportunities and support for our children for the remainder of the year. As a district, we are working diligently to ensure that your child remains supported and engaged as we move forward over these next 8 weeks together. Last week, a committee of general and special education teachers, support staff, specialists and administrators representing all grade levels, buildings and departments met virtually to plan for our next phase of instruction. Our steering committee oversaw and worked on Lamphere's Continuity of Learning Plan, which included: guidelines, schedules and expectations for all facets of online teaching and learning. This week all teachers are working in grade level bands and departments to develop new learning units for all students. They are updating their Google Classrooms and will be using them as the hub for each class. Please make sure that your child has logged in and checked in all Google Classrooms so they are familiar with them before Monday, April 20th. If your child is having difficulties logging into Google Classroom or have forgotten their credentials, please have them contact their teachers for support.

We know that our online experience will not replace the outstanding face-to-face experience we were accustomed to, however we are committed to doing our very best for you and your child.

Beginning on Monday, April 20, you can expect your child to follow this schedule:

Secondary Schedule for Remote Learning

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:00 PM	PRIDE/Advisory Check-In	ELA, Science, Related Arts Office Hours/Support Hours*		Math, Social Studies/ELL/Special Ed Office Hours/Support Hours*	
12:30 PM	1st Hour		3rd Hour		5th Hour
1:30 PM	2nd Hour		4th Hour		6th Hour

**Support hours are reserved for contact with counselors, learning consultants, teacher consultants, speech pathologists, social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, and interventionists.*

Important details for you and your child to remember:

- Teachers will meet with their classes by hours. (2 hours a day on MWF)
- All lessons will be delivered through Google Classroom.
- Teachers will post classwork for the week by 9:00 AM on Monday morning. All assignments are due Sunday evening by 9:00 PM. Students can set their own work pace, but it is recommended that they do no more than two subjects a day, so as not to become overwhelmed. Students will be responsible for turning in assignments by the designated time above.
- Teachers will include material such as notes, videos, instruction, class discussions, or provide other learning opportunities to students.
- Teachers will meet once a week for up to 30 minutes via Zoom (video and audio conferencing) with their PRIDE (Page) and Advisory (LHS) classes for social connecting and wellness checks.
- Teachers will use a variety of strategies to monitor, assess, and provide feedback to students about their learning. (No grades will be given, but students are expected to participate.)
- Office hours are held each week (please note schedule). Meetings may be initiated by either parent, student or teacher if there are specific concerns that require a “live” conference. Note: parents and students are welcome to email questions to teachers at any time, not just during office hours.

Below are some answers to frequently asked questions we’ve been receiving over the last few weeks.

Feedback and Grades: There have been many questions about grading. We are committed to supporting all of our students. For the remainder of the year, our priority is on sustaining connectedness and care as well as the continuation of learning for our students. A focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning is our priority. In accordance with the governor’s order, districts may choose how to proceed with 3rd and 4th card markings due to the mandatory shut down of schools on March 16. As a result, we are choosing to offer Credit/No Credit to our students for the 3rd and 4th card marking and subsequently 2nd-semester grades. Although grades are not assigned, students are expected to engage in the lessons provided by their teachers, and complete the work assigned. Teachers will be providing meaningful feedback to students.

Graduation and Other Activities: Mr. Thomas, Lamphere High School Principal, will be reaching out specifically to high school families with communication regarding graduation and other spring activities. Please look for information from him soon.

Preparation for Next Year’s Coursework: The best way for students to be prepared for the next school year is to fully engage in the lessons and work provided by teachers over the next 8 weeks. We will be working over the summer to plan for ways to effectively meet all of the needs of our students in the fall so that they are prepared for the coursework that lies ahead.

Social-Emotional Support: Our school social workers, counselors and psychologists are working with students and teachers to provide meaningful social emotional support to students needing it. We know that this scary, unsettling time is stressful for our children and want to provide all of the support that we can for them. Please feel free to reach out to your child’s principal with any needs and or concerns.

Enrichment and Additional Resources for Your Child: We know that we have students who are interested in challenging themselves and using this time to develop their academic skills above and beyond the expectation. If your child is interested, we will set them up on a Gradpoint account, free of charge, where they can work on additional online content. They can work at their own pace, and we will make this account active and available to them throughout the entire summer. Please contact your building administrator if you'd like more information.

We are saddened that we will not be able to return to school and physically wish your children well as they complete the 2019-2020 school year. We do, however, look forward to "seeing" them, teaching and working closely with them through Google Classroom for the remainder of the year. We are wishing you well and hoping that your family remains safe and healthy. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or building administrator if you have any questions or concerns.

With respect,

Dale, Patrick, Greg, Jane
The Lamphere Schools