



Parents and Guardians,

First of all, thank you so much for your support the past few days as our district has made difficult decisions based on what is safest for our students and families. I am SO proud of how our students, staff, and community have worked together throughout the week to prepare and have a plan in place for our students to continue to learn if needed. I have witnessed our entire Generals family pull together, encourage one another, and assure our students that everything is ok each step of the way.

Now that the decision to close schools for a few weeks in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 has been made, I feel confident that our students will have access to quality lessons throughout their time away from the physical HMS building. Our teachers have spent the morning planning creative, engaging lessons and learning to use online resources, so they can interact with your children over the next few weeks. As I listened to them learn and plan this morning, I found myself asking to be a student in some Google classrooms because I want to see some of the awesome lessons they were discussing. Hopefully their efforts will provide some sense of normalcy and comfort to our students during the coming weeks.

Please reference our [HMS Digital Learning Plan](#) for more detailed information on instruction and contacts if you have any issues, questions, or concerns.

Here are some important things to note:

- There will be NO athletics, extracurricular activities, or practices during the closure.
- Lessons will be posted each school day, so please make sure your child is working throughout the next two weeks. Teachers will be checking in with students and parents to see if you need help with anything.
- Please remind your student to use their chromebook for instructional purposes only. Our GoGuardian alert system will remain active throughout the closure. This system sends administration an email if students access inappropriate sites.
- We are still planning to take all May field trips at this time. As we get closer to the date, we will evaluate the situation and be in contact with you if anything changes.
- Spring Break is March 30- April 4. These are planned days off and no digital learning will occur during this time.

Information for new connections classes (4th 9 weeks):

- Most students will have a new connections class starting Monday since it is the beginning of the 4th 9 weeks.
- A 4th nine weeks schedule went home with your student yesterday. You can also access it through your Parent Portal account.
- Here are the classroom codes for students to join their new connections Google classroom:

Teacher	Class Code for 1st	Class Code for 2nd	Class Code for 3rd	Class Code for 7th
ACarter	khyya5b	khyya5b	khyya5b	khyya5b
Chapp	they already have it	nflgvqk	co6it2r	fa5pco3
Culpepper	dkuj67w	ugqpz5i	x5tx4gu	u2wd6qm
Edwards/Hill	rt25m43	45z2dip	orw74hz	cjv77ie
Elias	kvjkgjh	3u7pd7f	yasuh4h	efr7as5
Forkner	bbnt73l	xdqtsz7	26lrvbp	uzf76hs
Hodge	students signed up	vqueskv	c5doko2	n2fg326
KCarter	rxrr6os	iy6cmwf or 22is6ng	7ql4ori or p65dz6f	7bmb5h5 or hc653ut
Simpson	6zbjsrs	uzaizki	uqwjwe5	7b2b3g3
Vining	they already have it	gegvkin	pcj7q5x	rikf3zw

Catoosa County Public Schools will be providing meals for students while the system is closed.

On Monday, March 16th, the system will distribute meals at each high school from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. The plan for the first week is to provide breakfast and lunch for two days on Monday, and to provide meals for three days on Wednesday, March 18.

On Monday, March 23rd, the system will provide breakfasts and lunches for the week, also distributed from the systems' three high schools.

For families that do not have transportation to the high schools, Meal Delivery will be provided. Please call 706-965-0266 and provide Name, Address, and Number of Children needing meals.

We plan to resume face-to-face classes on Monday, April 6th.

During this closure you can reach HMS faculty, counselors and administrators by email. We will be working 8:00 am until 3:30 pm each work day and will be able to answer your questions.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at mbutler@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

Thank you,

Melissa Butler