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Subject: Campus Access Posted for Tuesday and Wednesday

Parker Students and Families,

Parker's physical campus is closed for at least three weeks: facilities staff have already begun deep cleaning protocols recommended by the CDC; teachers and other staff are working remotely to support Home Learning for students. During a phone conference on Sunday evening, Commissioner Riley asked that schools—in addition to closing their campuses—actively discourage in-person gatherings of students off campus—at homes, in parks, in malls—during the period of campus closure.

Parker's COVID-19 response plans evolved several times last week as new information became available and before campus closed, and we recognize that some students may not yet have everything they need for an extended period of home learning. We have posted two "campus access hours" this week so that students and families who need to visit campus briefly to pick up personal items or materials needed for Home Learning may do so. Campus access hours are scheduled for 8:00 AM-12:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17, and Wednesday, March 18.

The rest of this email covers the following topics:

- Social Distancing Norms for Campus Access Hours
- Pick up a school-issued laptop or "hotspot" during Campus Access Hours
- Hard-copy curriculum materials available during Campus Access Hours
- School nurse availability during Campus Access Hours
- Food insecurity during campus closure

Social Distancing Norms for Campus Access Hours

In order to support social distancing for families visiting campus during posted campus access hours, please observe the following norms:

- Park on campus. Send the fewest possible number of family members into the building.
- Laptops and curriculum materials will be available in the lobby.
- Because facilities staff are actively engaged in deep cleaning the building, students who need to retrieve personal items from other parts of the building will be escorted by school staff.
- If a queue forms in the lobby, please wait in your vehicle until it subsides.

Digital Resources (repeated from this morning's email)

Teachers will be using the desktop and online tools provided by Microsoft Office 365 for Home Learning, just as they do when we're on campus. Some teachers may also choose to use other online tools and resources to support student learning at home. Students who already have personal computers (Macs, PC's) at home can access the Office 365 environment by logging in as they would if on campus (and we recommend downloading the free Microsoft Office Suite to your computers using your Parker credentials at portal.office.com rather than working in the web-based applications). Some students may not have a personal computer or may typically use a Chromebook, which is less predictable in its interaction with the Office 365 environment: for these students in particular—but this offer extends to all students—**we'd like to get a school-issued laptop into their hands on Tuesday or Wednesday morning.** We're also aware that some students do not have internet access at home, and we have "hotspots" available to address that need. Click below if you want to reserve and pick up a school-issued laptop and/or hotspot on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. (If those times do not work for you, please indicate that in the surveys below.)

- [To arrange for a laptop, click here](#)
- [To arrange for a "hotspot," click here](#)

Curricular Materials

The following is a list of "hard copy" materials teachers have referenced and that some students might want access to – they can be picked up Tuesday and Wednesday morning:

- Div 2 MST (Forensics only) work requires a compass (the tool you make circles with that has a pointy end and a place where you put the pencil) – if you do not have one at home, they have materials prepared that can be picked up
- Book hard copies for upcoming curriculum (we will do our best to make all of these resources available digitally, but if you know you want an actual copy of the book, you can stop by and pick one up):
 - Walden (Div 3 AH – City on a Hill)
 - The Things They Carried (Div 2 AH)
 - Hard-copy packet for Div 3 AH – Pop Culture text (already available digitally)

Nurse's Office

Nurse Lisa will be available to return medicines or other wellness-related items to families during the campus access period.

Food Insecurity

Please contact Michelle McKenna (mmckenna@theparkerschool.org) for help addressing food insecurity during campus closure.