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Campus Closure “Frequently Asked Questions”

If I call the school for assistance, will there be personnel available to answer my call?

The school phone number will be up and running beginning Tuesday morning, but please use it sparingly as calls will be forwarded to Mrs. Johnston's personal cell phone.

What does it mean that campus is closed due to COVID-19?

In order to protect the community from possible infection, the campus is closed to students and faculty gatherings and meetings on school grounds (formal or informal). Only the administration can authorize gatherings.

Will athletics, extra-curricular events, and other school activities still be held?

All school related activities, including athletics and extra-curricular activities are suspended until further notice, pending further developments in the spread of COVID-19 and governmental recommendations regulating gatherings in relation to this.

Will text alerts from the FACTS/SIS (formerly RenWeb) system be available to provide parent updates?

The school has secured text alert services for the purposes of facilitating communications with parents. These are called “Parent Alerts” within the FACTS/SIS system. In order to receive these alerts, we ask that parents verify their cell phone information in the FACTS/SIS system as soon as possible.

How will students earn AR points for grades?

Mrs. Wendtland will set up AR testing so that it may be accessed remotely. The link will be sent to families through email on Monday, March 23rd. She will also post book suggestions and instructions on how to access free ebooks from the public library. Given that many students may have limited accessibility to books for AR purposes, however, AR testing will be voluntary as long as school is conducted remotely. AR points may be used for extra credit on the literature grade or toward the AP portion of the literature grade in the event that we are able to return to on campus classes.



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How long is remote learning to be in place and what will determine the extent of time the school will be closed?

Remote learning will be in place for as long as public health concerns pose a threat to the safety of families, staff, and faculty. The school will reopen when the administration deems it safe to return based on the best information available from official governmental agencies and in keeping with the best practices of other public and private schools.

What technologies would be needed at home for remote learning?

To accommodate all of our families, simplicity has been the rule of thumb in designing our remote learning system. Students will need access to a computer with internet that can run the current version of FACTS/SIS (formerly RenWeb). Other programs and functionalities may be implemented if remote learning becomes an extended reality. An overview of the Remote Learning Plan with more information will be sent to families on Wednesday, March 18.

Is there a single school contact for technical problems, as opposed to academic content?

Technical problems experience with FACTS/SIS (formerly RenWeb) may be directed to Mr. Dan Patrick at dpatrick@atonementonline.com while questions about course content, requirements, and assignments should be addressed to teachers of those courses.

Will the chain of command remain the same under the circumstances?

Concerns should, as usual, be directed first to the person involved and only after that to immediate supervisors. The chain of command remains the same except in the case of the Middle and Upper School; after going to the appropriate Department Chair, questions or issues with teachers or courses in this domain should be directed to Mrs. Powell.

What if my child is unable to submit work on time due to illness?

In cases of illness, parents should submit doctor's notes via email to Mrs. Johnston and to the relevant teacher. Teachers will work with the family to determine an appropriate due date in proportion to the circumstances.



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What if my child submits work late?

For the first week of remote learning, students will be permitted a grace period for submitting work to allow for any difficulties encountered with the software. After that time, late work will incur its usual 10% per day point reduction.

How will attendance be recorded while school is conducted remotely?

Students will log on for each course weekly. The weekly logon and completion of assignments in that course will count for the week's attendance in that class. An overview of the Remote Learning Plan with more information will be sent to families on Wednesday, March 18.

When can I expect to have access to documents for the 2020-2021 Academic Year (e.g. the calendar, handbook, booklist)?

Work on the calendar, handbook, booklist and other relevant documents continues with a view to release as initially planned in early April.

When and how will I receive my student's report card?

Report cards will be made available via FACTS/SIS according to the regular schedule. The Registrar will email families to alert them to report card availability online.

Will there be an awards ceremony for the third quarter?

The awards ceremony will not take place; reports will be available through FACTS-SIS, and Gold/Silver Arrow and other awardees will be noted in the Crusader Times, with physical certificates available at a future date.

Will the school year be extended or will there be make up days during Easter Break?

Given the nature of the public health crisis recognized by both city, state, and federal governments, as well as the implementation of remote learning measures to meet learning requirements, we do not anticipate extending the school year. Whether or not we will need to use days formerly scheduled as breaks during the remainder of the school year is being determined.



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Will IOWA testing still take place?

IOWA testing will take place if the school is able to return to normal operations and in a way that minimizes interference with meeting curricular objectives. While the school values the data retrieved from IOWA testing, such testing is not mandatory and may be suspended this year if needed.

Where and how do I submit my 8th grade scholarship application?

Scholarship applications should be submitted to Mrs. Powell by email by Friday, March 20th. Questions may be directed to her via email until the school reopens.

Where and how should my rising 9th-12th grader submit the course registration form for the 2020-2021 Academic Year?

Completed course registration forms should be scanned and emailed to Mrs. Powell.

Will AP Tests still be administered?

Due to the impact of the coronavirus on AP classes and instruction, College Board has made several accommodations for students to allow for fair testing to earn AP credit. AP teachers will be in contact with students in AP classes to pass on information and make arrangements. For the most recent updates, students may visit the College Board website at <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates> and also AP Central at <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>.

What if my student is scheduled to take the SAT this Spring?

College Board has cancelled the May 2nd SAT and will be offering more SAT testing dates to accommodate students who were unable to sit for the exam on that date. Online resources and practice tests will continue to be available to students via the College Board website, where further testing information and updates will be found. Please visit <https://pages.collegeboard.org/natural-disasters> for more information.



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How will remote learning affect my GPA?

Assignments and assessments will be administered through a remote learning plan that attempts approximates the normal curriculum while taking into account the challenging circumstances under which students are learning. Grades will be factored into the GPA as normally done.

Is the book fair cancelled?

Yes. Due to our inability to host large groups of patrons on campus the upcoming book fair has been cancelled.

Will library book fees be assessed?

Fines and late fees will NOT be assessed. Only charges for LOST books will be billed to family accounts. Please be sure to return books to the campus at your earliest convenience in order to ensure books are removed from your library account.

How do I add my 9th through 12th grade student's email to FACTS-SIS?

To add your 9th through 12th grade student's email to FACTS-SIS, please email your request along with your student's name and email address to Mr. Dan Patrick at dpatrick@atonementonline.com