



## Saucon Valley High School

### Online Learning Information for Students

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As we move forward with our new reality, we have created a guide for students to help with expectations and to answer questions. Our goals are to provide quality online instruction that is equal to what a student would receive in the classroom, for all students to engage in learning and complete activities and assessments, and for students who meet and complete requirements to receive course credit towards meeting graduation requirements. This is new and uncharted territory, so we are relying on communication as our greatest asset to solve problems, build relationships, and to help each other through difficult times. If you have questions or need assistance at any time, please email your teachers, guidance counselors or an administrator- we are here for you!

#### 1. School is in session and attendance is required!

Block 1 9:00am-9:30am

Block 2 9:35am-10:05am

Block 3 10:10am-10:40am

Block 4 10:45am-11:15am

Block 5 11:20am-11:50am

Teacher virtual office hours: 1:00pm- 3pm

- Teachers will be available online during each of their class periods and virtual office hours.
- Teachers will let students know the requirements for attendance and participation for their class.
- Students are expected to log into each of their classes everyday at the specific time and engage in all of the required activities, or as directed by their teacher.
- If students are unable to attend class, they need to email their teachers to make arrangements to complete their work and must abide by grading deadlines.
- Any technical issues should be communicated to the teacher for follow up.

#### 2. Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School - [Continuity of Education Plan](#)

Schedule for online classes begins on Monday, March 30.

9:00am - All daily assignments posted on Google Classroom

9:00am – 12:00pm Collaboration Time

Teachers will be available for student and parent questions

12:45pm – 1:45pm AM Session

- Teachers available for student interaction
- Teachers provide feedback on student work as needed

2:00pm – 3:00pm PM Session

- Teachers available for student interaction
- Teachers provide feedback on student work as needed

During the hours of 12:45pm - 3pm teachers will provide content/instruction online for students following the schedule below. If students are unable to be online during the schedule below, please check in with the teacher of the course on a daily basis. Students should make every effort to login during the times provided above.

### 3. Dual Enrollment

Students involved in college courses should follow the directives provided by the colleges they are attending. At this time, all of our local colleges have moved classes online. Students should be aware of due dates and timelines in completing assignments and assessments. Any questions should be directed to the college the student is attending.

### 4. Many types of instruction will be used by teachers.

**Schoology** is our Learning Management System and will be used by all teachers to post lessons, assignments, and assessments. Announcements will continue to run and will be the main form of communication for students to check daily.

- Teachers may post lessons/assignments each day or may post extended assignments for a week.
- Students may be required to complete daily assignments, group assignments, or long term projects.
- Students are required to check Schoology daily for announcements, assignments, and teacher/course communication.
- Students are required to submit their assignments by the set due dates.
- Teachers may use a variety of activities including live meetings through Zoom, links to other sites- such as Khan Academy or NewsELA, or have students create videos or participate in discussion boards. Students are required to participate in all activities that are assigned.
- All content and instruction during scheduled class times, will also be accessible 24/7

### 5. Assessments and grading, it has been a process...

On March 13, Governor Wolf closed all public school buildings in Pennsylvania for two weeks due to COVID-19. During that time information has been evolving. Listed is the most up to date information as of March 26, 2020. I apologize for changes, but many of the decisions are out of our control and as a school district and high school, we must find a way to make everything work. We thank you for your patience during the process!

#### **SAT Testing:**

- College Board is canceling the May 2, 2020 SAT and SAT Subject Test administration. Makeup exams for the March 14 administration (scheduled for March 28) are also canceled.
- Students who already registered for May, whose March test centers were closed, or who do not receive March scores because of any irregularities will receive refunds.
- College Board will provide future additional SAT testing opportunities for students as soon as possible in place of canceled administrations. They will be as flexible as possible to give students the best chance to show their skills and stay on the path to college.
- College Board has not yet canceled the June 6, 2020 SAT and SAT Subject Test administration and will continue to assess its status.
- To help students keep their college readiness skills sharp when many schools are closed, College Board and Khan Academy will continue to provide free resources online, including full-length practice tests and personalized learning tools.

## Advanced Placement Exams

For the 2019-20 exam administration only:

- A 45-minute online free-response exam for each course.
- The exams will be secure. The College Board will be using a variety of digital security tools, including plagiarism detection software.
- The exam content will focus on what most schools were able to complete by early March.
- You will be able to take your exams on any device you have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. You will also have the option to write your responses by hand and submit a photo.
- Colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they have worked to earn. For decades, colleges have accepted a shortened AP Exam for college credit when groups of students have experienced emergencies.
- College Board knows that not all students have access to the internet or a device. They are working on solutions to help students get what they need to show their best work. If you need mobile tools or connectivity or know someone who does, you can reach the College Board directly.

***Information regarding the new dates for the 2019-2020 exam administration will be posted to the AP home page on Friday, April 3, 2020. Please check the website for more information and updates.***

Continue working toward college credit and placement with free, live AP review lessons, delivered by AP teachers from across the country.

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates/ap-course-schedule>

These courses:

- Are optional, mobile-friendly, and can be used alongside any work your teacher may give you.
- Will be available on-demand, so you can access them any time.
- Will focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course. There will also be some supplementary lessons including topics from the final 25% of the course.
- To access the live classes and recordings, visit the AP YouTube channel.

### **Pennsylvania State Assessments:**

On March 19, Secretary Pedro Rivera announced the cancellation of all PSSA testing and **Keystone exams** for the 2019-2020 school year as a result of COVID-19. This cancellation includes the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA).

On March 23, Secretary Rivera announced the cancellation of standardized testing for students in career and technical education (CTE) programs for the 2019-2020 school year. These include exams from the **National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI)** and **National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS)**.

## **6.. Marking Period 3 and Marking Period 4 and Grading:**

The original communication that was sent to teachers and students ended the 3rd marking period on March 13, when the school buildings were closed. The Governor had said there was to be no grading and a specific date for

grading to begin was not identified. Shortly after our communication, the Governor and Secretary Rivera allowed for grading to begin on March 30. After discussions and planning, the NEW plan moving forward is:

**The marking period will end on Friday April 3, 2020 (originally scheduled date).**

- Assignments that were incomplete prior to March 13, students will need to have conversations and make arrangements with their teachers.
- Work that was started before the end of the day on March 13 may continue as assigned and will be graded and included in the 3rd marking period.
- No work or grades took place between March 16-20 due to the state school closing.
- March 23-27 was a transition time to online learning, attendance was taken for participation in course work.
- Any work started during the week of March 23-27 but completed on or after March 30, may be counted towards a quarter 3 grade.
- Beginning March 30, all activities, assignments, and assessments will be graded and count toward the end of marking period 3 grade.
- Students who have communicated with their teachers for accommodations due to COVID-19 may be exempt or have extended time for assignments.
- Students that do not have accommodations, do not communicate any issues with the teachers, and do not complete assigned work will receive applicable grades as per their teachers regular grading policy.
- No student assignments will be accepted after the end of the marking period on Friday, April 3.

**The 4th marking period will begin on Monday, April 6, 2020 (originally scheduled date).**

- Students who are enrolled in quarter classes will begin their new class online.
- If you are unsure of your class and teacher, please check PowerSchool.
- Students in new quarter classes are expected to log in and to be in class on April 6.

**7. Discipline is still enforced!**

All of the rules and guidelines as set forth in the Student Handbook and the policies of the School Board are still in effect as if we were in the school building. Students are expected to use their ipads and technology appropriately including sending and receiving communication, participating in video meetings, and engaging with other students. Violations will still follow the discipline process and receive detentions, suspensions, and expulsions when we return to school. Administrators will still maintain contact with students, parents, and teachers for infractions that take place online or out of school during posted school times.

**8. Athletics**

- Coaches are available for all athletes through email and/or virtual contact in order to receive individual drills or workouts that can be done during our program suspension.
- At this point in time we continue to plan for scenarios for a Spring season to take place should the opportunity arise.
- Athletes are encouraged to complete a sport related drill and a physical workout within their homes on a daily basis. This should be done on an individual basis practicing proper social distancing measures.
- Spring athletes, please keep your uniform and school equipment together and in a safe place at this time.

### 9. Activities and clubs are still taking place online!

- Advisors are encouraged to set up meetings online and to create activities that engage our students!
- School rules and government advisories must be followed (social distancing).
- Decisions regarding the Prom, Senior day and Senior Trip, and Graduation are dependent on the status of the advisories of the Governor. We are committed to making these events happen as soon as we have more information- they may be postponed, but we still want them to happen for our Seniors!
- Read the announcements on Schoology to find out activities to promote school spirit- starting Monday, March 30 is SGA School Spirit Week! Follow on Twitter through the Saucon Valley High School account and post your pictures each day!

### 10. Guidance Counselors are here to help!

The Guidance Counselors will continue to perform their professional duties and serve our students' social, emotional, and academic needs. Should students wish to talk to a counselor, they can contact them to request a meeting from 8:00-9:00 AM or 12:00-3:00 PM. Should students or parents wish to speak with the counselor outside of those times, please contact your assigned counselor to make specific arrangements.

Here is a list of things school counselors can assist with during the state-mandate school closure.

Social/emotional well-being

- Access to food banks/nutrition and community resources
- Mental health and crisis support
- Stress management including mindfulness, yoga, meditation
- Study skills and time management assistance
- How to talk to your child about COVID-19

Should any student or family need any support during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to a counselor. If they cannot answer your question, they will help you find the person or resource to assist you. We are in this together! Stay calm, stay home, stay safe!

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