

## To All Students:

Happy Friday,

I hope that you are doing well and following the Governor's stay at home order, so that we all stay healthy. Our teachers have been busy this week planning for the rest of the year. We have one-fourth (25%) of the school year left and I want to be clear: school is not over; you will have work to do, and it will be assessed. Here is what I have communicated to teachers:

- Students should have about 2 hours of work per week, per class. (some of you will need more and some less time to complete assignments, but we are aiming for this goal).
- Assignments and work should be assigned once a week with a consistent day and time for you to receive them.
- Zoom sessions for teaching a concept should be short and no more than 30 minutes if possible; teachers are encouraged to pre-record sessions.
- Scoring of assessments should be done using our existing rubrics.
- Final course scores will be done on a scale of Incomplete (if the final calculated score is a 1 or 2), 3 - meet course expectations, or 4 - meeting course expectations with distinction. All of the course scores will be calculated as they would have been before, but no course scores of 1 or 2 will be on a transcript for this semester.

We are trying to use our scoring and assessments to give you feedback and honor the work that you are doing. We still have lots of questions about how transcripts will eventually look and for this year's seniors, we are still working on how to show that you have met all your proficiencies. I will be sending a separate note to seniors later today.

Most importantly, you need to understand that there is no "free pass." We are going to make sure that we do not penalize anyone for having difficulties during this time of remote learning, however, I need everyone to understand that if you were not doing work prior to us being dismissed and you are still not doing work now, you will not automatically pass your classes and be deemed proficient. I need everyone to continue to work as much as they are able and to reach out to TAs, counselors, teachers and administrators if you are having difficulty.

A few suggestions for helpful, fun and positive things you can do this weekend - help make our community a better place!

- Record a video of yourself reading a favorite short children's book. Send it to Amy M or a local elementary school for them to share with younger students.
- Send an online card to a child who is a patient at [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) through their email card program.
- Reach out to an elderly or ill neighbor and volunteer to help them with an outdoor project like raking, wood stacking, or spring planting.
- Send a thank you note to your local first responders: nurses, doctors, grocery store employees, etc.
- Learn a new skill that you can use to help others in the future.
- Help out around your home, without being asked.
- Write a letter to an elder [through this organization](#).

April Break will be the week of April 20 through April 24. I have asked teachers to not provide any new assignments during this week so that we can all take a break from our screens.

Stay safe and stay well,  
Steven Dellinger-Pate