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RE: Letter #12 – Completing Week #4 of Remote Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Chester Academy students and educators have now completed 17 days of remote instruction. We are very proud of the work that our students and staff have done in quickly responding to New Hampshire's move to remote learning. We are equally appreciative of the efforts of families in balancing the demands of school while addressing the needs of loved ones.

Hopefully you found the shift this week of incorporating an Independent Learning Day in the schedule to be beneficial. A lot of thought and planning went into developing that idea. Again, let me reiterate that make-up work and/or an independent learning activity are acceptable on these Wednesdays. Flexibility is the key to creating balance between home and school. We are striving to honor that. In case you missed the video tutorial created by Dr. Gaffney, I would highly recommend that you review the presentation. You will find it [here](#) listed as 02 LDLP Video Directions.

At the end of next week, we will be sending out another survey. As we all travel together on this uncharted pathway, we would like to periodically check in with you to see how remote learning is going and how we might improve our services to you. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

We continue to actively monitor updates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Pinkerton Academy and other SAUs in our region and throughout the state. As always, our priorities include the safety of our students and staff, clear communication with parents, guardians and community members, and maintaining as much of a degree of normalcy as possible.

While May 4th continues to be the date that the Governor says we may be able to return to school, we have begun to ask the "what if" questions. Specifically, what conditions would have to be met before we would be asked to reopen the building and resume instruction? Understanding the weight of this question, we are being patient in waiting for a realistic response from state authorities. I do believe that I will have more information in that regard next week. We will keep you in the loop as we learn more.

Despite having to disrupt the school year, Chester Academy is still moving forward with producing it's 2019-20 student yearbook. We would like to incorporate pictures of our students in their Remote Learning environments and will need your help with this. Please send digital

photos to Mrs. Farrenkopf at farrenkopft@chesteracademy.org. Yearbooks may still be ordered at yearbookforever.com. Please be aware when ordering online that there is also a Chester Academy in New York. Choose the correct one.

Our food service continues to offer breakfast and lunch. An electronic form has been created for parents to pre-order meals and should be filled out for each student. Please access the electronic order form [here](#). This link as well as additional information is available on the Chester Academy website. Meals must be pre-ordered by 5 PM on Sunday of each week. Pickup times are Monday (meals for 2 days) and Wednesday (meals for 3 days) between 10:00 AM - Noon. Please contact Leanne Sullivan at sullivanl@chesteracademy.org or 887-3621x183 if other arrangements need to be made for pickup or delivery of meals or questions about the NSLP.

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is available to assist families that may find themselves faced with changes to their income. If your family's employment situation has changed, I would encourage you to investigate your eligibility for this program. An application and instructions can be found [here](#) under the Food Services heading. Once completed, applications can be emailed to sullivanl@chesteracademy.org or dropped off during meal pickup times that are stated above.

Please accept this gentle reminder, that Chester Academy is closed with the exception of authorized personnel. This includes the Playground Equipment and Outdoor Basketball Court areas as we cannot clean these areas daily. We apologize for this inconvenience.

As previously mentioned, we will continue to send you weekly updates. However, if you have questions or concerns please send me an email at lockwoodd@chesteracademy.org. We will do our best to provide you with a prompt response.

Whether you are celebrating Good Friday, Passover or just enjoying this spring day with family members, we send best wishes your way! Stay healthy, safe and blessed in the glorious light and resplendent hope that this season brings. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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