



Wolf River Lutheran High School

March 25, 2020

To: Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Board
From: Jerry Jiter, Principal
Re: Follow-up to School Closing Letter from March 20th

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This memo is an attempt to keep all stakeholders informed and to try to answer questions as they develop. I will use a question-answer, catechism format.

1. As of today, Wednesday, March 25th, Governor Evers has declared a state of “Safer at Home Order”. What is the “Safer at Home Order”? (click on the “Safer at Home” link in b.
 - a. See Representatives Vos’s update in b., c., and d.
 - b. The new “Safer at Home” (<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf>) emergency order was officially released by the Evers administration. The order goes into effect on Wednesday, March 25th at 8:00 a.m. and remains in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24th. This order requires people in Wisconsin to stay in their homes if they're not performing essential activities such as going to the doctor, getting necessary services or supplies, participating in outdoor activities, working in an essential business or taking care of others. The order also requires the closure of so-called "non-essential" businesses as deemed by the state. There are many exceptions, including grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations and medical facilities.
 - c. If you are a business and have questions about the emergency order, visit the following website: <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>
 - d. For more information on the coronavirus disease visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
2. Wisconsin Christian, Religious, and Independent Schools (WCRIS) has an update from the Order from Governor Evers as it pertains to schools and families.
 - a. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwHMZGdSTCSgdtMHRTsQpVWfICW>
3. What does this mean for teaching and learning at Wolf River Lutheran High School?
 - a. Online classes will continue, starting again on Monday, March 30th until we are able to come back to the school building. That will be no earlier than Friday, April 24th or until a suspending order is issued.
 - b. We will NOT return to school on Monday, April 13th, as previously planned.
 - c. School is online indefinitely. This continues until we hear something different from the State of Wisconsin.
 - d. Teachers may work from home or from school. Distance learning will be able to continue.

4. **What would a normal school day look like at home using online classes?**
 - a. **It is very important that students maintain some sort of routine on days of online classes.**
 - b. **It may look different for each home classroom, but the following routines should happen in each home classroom.**
 - i. **Set a time to get up for school, such as, 8:00 or 9:00.**
 - ii. **Time to eat breakfast (maybe 30 minutes after getting out of bed)**
 - iii. **Time to do schoolwork (set aside 2-3 hours for schoolwork)**
 - iv. **Time for lunch (after schoolwork)**
 - v. **Time for learning and exploring things of your interest of which you don't usually have the time during a regular school day.**
 - vi. **Time for Rest and Recreation**
 - vii. **Family Time (Read Aloud, board games, puzzles, movies, popcorn, etc.)**
 - viii. **Social Time**
 - ix. **Regular Time to Get to Bed (without devices in the bedroom so that students may really rest)**
5. **Will the state of Wisconsin cancel the rest of the school year?**
 - a. **Not that I know of today.**
 - b. **It might, but I have not been told that yet.**
6. **Will people still be able to pre-register for the next school year?**
 - a. **Yes, parents may still pre-register their children for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to advertise and send information to parochial schools scheduling tours for after April 25.**
 - b. **School Choice voucher sign up dates have not changed to my knowledge. I just checked today, according to the DPI Website it continues to be February 3 through April 16.**
7. **Will Wolf River Lutheran High School have a four-day school week next school year?**
 - a. **Wolf River may have a four-day school week for the 2020-2021 school year.**
 - b. **The Board of Directors is looking into it.**
 - c. **A survey will be coming out soon for parents, students, teachers, staff, and Board of Directors.**
 - d. **More to come later.**
8. **What will I do on my spring break?**
 - a. **Enjoy it with your family.**
 - b. **Learn something new. I am learning to play cribbage.**

Let me know if you have any questions. Calls to the office are forwarded to my cell phone. Here is how you may contact me:

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March 20, 2020

To: Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Board
From: Jerry Jiter, Principal
Re: Follow-up to School Closing Letter from March 16

This memo is an attempt to keep all stakeholders informed and to try to answer questions as they develop. I will use a question-answer, catechism format.

1. **As of today, Governor Evers has extended school closing indefinitely. What does that mean for Wolf River Lutheran High School?**
 - a. See the Governor's notice below in the link as forwarded from WCRIS. (Wisconsin Christian, Religious, and Independent Schools)
 - b. https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwHMPkCgzhBPsmTN_CNLzbffrCxB
 - c. That means that we do not know for certain how long we will need to continue the online classes.
2. **What would a normal school day look like at home using online classes?**
 - a. It is very important that students maintain some sort of routine on days of online classes.
 - b. It may look different for each home classroom, but the following routines should happen in each home classroom.
 - i. Set a time to get up for school, such as, 8:00 or 9:00.
 - ii. Time to eat breakfast (maybe 30 minutes after getting out of bed)
 - iii. Time to do schoolwork (set aside 2-3 hours for schoolwork)
 - iv. Time for lunch (after schoolwork)
 - v. Time for learning and exploring things of your interest of which you don't usually have the time during a regular school day.
 - vi. Time for Rest and Recreation
 - vii. Family Time (Read Aloud, board games, puzzles, movies, popcorn, etc.)
 - viii. Social Time
 - ix. Regular Time to Get to Bed (without devices in the bedroom so that students may really rest)
3. **Will the state of Wisconsin cancel the rest of the school year?**
 - a. No
 - b. It might, but I have not been told that yet.

4. Will people still be able to pre-register for the next school year?
 - a. Yes, parents may still pre-register their children for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to advertise and send information to parochial schools scheduling tours for after April 13th.
 - b. School Choice voucher sign up dates have not changed to my knowledge. I just checked today, according to the DPI Website it continues to be February 3 through April 16th.
5. Will there be any classes, practices, open gyms, or gatherings at Wolf River Lutheran High School from March 16th through April 12th?
 - a. No
 - b. There will be no classes, practices, open gyms, or gatherings until further notice by Principal Jiter.
6. Will Wolf River Lutheran High School have a four-day school week next school year?
 - a. Wolf River may have a four-day school week for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - b. The Board of Directors is looking into it.
 - c. A survey will be coming out soon for parents, students, teachers, staff, and Board of Directors.
 - d. More to come later.



Wolf River Lutheran High School

March 18, 2020

To: Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Board
From: Jerry Jiter, Principal
Re: **Follow-up to School Closing Letter from March 16th**

This memo is an attempt to keep all stakeholders informed and to try to answer questions as they develop. I will use a question-answer, catechism format.

1. **As of today, Governor Evers has extended school closing indefinitely. What does that mean for Wolf River Lutheran High School?**
 - a. **That means that we do not know for certain how long we will need to continue the online classes. So, for now, let's plan on returning to Wolf River on Monday, April 13. If that changes, I will let everyone know.**
2. **Why is it important for teachers to contact students on the days of online classes?**
 - a. **The online class days, not vacation days, count as regular school days. The Department of Public Instruction, DPI, requires a certain number of instructional days for the school year. A student and teacher contact once per day means that I can count that day as a student contact day for instruction.**
3. **Why is it important for students to respond to the teachers on the days of online classes?**
 - a. **Students may think it is a bother. The teacher is trying to make contact via text, email, google classroom, or other method.**
 - b. **You do not need to wait for the teacher to contact you, you make contact the teacher with a question.**
 - c. **The expectation is that the student will contact the teacher and not the parent. It is the responsibility of the student to be responsible for his or her education.**
 - d. **The parent may also contact their child's teacher if he or she has a question.**
4. **Will online lessons be the same as what would be the lessons in the classroom at school?**
 - a. **The lessons may look different for some classes. The encouragement for online classes is that students may be doing more projects, research, hands on activities, and more conversations with parents.**
 - b. **In saying that, still some assignments may still look the same.**
 - c. **This is a time for teachers and students to get creative how teachers assign, and student complete their lessons.**
5. **What would a normal school day look like at home using online classes?**
 - a. **It is very important that students maintain some sort of routine on days of online classes.**
 - b. **It may look different for each home classroom, but the following routines should happen in each home classroom.**

- i. Time to get up, such as, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, etc.
 - ii. Time to eat breakfast (maybe 30 minutes after getting out of bed)
 - iii. Time to do schoolwork (set aside 2-3 hours for schoolwork)
 - iv. Time for lunch (after schoolwork)
 - v. Time for Rest and Recreation
 - vi. Family Time
 - vii. Social Time
 - viii. Regular Time to Get to Bed (without devices in the bedroom so that students may really rest)
6. How long will students continue with online classes?
 - a. Until we do not need to do online classes anymore.
7. Will the state of Wisconsin cancel the rest of the school year?
 - a. It might, but I have not been told that yet.
8. How will we know if emails and assignments are getting to the parents and students?
 - a. Only if parents and students let us by text, email, Google Classroom, Gmail, or Word accounts.
9. Will people still be able to pre-register for the next school year?
 - a. Yes, parents may still pre-register their children for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to advertise and send information to parochial schools scheduling tours for after April 13.
 - b. School Choice voucher sign up dates have not changed to my knowledge. I just checked today, according to the DPI Website it continues to be February 3 through April 16.
10. Will there be any classes, practices, open gyms, or gatherings at Wolf River Lutheran High School from March 16 through April 12?
 - a. No
11. Will Wolf River Lutheran High School have a four-day school week next school year?
 - a. Wolf River may have a four-day school week for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - b. The Board of Directors is looking into it.
 - c. A survey will be coming out soon for parents, students, teachers, staff, and Board of Directors.
 - d. More to come later.
12. What will happen on Monday, April 13?
 - a. Classes will resume at Wolf River as usual, 8:00-3:20. (unless Mr. Jiter needs to move this date)

This is what I know at the writing of this memo. If things change, I will keep you informed.

Let me know if you have any questions.



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- 1. Why is Wolf River being closed for one month, from March 16th to April 10th?**
 - a. There is a 14-day self-imposed quarantine period for anyone, student or teacher, leaving the state of Wisconsin. The third full week in March, March 23rd-27th is spring break. If any student or teacher travels out of state during the spring break, then he or she will need to be self-quarantined for 14 days. If that is the case, then student or teacher will be able to come to school on Monday, April 13th, the first day back at Wolf River Lutheran High School.
- 2. Will people still be able to pre-register for the next school year?**
 - a. Yes, parents may still pre-register their children for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to advertise and send information to parochial schools scheduling tours for after April 13th.
 - b. School Choice voucher sign up dates have not changed to my knowledge. I just checked today, according to the DPI Website it continues to be February 3rd through April 16th.
- 3. Will there be any classes, practices, open gyms, or gatherings at Wolf River Lutheran High School from March 16th through April 12th? No.**
- 4. What will happen the week of March 16th through March 20th?**
 - a. The office will be open, **but not the school**, from 8:00-1:00 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The teachers will be cleaning the school on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the teachers will be setting up assignments for students online through Google Classroom or other sources. Some assignments may be sent to students on Tuesday or Wednesday. The building will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Wolf River will use two weather (snowdays) days. Wolf River has 5-6 weather days built into its calendar.
- 5. What will happen March 23rd through March 27th?**
 - a. That is the normal time for Spring Break. There will be no online classes and the office will be closed.
- 6. What will happen March 30th through April 3rd?**
 - a. There will be online classes. Assignments will be made and assignment dates given for completion. The office will be open 8:00-1:00. **The school building will not be open.**
- 7. What will happen April 6th through April 10th?**
 - a. April 6th through April 8th will be online classes. Assignments will be made and assignments dates for completion. The office will be open from 8:00-1:00.
 - b. April 9th through April 10th are vacation days on the calendar, Monday, Thursday and Good Friday, respectively. The office will be closed.
- 8. What will happen on Monday, April 13th?**
 - a. Classes will resume at Wolf River as usual, 8:00 a.m.-3:20 p.m.

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