



Wolf River Lutheran High School

April 23, 2020

To: Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Board
From: Jerry Jiter, Principal
Re: Update on Distance Learning

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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. My hope and prayer is that all is going well with you and your family.

1. What is on the prayer list for “Our” school?
 - a. Each school day morning the teachers and staff have devotions online at 9:00. WE compile a prayer list for the day, have devotion, and then pray for all on the list.
 - b. One ongoing prayer is for the enrollment at Wolf River. We ask the Lord to send more students to “Our” Lutheran high school.
 - c. The challenge for Wolf River is to increase its enrollment by 10 more students between April 15 and May 15.
 - d. This can only happen through faithful, targeted prayer and everyone’s help; students, parents, teachers, Board, Representatives, and friends of Wolf River.
 - e. I hope the enrollment is on your prayer list also.
2. Why do we call Wolf River Lutheran School “Our” school?
 - a. We call it “Our” Lutheran high school because it is supported by eleven area Lutheran congregations.
 - b. We have four Lutheran elementary schools who direct students to Wolf River. They call Wolf River “Our” school.
 - c. We call it “Our” Lutheran high school because students and parents have chosen to make Wolf River Lutheran High School their school. They now refer to Wolf River as “Our” school.
 - d. The teachers and staff have chosen to come from various parts of Wisconsin and the United States to serve at Wolf River. They call Wolf River “Our” school.
 - e. Board members have chosen to lead this academic, spiritual ministry. They call Wolf River “Our” school.
 - f. Association Representatives have chosen to be elected to represent their congregations. They are a communication liaison between Wolf River Lutheran High School and their congregations. Representatives call Wolf River “Our” school.
 - g. Many friends of Wolf River Lutheran High School continue to support the school with their prayers and their gifts. They call Wolf River “Our” school.
 - h. Why do you call Wolf River Lutheran High School “Our” school?

3. How are teachers and students doing in “Our” school?
 - a. I think teachers and students are continuing to build positive relationships every day.
 - b. Teachers and students communicate with one another each school day.
 - c. If teachers and students are experiencing some difficulty communicating, then the principal becomes involved to try to resolve the issue.
4. What are the teachers and students doing in “Our” school?
 - a. Teachers are not only giving assignments, but also checking on the emotional, physical and spiritual well-being of their students.
 - b. Students are checking in with their teachers asking questions.
 - c. Students and teacher are having some fun through Zoom chats, Google Hangouts, and all participating on an online “Goose Chase”.
5. What if the internet at home is not working well or not at all? How will my child get assignments or talk to a teacher?
 - a. We have a couple of students with poor to no internet connection at home.
 - b. Teachers make physical copies of their assignments.
 - c. Parents pick up assignments and deliver completed assignments to the office during weekly hours, 8:00-1:00.
 - d. Parents should contact the principal if they are having internet challenges at home.
6. What if I have a question about my child’s grades?
 - a. Parents can still see their child’s grades online through FACTS (RenWeb), this is our online gradebook.
 - b. Parents have been issued a username and password?
 - c. Students may also view their grades online through FACTS (RenWeb). They also have been given a username and password.
7. What if I have a question about any missing assignments my child may have?
 - a. Parents can still see their child’s assignments online through FACTS (RenWeb), this is our online gradebook.
 - b. Parents have been issued a username and password?
 - c. Students may also view their assignments online through FACTS (RenWeb). They also have been given a username and password.
 - d. Parents and students may view any missing assignments online.
 - e. As a secondary communication tool, the principal will run off a missing assignment report on Tuesday. He will send this report to parents as a way to enhance communication between parents and teachers.
8. How are we doing graduation this school year?
 - a. Graduation will look different this school year.
 - b. There will still be a graduation and graduation speaker.
 - c. The Board will be getting suggestions from the teachers and principal as to how this may be done this year.
 - d. Let the principal know if you have any ideas.
9. How can I receive a scholarship or grant to help me pay my child’s tuition for next school year?
 - a. Contact Principal Jiter and he will give you details how this might be done.

10. Can a prospective family still apply for a Voucher from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction?
- Yes, the date for a Voucher application has been extended to May 14.
 - Have interested people contact Principal Jiter for more information.
11. How can I save \$500 or more on child's tuition for next school year?
- If you refer a family to Wolf River and that family enrolls, then you will receive \$500 off your tuition for the next school year.
 - Thus far, one family has referred **two** students from St. James. That means \$1000 will be taken off the referring family's tuition.
 - Contact Principal Jiter if you have any questions.
12. How can a new family save \$1000 on their child's tuition for next school year?
- Just by enrolling at Wolf River, a new family will save \$1000 on tuition.
 - The family does not need to show any financial need.
 - A generous Wolf River family has made this \$1000 scholarship possible through a generous donation.
 - Contact Principal Jiter if you have any questions.
13. What if I have the name of a family who may be interested in sending their child Wolf River?
- Give the name and contact information to Principal Jiter. He will follow-up.
 - Keep that family and Principal Jiter in your prayers
14. How do I contact the school or principal if I want to find out more about "Our" Lutheran high school so that I can share that information with others?
- See Principal Jiter's contact information below.

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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Wolf River Lutheran High School

April 8, 2020

To: Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Board
From: Jerry Jiter, Principal
Re: Follow-up to School Closing Letter from March 25

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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. My hope and prayer that all is going well with you and your family.

15. What have the teachers been doing during this time of online classes?

- a. Each school morning the teachers meet online for devotions and prayer. We share God's word and pray for family, students, and others.
- b. Teachers are making out lesson plans, getting assignments to students, collecting assignments from students and grading them.
- c. Teachers try to make a contact with each student each school day.

16. How long will distance learning continue for Wolf River Lutheran High School?

- a. The Board of Directors met via conference call on Monday, April 6.
- b. Wolf River Lutheran High School will continue regular classes until the end of this year's school calendar, May 22.
- c. Wolf River will continue either online or hopefully face-to-face before May 22.
- d. The Board feels that since parents have paid tuition dollars, that school should continue.
- e. The Board and teachers feel that school should continue to better prepare students for the next school year.

17. Will there be online classes April 9, 10, and 13?

- a. There will not be online classes on Thursday and Friday, April 9 & 10. These were vacation days on the school calendar.
- b. There will be online classes on Monday, April 13. Originally, that was a vacation day, but on March 18 that was changed to an online classes' day.

18. Will the Seniors graduate?

- a. Yes
- b. The hope it will be a face-to-face regular graduation event.
- c. If not possible, then alternate plans will be created.

19. What are you learning during this time away from school?

- a. I am sure you are learning much from the lessons the teachers have been assigning, but I hope you using this time to also learn something new.
- b. I am learning how to play cribbage. I am going to try to learn how to play backgammon.
- c. This may be a good time to learn stories about your family. Ask Mom and Dad about your ancestry. Ask Grandma and Grandpa about your ancestry. It is a good time to learn some family history. Just a thought.

20. Why is it important for teachers to contact you each day?

- a. Teachers want to know if you receive the assignments and understand what to do.
- b. Teachers also care about your well-being. They want to make sure you are doing alright.

21. Do I have to wait for a teacher to contact me first?

- a. No, you do not need to wait for a teacher to contact you. If you have a question, then contact your teacher.
- b. This is your education. It is important that you seek the answers to your questions.

22. Why does the school need to take daily attendance?

- a. Online classes are still a regular school day.
- b. The principal is still responsible for the attendance of students on a regular school day.

23. Are we having a four-day school week for the 2020-2021 school year?

- a. No, it will not happen in 2020-2021.
- b. The Board felt that it was too late in this school year to make such a major decision for the next school year. More information needs to be gathered.
- c. The Board wants the principal to continue to gather more data. I will send out another survey with more details describing what four-day school week make look like.

24. Are student class schedules complete for the 2020-2021 school year?

- a. No, not yet.
- b. Students have told teachers their desire for elective courses.
- c. Teachers know the needs for Juniors and Seniors of required courses for next school year in order to graduate on time.
- d. I am hoping for a face-to-face time with students in May. If that does not happen, then the teachers and I will make some final decisions about scheduling.

25. 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.
- 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.

26. Governor Evers continues his "Safer at Home Order". What is the "Safer at Home Order" (click on the "Safer at Home" link below.

- a. The "[Safer at Home](#)" emergency order was officially released by the Evers administration. The order goes into effect on Wednesday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m. and remains in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24. 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.
- b. The Order from Governor Evers as it pertains to schools and families.
- c. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwHMZGdSTCSgdtMHRTsQpVWfICW>

27. What does this mean for teaching and learning at Wolf River Lutheran High School?

- a. Online classes will continue Monday, March 30 until we are able to come back to the school building. That will be no earlier than Friday, April 24 or until a suspending order is issued.
- b. We will **not** return to school on Monday, April 13, 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.

Let me know if you have any questions.



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.
 - 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 25th.
 - 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.
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?
 - b. Enjoy it with your family.
 - c. Learn something new. I am learning to play cribbage.

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Wolf River Lutheran High School

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/FMfcgxwHMPkCgzhBPsmTNCNLzbffrCxB>
 - 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)
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 - iv. Time for lunch (after schoolwork)
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 - 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)
 - x.

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.

Wolf River Lutheran High School

March 16, 2020

To: Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, and Board
From: Jerry Jiter, Principal
Re: Follow-up to School Closing Letter from March 13th

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. 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.

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.