



Good Afternoon Dickinson High School Parents and Students,

I pray that this message finds you and your family safe and well. These are unprecedented times with many more questions than answers. Please know that we are doing the very best we can to communicate with you in a timely manner and to meet the instructional needs of our students while adhering to the restrictions recommended by our local, state, and national authorities. As information becomes available to us, we will communicate with you regarding any changes. The plan for delivering instruction to our Dickinson High School students is as follows:

Instruction/Lessons for Week of March 16-20. Posted on the right hand side of the Dickinson ISD website you will find an ICON labeled Digital Resources and Programs [CLICK HERE](#). Your student can access educational resources for all grades and courses PrK-12. These resources contain primarily enrichment and extension learning activities. These digital resources provide excellent materials for your student to stay connected and engaged in learning activities this week.

Instruction/Lessons for the Three Weeks March 23 – April 10. Dickinson High School teachers will post learning activities, lessons and resources on their Teacher Website or in their Google Classroom each Friday by 5:00 PM for the upcoming week. These lessons will provide reviews and/or extensions of material previously learned this year as well as new material. You can expect these lessons and instructional materials to be posted on Friday, March 20, March 27, and April 3 by 5:00 PM. If your student does not have access to a computer or phone where he/she can access these materials and complete the assignments as posted, we will provide printed materials. The printed materials will be distributed to students and/or parents each Monday in the front of the school from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. Students are expected to access the learning/instructional materials and resources either on line or in paper form and complete the assignments before returning to school on April 13, 2020.

Senior Students—Prom and Graduation. Please know that we are sensitive to the needs of our senior students and ensuring that they experience the time-honored traditions and the Rights of Passage that come with completing high school. At this time, our Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for May 21, 2020 at Sam Vitanza Stadium. The City of Galveston has cancelled all large gathering events through May. Our Prom, originally scheduled for May 2 at Moody Gardens, has been cancelled. We are exploring other options, and more information will be forthcoming once we have returned to school and venues open once again.

We will work together to ensure that your student has a successful ending to this school year. Please encourage your student to protect his/her health by following the guidelines of the CDC regarding personal space and hand washing. Also, we ask that you encourage your student to spend time reading each day and to stay caught up with the lessons we are providing on-line. This is not an extended vacation or spring break. This is a critical time in our nation and across the globe, and we must all work together to get through it and to find creative ways to protect and preserve the educational well-being of our children. As you know, time waits for no one, and we cannot afford to waste this time. Please encourage your student to take advantage of the learning opportunities we are providing and to stay connected with us through electronic means. I have asked our teachers to make every effort to reach out to students via email, SKYWARD, or other electronic means to provide instruction and to encourage our students to stay active both intellectually and physically.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, Go GATORS.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Billye Smith'.

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