



BISHOP LUERS

HIGH SCHOOL

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Bishop Luers Students,

I hope each of you are doing well while continuing to be healthy, safe, and positive. I hope each of you were able to enjoy some of the recent good weather and hope that you are preparing for a great Easter Celebration. On behalf of all of us here at Bishop Luers, thank you to all who have been on the frontlines caring for members of our community who are sick or completing work identified as essential. We also want you to know that we are keeping the entire Bishop Luers family in our prayers.

Many of you are already aware that during the Governor's daily briefing on April 2, it was announced that all Indiana schools will be closed, and we will continue offering Remote Learning services for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The revised Bishop Luers Extended E-Learning schedule is included with this communication below and will be uploaded to our Webpage.

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As a result of this announcement, we are able to move forward and make decisions related to many logistical issues, many of which will be communicated within the next few weeks. At the end of this communication, please find additional information related to the topics about which we have most often been asked.

We thank you for your continued patience and support as we all learn how to educate for an extended period during a pandemic. Consequently, we continue tweaking our curriculum and activities with a focus on helping each student continue moving forward.

We miss seeing your children. The energy that your child(ren) bring to school each day helps us thrive as educators. Likewise, the interaction among students enriches and extends learning far beyond the facts and procedures included in textbooks and other resources. Although it is not perfect, we are hopeful that the tools being used during remote learning activities are helping our students remain connected to their teachers and their peers.

Please reflect on this Prayer from Pope Francis asking for protection during this Pandemic –

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign
of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,

*Bishop Luers
Spirit!*



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with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Luers Spirit is alive and well, keep an eye out for postings on Twitter and Facebook of Student work and messages from the Faculty and Staff. Thank you all for your support. Please stay healthy, stay safe and stay positive. In Luers Spirit!

Jim Huth
Principal
Bishop Luers High School

Graduation Requirements: After reading details included in the guidance provided to schools, we will continue maintaining current graduation requirements. Given the number of seniors preparing for post-secondary opportunities, we have a responsibility to present the curriculum necessary to build a foundation that maximizes their preparation and positions them to attain future success. The waiver opportunities announced by the state are intended to assist those districts lacking resources needed to provide remote learning opportunities. Therefore, we will limit utilizing the waiver opportunities to the few individuals who may need the provided flexibility. Fortunately, nearly all members of Bishop Luers High School's Class of 2020 are on a path to fulfill the original graduation requirements. For members of the classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, zero flexibility has been offered by the state in terms of fulfilling the original minimum requirements to earn high school credit for a course in which they are currently enrolled.

Also remember students involved in fall extracurricular activities that your spring semester grades will determine if you are eligible next fall. Make sure you are





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completing all your e-learning and contacting your teachers if you are having any issues!

High School Commencement Ceremony: We remain hopeful that we will have an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2020 via a traditional commencement ceremony. However, we are also planning alternate options. If we need to implement one of the alternate options, we will send information at a later time. In the meantime, we continue to plan for celebrating the achievements of the Class of 2020 sometime in July. Of course, this is dependent on the Governor and County Health Commission opening up the opportunity for large gathering again.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams: For high school students enrolled in AP courses, the College Board revised their testing schedule and made accommodations that allow students to take the AP exams online. Teachers will communicate the specific dates and times of the exams. All AP exams are scheduled to take place beginning Monday, May 11, 2020 and concluding Friday, May 22, 2020.

Summer School: Bishop Luers will be offering limited high school summer school opportunities. Although we remain hopeful that we will be able to implement our current plans, we are creating alternate plans that involve Remote Learning, just in case they are needed. Our intent is to offer these opportunities, so students can make-up and earn credit for a course failed.

Picking-up locker contents/Dropping-off items: We will be communicating specific information about when students will be able to pick-up items that remain in their lockers/desks and to drop-off textbooks, library books, computing devices, calculators etc. We are planning on starting the process on May 26-29, however the information on this procedure will not be communicated until after we resolve as many logistical issues as we can. Although we will try to develop procedures that are efficient and respectful of each family's time, because of social distancing requirements, the procedures may not be perfect.

Extended learning Calendar below -





Bishop Luers - Extended E-Learning Calendar

April 6th – E-Learning Day - Work from March 27th due
April 7th - Waiver Day from Governor
April 8th – E-Learning Day - Work from April 6th due
April 9th - Waiver Day from Governor
April 10th – Good Friday – No E-Learning
April 13th – Easter Monday – No E-Learning
April 14th - Waiver Day from Governor
April 15th – E-Learning Day - Work from April 8th due
April 16th - Waiver Day from Governor
April 17th – E-Learning Day - Work from April 15th due
April 20st – E-Learning Day - Work from April 17th due
April 21nd - Waiver Day from Governor
April 22rd – E-Learning Day - Work from April 20th due
April 23th - Waiver Day from Governor
April 24th – Schedule Day off – No E-Learning
April 27th – E-Learning Day - Work from April 22th due
April 28th - Waiver Day from Governor
April 29th – E-Learning Day - Work from April 27th due
April 30th - Waiver Day from Governor
May 1st – E-Learning Day - Work from April 29th due
May 4th – E-Learning Day - Work from May 1st due
May 5th – Waiver Day from Governor
May 6th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 4th due
May 7th – Waiver Day from Governor
May 8th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 6th due
May 11th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 8th due
May 12th – Waiver Day from Governor
May 13th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 11th due
May 14 – Waiver Day from Governor
May 15th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 13th due
May 18th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 15th due
May 19th – Waiver Day from Governor
May 20th - E-Learning Day - Work from May 18th due
May 21st - Waiver Day from Governor
May 22nd – Teacher - Student Workday – Finalize assignments

May 26 – 29 - Complete the process of picking up personal belongings from lockers, and dropping off textbooks, library books, computing devices, and other items

May 11 – May 22 - Advanced Placement (AP) exams; dates and times as determined by the College Board

