

PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT – TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2020

Good morning, Jackson High School. This is Mr. Peters, and I would like to begin by saying a sincere welcome back to school today. It has certainly been a unique weekend in our history as we navigate an appropriate response to the Coronavirus – from the school level to a state and national level as a society. It's important to me to let you know that we are committed to your safety here at Jackson, and we are closely following each of the recommendations of the health authorities who are updating us on a continuing basis.

As we move forward over the next days and weeks, it is important for each of us to be aware of some best-practices. These include:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth if you haven't washed your hands
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throwing the tissue in the trash and washing your hands.
- Staying at home away from others if you are sick

As you are likely aware, our school was cleaned and disinfected over the weekend and yesterday. We will continue as a staff to give special attention to cleaning often touched surfaces on a regular basis. We will also encourage the positive Timberwolf greetings with each other, but we will replace actual high-fives and fist bumps with "air fives/bumps" (done from a distance). You can also use positive gestures like a thumbs-up  or sign language for I love you , for example.

I also want to remind everyone about the importance of being sensitive to confidentiality. You may hear names of students related to this situation, but let's remember to respect everyone's right to privacy and dignity. And, one last important point, the Coronavirus is not an ethnic disease, nor is it anyone's fault or blame. It's okay to be concerned, but please be sensitive with the comments you make to and about others.

The bottom line is this: we are glad you are here and we're committed to your safety and education. We'll do this together... we've got this, Jackson! Have a great day.