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Roosevelt Junior High School

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Hello Roosevelt Parents, Guardians and Students,

As you were made aware, Modesto City Schools has taken the recommendation of state and local officials to close our school buildings for the remainder of the school year. Please keep in mind that this decision was not easy but was made in the best interest of ensuring all members of our community are safe. But rest assured, learning will continue, but will a bit of a different format that we are used to.

So that you are fully informed, I wanted to reach out and give you some information regarding Modesto City Schools Distance Learning for the remainder of the school year. First, our staff remains available for your family needs during this time. Teachers are available for teaching and support, our counselor (Luz Aispuro) and our administrators would be happy to help you with whatever needs you have. Our two Center for Human Counselors, Maureen and Paty, are also available for any social-emotional needs. If you have questions, please reach out to me or any of our staff members that can assist you during this time.

Please read this email entirely – I will cover important questions you may have.

Communication

Please remind your students that teachers are providing work through Schoology. Every student has a district provided email account – I encourage students to be checking this email frequently. Every student’s email is their Student ID Number followed by @monet.k12.a.us (for example: 123456@monet.k12.ca.us). Teachers are currently providing activities through Schoology. If you have questions, please contact teachers via email.

Blocked Phone Numbers

During this time of Distance Learning I am encouraging staff to call families of students who are not participating in Distance Learning. Staff phone calls will likely appear as a “Private Number” or “Blocked Number”. Please help by attempting to answer these calls. Teachers are available to setup specific times to call if you prefer an appointment time. This can be arranged via email.

Distance Learning

Our district website www.mcs4kids.com has resources available for you regarding distance learning. Our goal is to help provide skills your student will need during this time to be successful long term. Keep in mind that teachers have been and will be working very hard between March 30 and April 10 to learn how to provide digital instruction to their students. During this period of teacher learning, teachers will begin to post work on Schoology. Although all teachers may not be posting daily, I would encourage students to still check Schoology every day to keep up on learning. As of April 13, 2020, students should be able to log into Schoology to begin their distance learning for the remainder of the year with a focus on new content.

(If as a parent you would like a parent Schoology password, please e-mail a Roosevelt administrator.)

Grading

At this time Modesto City Schools is focused on student learning and does not want to add any extra stress on students by providing grades. For the remainder of the school year teachers will be providing students with the opportunity to learn so that they are prepared for the next grade level. It is important that students complete all learning activities and assignments so that they are prepared for the next grade level. Students may have the opportunity to improve their third quarter grade if their teachers choose to provide an opportunity to do so. If you would like to improve your third quarter grade, please e-mail your teachers.

Field Trips / 8th Grade Trip

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Assistant Principal

David Sanchez
Principal

Shaun Pelter
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Unfortunately, due to our current circumstances all field trips and activities for the remainder of the school year have been cancelled. Contact us if you have questions.

Graduation / High School

You likely have questions regarding 8th grade graduation and/or the next step to high school. Our district is currently developing a plan – at this time I encourage students to remain focused on the learning being provided. We will communicate more information regarding graduation at a later time.

Yearbooks

At this point the yearbook has been completed and submitted to print, but unfortunately the printing shop that produces them is closed due to COVID-19. At this time the anticipated print date is the end of April. We will most likely not be able to distribute these books prior to the stay-at-home order being lifted, but once that occurs, we are hoping to bring students back on campus to receive their yearbooks and get them signed from their friends. We will provide more communication about this at a later time. We currently have approximately 60 yearbooks available for purchase at www.yearbookordercenter.com.

PE Lockers

We recognized that your students may have some personal items left in their PE lockers, but at this time we cannot allow you to access your lockers to retrieve those items. We will notify you when you can collect those items.

Supports

As your son/daughter begins to work from home, we recognize that there are many struggles that they may encounter. Modesto City Schools has set up multiple hotlines for you to receive the much-needed support. Roosevelt faculty is also committed to supporting your needs as well. If you need any support, feel free to contact the following phone numbers or e-mail any of the Roosevelt faculty.

MCS Hotline- 492-6000 (Updates, meal pick-up times, mental health supports, technology support, academic supports, Spanish translation supports.)

Roosevelt Main Line- (209) 574-1930 (Leave a message and we will ensure you receive a call back as quickly as possible)

Roosevelt Instagram- Some communication will begin to be pushed out through Roosevelt's new Instagram page ***@rjhs1951***

As a Roosevelt community, we recognize that the transition to digital learning will come with challenges, but please know that we are all here to support the students of Roosevelt and try to make this last quarter as meaningful as we can. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.



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