



## Long Cane Middle School

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Dear Long Cane Family,

Let me begin by saying how much we miss our students and families. We have entered into the last quarter of the school year in a very unusual way and can't wait for our old normal to return again. In the meantime, we are learning to manage our current reality and know that you have a number of questions about the remainder of the school year. We are trying to keep you informed of all the changes and also answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please know that we, too, have many questions and are working through solutions that best meet the needs of our students and parents every day. Thank you for your patience, kindness, and understanding through this entire process. We love and appreciate each and every one of you!

I am hoping to answer as many of your questions at once as I am able today. Please continue to communicate your questions with teachers and we will in turn answer any and all of them to the best of our ability.

### **GRADES**

All student grades will be calculated using the average the student had at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 week grading period (which was our last day of school, March 12<sup>th</sup>). It is important to note that students may use this remaining time in the school year to complete individualized assignments with their teachers in order to improve this grade. In no way will the supplemental learning that has taken place since we left school on March 12 diminish a student's grade, it is used to enhance learning only.

Only classes that were active during the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks will be eligible for grade repair opportunities. These classes include ELA, Math, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science & Social Studies, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science & Social Studies being taken during the second semester, and all 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 week elective courses. Grade repair opportunities will be individualized and assignments communicated by the teacher of the course if necessary. If your student needs to repair a course grade, please have them contact their teacher via email or Google Classroom. For a list of teacher contact information, [check here](#). If students do not need to take advantage of grade repair opportunities, we encourage them to continue to read and review the materials that are available in order to stay actively engaged in learning but it will not be reflected in any grades for the course.

### **HONORS/AWARDS**

We will be unable to have our traditional Honors Day program, but will plan to recognize students who would have been celebrated at that event. Grades for calculating Honor Roll, etc. must be completed by May 1, 2020. We will continue to update you about our plans for this event.

### **FINAL GRADES**

All grades will be posted and all learning opportunities complete by May 15, 2020. There will be no new grades for the 4<sup>th</sup> 9 week grading period so all final grades will be calculated using the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades.

## **RETURNING ITEMS**

After the digital learning opportunities are complete on May 15, 2020, we will begin to schedule some designated times to return any items that belong to the school. This includes Chromebooks, chargers, library books, athletic gear, etc. Please hold those items until you are notified of these drop off times.

## **SCHOOL MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

Beginning Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Troup County School System will begin distributing meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Meal pick-ups will be available at our school drive-thru locations from 11:00-12:00 on these days. Those who pick up on Monday will receive meals for Monday and Tuesday. Those picking up meals on Wednesday, will receive meals for Wednesday and Thursday. Pick-ups on Friday will include meals for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This will allow us to limit public contact and expand our meal distribution to include meals for the weekend.

## **YEARBOOKS**

Our LCMS yearbooks have been sent to the printer, but the company is not active at the moment. We are staying in close contact with them and as soon as we receive the books, we will implement a plan to distribute the yearbooks that were pre-sold. We do have limited numbers of extra copies available for purchase. They are \$40 and if you need to purchase, please complete this [form](#) and we will be in touch regarding payment and receipts. If you have additional questions, Mr. Mike Wallace, yearbook adviser, may be reached at [wallacemr@troup.org](mailto:wallacemr@troup.org).

## **REFUNDS**

If you have paid for a good or service that your student was unable to participate in and/or receive, we are working to issue refunds as appropriate. I suggest that you start by checking with the sponsor of the activity in question to verify, but we are working through our receipt records to issue necessary refunds. These will be mailed as we are able to complete the process. Please be patient, this is an unexpected change and we are working to take care of your needs as quickly as possible.

## **CHROMEBOOK/TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS**

If you are having difficulties with your student's Chromebook, please begin by using the trouble-shooting tips found here: [Chromebook Tips](#). The number one issue seems to be that Chromebooks don't appear to be charging. Please try closing the Chromebook, plug in the charger on the opposite side you would normally use, and leave it closed overnight. More often than not, this solves the issue. If you continue to have problems after troubleshooting, please email Mrs. Newman, [newmankr@troup.org](mailto:newmankr@troup.org), and she will do her best to assist you. Please note that our Technology Department is not running at their normal rate and repairs may take longer than usual. Thank you for your patience!

We will continue to communicate any updates and answer questions as we work through this very unprecedented end to our school year. I would suggest filtering questions through your student's Homeroom teacher to make sure we are able to keep them and consolidate some of our questions and answers. Thank you all so much for your patience, this is not at all how we wanted to end this year, but we are thankful for everyone's safety and health! Go Cougars!

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