March 16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all of your support in such turbulent and unprecedented times. As you may be aware, school has been cancelled statewide per Governor Baker through April 7, 2020. The District Leadership Team continues to consult the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as well as the Massachusetts Department of Health to make the best decisions with available information. Needless to say, this is a very fluid situation and guidance appears to change daily. We will be providing updates as we learn more.

The Commissioner of Education, Jeffrey Riley, has explicitly communicated that no district may substitute online learning for face-to-face instruction. However, teachers are currently working on curriculum resources to engage your students at home. Please know that these activities will not be graded but should serve as enrichment and a way to stay connected to the academic community. We ask that you encourage your students to check schoology and email daily in order to engage in learning. The work may not be graded but all teachers will be available for two-way communication to provide feedback as needed (email & Schoology updates). Teachers will check their email and Schoology page regularly and ensure a timely response.

You may have questions regarding the following topics:

**Close of Term 3:** Term three and term four grading will be merged into a single term. We will not be producing a term three report card as regularly scheduled. Currently, we are planning on producing one final report card.

**Senior Internships:** Senior internships are unfortunately cancelled. Once we return, all seniors will continue to attend classes.

**AP Courses:** At this time exams have been postponed. AP Central is reporting there is a flexible testing schedule. This may change in the coming days. Please check their website for current information. (apcentral.collegeboard.org)

**MCAS:** Tenth grade ELA has been postponed. The state will send further instructions.
2020-2021 Course Selection: The course selection process can continue digitally in our Aspen system. Course selections will begin March 30th and additional instructions will follow.

Athletics: At this time all tryouts, games and events are postponed until Tuesday, April 7th.

SATs: The college board website is our guide for current information.

Field Trips: All field trips are cancelled. We will concentrate on enrichment.

Grease the Musical: Spring theater performance has been cancelled. A musical production will be postponed until next school year.

April Vacation: Currently remains on the calendar as scheduled.

Throughout the school year we’ve prided ourselves on making our Norwell High school community come alive with academic activities, co-curriculars, musical events, theatre productions and athletics. We all feel an emptiness that the faces and sounds of student excitement are missing. We send our positive thoughts that you and your families are safe during these times. Mrs. Jennifer Greenberg, Mr. Matt Marani and I are available, preferably by email, to answer any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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Matt Marani, Assistant Principal
Jennifer Greenberg, Assistant Principal