

Dear Parents and Guardians of Valley Junior High,

March 26, 2020

With the recent news from the State of Utah that students will not be attending regular school until May, we wanted to update you on a few things.

First off, on behalf of all of us at Valley we hope your family is safe and healthy. We are working through some unique circumstances that none of us have ever dealt with before. We know there are going to be challenges for everyone involved. This is true for the students, their families, and the teachers. Please be patient with the teachers as they work to create curriculum and learn the best way to meet the needs of their students in this distance-learning environment.

All of our teachers have, and are regularly checking, email accounts. Please email them directly if you have questions related to the class, the content or related items. Please email our counselors, Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Ballentine, with any concerns that you have for your student. They are available to make phone calls, do video conferences or any number of supports for the students and their families. Please know that you can email either myself, Principal Rich Nielsen or Assistant Principal Jen Jacobson with any other concerns.

Beginning Monday, March 30, all teachers will be hosting virtual classroom settings where students can have video conference help from their teachers. The schedule for the virtual classrooms will be included below and will also be on our webpage. Students will access the teachers by logging in to their portal, then going to Google, and then clicking on the Meet icon. The teacher virtual rooms will all be named in the same format: valley-_____ (teacher last name). For example, Mr. Kaelin's virtual classroom will be "valley-kaelin". Please let us know if you need help to access this tool.

We are still serving lunch and breakfast at Valley. Students in any grade can access the food at any neighborhood school with breakfast from 8:00 – 9:00 and lunch from 11:30 – 1:00.

If your student still needs access to a Chromebook, please feel free to come into the office. We have more available. If you are unable to get to Valley, please email Principal Nielsen and he will deliver a Chromebook to your home.

Finally, please know that we miss our students and hope they are doing well. All of our staff met today in a computer-based staff meeting. We have some dedicated teachers, counselors and staff members at Valley. We all look forward to the day that we can have students back in the building.

If we can be of assistance, please let us know. Our office hours are 8:00 – 3:00 and the main office phone number is 385-646-5234.

Thank you!

Principal Rich Nielsen

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