

Sweet Home Charter School

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Dear SHCS Families,

You and your family are heavy on our hearts and minds. We hope that you are doing well and have been able to make the most of our current situation while taking the opportunity to enjoy some quality family time together. As you know, the Governor of Oregon has ordered for all K-12 public schools to remain closed from March 16th through April 28th. Our teachers and staff miss the daily interactions with SHCS students and families very much. We know how difficult this is on our entire school community. We seek to support and encourage you, knowing that together we will all make it through these trying times.

In attempt to support your child, Governor Kate Brown has directed for schools to “continue to deliver supplemental education and learning supports to the extent practical through independent study and appropriate options.” SHCS teachers are working hard to develop educational activities which students will be able to complete while they are home in order to ensure continued learning, growth, and development. Your child’s classroom teacher will soon be contacting you regarding these individualized educational support plans.

Student work will be compiled into packets and available for pick up every Wednesday from 9am-3pm during the school closure period, beginning April 1st. Learning packets will be available at the front of the school. Please make arrangements with your child’s teacher(s) if you are unable to pick up materials during the specified times. Teachers will be available throughout the week to provide support and answer questions individually via distance delivery methods. Please kindly note that the previously scheduled Spring Break will be honored for the upcoming week. School staff will spend March 30 & 31 preparing for our new venture in supporting learning from afar during the school closure period.

Thank you to the many of you who have completed the recent “School Closure Educational Support” survey. Your input was valuable in the creation of our plan of action. Based upon survey results, in order to ensure equitable access for all students, our focus is to offer paper/pencil-based activities. These activities will be similar to those that your child is familiar with completing in the classroom. Work from the learning support packets will not be returned to school due to current health/safety concerns. We recognize that this will not fully replace the level of education offered during a traditional school day but our hope is to support the educational efforts that you are leading while students are at home.

We ask that you continue to monitor breaking news along with the school’s website for further updates as well as access to links to online educational resources (piecharters.k12.or.us). Please note that all current plans must remain subject to change and we will work to keep you informed in light of any further potential executive orders and/or directives.

We are all in this together and hope to make the best of this situation. Thank you for your support, grace, and patience as we begin this new adventure in providing supplemental education and learning support.

Sincerely,
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