

A Few Key Things to Know...

April 8, 2020

Dear HHS Students and Parents:

I'll keep this to essential bullet points (since everyone's email inbox is overflowing like never before) but wanted to deliver a few key reminders...

1. As noted in previous emails about the course selection process, **tomorrow (Thursday 4/9) is the last day to complete an online Course Override Form**. This applies to students in grades 9-11 who wish to override the teacher recommendation for a leveled course (i.e., English, math, science, social studies or world language). This year, for the first time, the course can be completed online by clicking this link: [HHS Course Override Form](#).
2. In case, you hadn't already heard this news, the School Committee voted earlier this week to **eliminate April vacation** in response to the extended school closure. Monday, April 20th (Patriots' Day), will remain a holiday but remote learning will continue during the rest of that week. Because of this change, the last day of school will move forward to June 17th.
3. Our great **school nurses**, Kristina McManus and Kristine O'Keeffe, have asked me to remind you that they **remain available** to support HHS families and answer health-related questions. You can reach them by email at the following addresses: kmcmanus@hinghamschools.org and ko'keeffe@hinghamschools.org.
4. As we continue with the transition to remote learning and some teachers make use of **live video meetings** (e.g., Zoom, etc.), please be reminded of **privacy concerns** and online etiquette. Those sessions should never be recorded, photographed, or posted to social media, even by parents. Thank you for observing those essential standards of behavior.
5. Tomorrow (Thursday) marks the **20th school day since Hingham schools closed their doors on March 13th**. These past few weeks have been enormously challenging for all of us but they have also affirmed my belief in the strength and resilience of this community. Thank you for continuing to support our schools, and please stay safe. Wishing all of you a healthy and restful long weekend!

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson
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