

Dear Students,

We are excited to share our new learning platform for you at home while we are in the midst of this COVID-19 closure. In challenging, unprecedented times like these, it is important to emphasize how much our entire Brookline High School faculty and staff miss you, our students, during this period of vast disruption.

On Monday morning at 8:00am, students should check their Canvas accounts as well as the **United Mind Workers** page on the BHS Website to read updates from their teachers, review assignments, directions, and guidance. On this page, BHS departments and programs will post common content and a blend of grade and course-specific assignments for students to explore and complete during the period of our closure.

**For at least the next two weeks**, all students in common classes, regardless of teacher, will be given a menu of assignments. Individual teachers will communicate via Canvas or email with their students regarding what we expect them to do and provide them with the resources and guidance to meet these expectations. Assignments also will be available via the centralized page.

Students will submit work to their individual teachers via one of these familiar platforms. On average, students will be working for three to four hours on each of the following courses per week: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language. In addition, Career and Technology Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Wellness Education classes will communicate and share assignments, expectations, and guidance for staying connected to the important work in these BHS classes.

We ask you not to look at these assignments in the same way you look at traditional homework. While you work from home and at a distance, our goals for you are more focused on learning and less focused on measuring achievement. Teachers will review student submissions, offer help, reach out, and provide feedback where needed. Assignments will be documented as complete or not yet complete. **To be clear, during this interim two week period students will not be formally graded, however, we expect all work to be completed.** We also encourage students to be in communication with their respective teachers on what past work can and should be finished as part of the third quarter.

As always, you should seek help as needed from your teachers. Students with Individualized Educational Plans can seek support from their special education teachers and related service providers. General educators and special educators also will be consulting and collaborating to support all students.

Importantly, your guidance counselors, social workers, deans, and other student support staff will be in touch at the beginning of the week. We will balance common messaging and information-sharing with opportunities for individual check-ins and support, as needed. Throughout the period of closure, you are welcome and encouraged to communicate with your student support team; we all want to work together to help you.

In challenging times like these, it is important to remember who we are, and what we believe in. We are Brookline Warriors. We believe:

- This is hard. You can do it. We will help you.
- We create the culture we want.
- Freedom and responsibility.
- You're not done yet. We're not done yet.

What do our beliefs mean when we are separated by Covid-19? They mean that everyone of us, individually and collectively, can contribute to keeping our school a community, even when we are apart.

Go Team,

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Mason