

TCCS UPDATES APRIL 6th, 2020 9:00am

TCCS will be serving meals as usual on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to Noon. Starting this week we will place a small prize in 6 meals each day. Hope to be the lucky one and win! Visit our great lunch staff, Miss Jen, Miss Amanda, Miss Melissa, and Mr. Tedd. Meals are FREE to all students to age 18.

Families wanting other health/hygiene items or other things may ask at school during meal pick up or they can email Ms. Mahaney. - mmahaney@tidioutecharter.com.

News about technology pick up days will be posted on our website and U.S. mailed today.

TCCS will be moving in the direction of planned instruction in the near future and details will be communicated to parents and students during the week of April 13th through April 17, 2020. For now, we hope all students are completing enrichment/review activities previously sent home.

A reminder that required school business activities such as TCCS Board of Trustee meetings, student selection of courses, enrollment for 2020-2021 will continue either virtually or otherwise at TCCS. Although students are home, the administration will be working to maintain daily operations.

Seniors communicate through a Senior Class of 2020 Google Classroom page TCCS established.

Teachers' classroom pages on the TCCS website have assignments/enrichment/review activities and soon we will move to more specific communication.

The PA Department of Education provides daily updates to all state school administrators, however, anyone can go to the PDE Website for Covid updates.

Be creative, stay safe. TCCS cares about our families .

TCCS UPDATES: April 3rd, 2020 4:30pm POSTING
Senior Class of 2020 Information

TCCS cares about the TCCS Class of 2020.

Today PDE at 3:30 pm issued official guidance for LEAs on seniors. We were prepared for our senior's questions. Ms. Mahaney has been in contact with current TCCS seniors regularly.

Seniors with grades as of March 16, 2020 which were not passing (F) will be permitted to make up work to move those grades to passing. TCCS administration will, of course, allow seniors to continue to earn grades from now through May 29, 2020. More specific information for seniors will be coming soon as TCCS moves into our next phase of instruction around April 15, 2020.

Ranking will still occur. Graduation will happen, but it is not clear if a public ceremony will be permitted on May 29, 2020. We will discuss options if necessary later in April following Governor Wolf's directives.

Internships and mentorships will be either waived, or Ms. Mahaney will inform TCCS seniors how to complete necessary tasks to graduate.

Seniors have been contacted about caps, gowns, or similar things and TCCS staff will be communicating with seniors about such issues regularly.

Be confident that we will ensure a successful graduation for the TCCS class of 2020.

TCCS Staff: Scholarships and awards will continue but we, of course, do not know how a graduation would look at this time.

Thanks,

Doug Allen

TCCS UPDATES---- FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2020 9:00 am

We will not post an update on weekends unless there is urgent news.

Today, Friday, April 3, 2020 is the third week of our school shutdown. Governor Wolf and PA Secretary of Education, Dr. Pedro Rivera, along with the PA state legislators determine how schools are proceeding each week during this shutdown.

Why don't teachers just send out materials or go online and keep teaching?

At TCCS and other schools we must think about equity in delivering education due to many laws. We must provide fair and equal education to all students . So, it takes time to ensure equity issues are met as school doors are closed. Does everyone have internet that works all day? Do some students with unique learning needs need special support? Should we keep teaching all subjects or just some? We are resolving these questions quickly at TCCS.

When will the administrators determine our next 8 weeks of lessons?

In the next 6-8 days TCCS families will hear about our next 10-15 days of instruction which will start close to April 15,2020. We will US mail everything as required, make call blasts, use the TCCS website , send emails and utilize facebook to communicate to all. A reminder that TCCS enrolls 300-305 K4-12 students from FOUR different school districts from four counties .

Will students in grades 9-12 earn credits? YES.

Will seniors graduate whether there is a ceremony this May 29th or not? -YES

Could there be a ceremony in July, for example. -YES

TCCS knows families need time to adjust,but know we are thinking about you. Be patient. Email us with issues. mmahaney@tidioutecharter.com, rsteffan@tidioutecharter.com, rguerra@tidioutecharter.com , dallen@tidioutecharter.com, mcmahon@tidioutecharter.com, tony.shirey@tidioutecharter.com, hcass@tidioutecharter.com

See TCCS.com and TCCS FACEBOOK. ENJOY YOUR TIME TOGETHER. When times get tough ,a BULLDOG gets stronger.

TCCS UPDATES- THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020- 7:30 pm

Questions & Answers relative to Governor Wolf's mandated school closure

Will TCCS students attend school beyond 180 days? The 2019-2020 The TCCS school year will end on May 29, 2020. Governor Wolf closed all PA schools indefinitely as of March 31, 2020 and school boards may determine the final day.

Is there anything we can do to practice and keep our student's skills sharp? TCCS staff will U.S. mail enrichment-review activities to families/guardians every two weeks starting 3-31-20. Activities are not to be graded or returned. On April 13, 2020 or possibly before then, TCCS will inform families of the plan for enrichment-review for the next ten days, April 16th through April 28th, 2020. Students with questions for Ms. McMahon, special education director, relative to IEP or 504 issues may email her at mmcmahon@tidioutecharter.com. Please look at the TCCS WEBSITE. Classroom pages have activities and some links. We continue to enrich/review for now.

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Can I get into the school? School and school property is currently closed to employees and students to keep it clean and to keep students and guardians from moving around the area. Only a few employees deemed essential are allowed into the building. Some are asking if they can enter TCCS to get things in lockers or rooms. Currently-No. Seniors may contact Ms. Mahaney for essential locker materials.

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See the new TCCS FACEBOOK PAGE .

How are the monthly Board Meetings going to be run? The TCCS BOARD MEETINGS in April and May will be by GoToMeeting. April's meeting is on 4-8-20 at 11:00 AM. Call in numbers will be posted here in an update soon but they are on the TCCS website now.

Are call blasts continuing? Yes. We believe we reach 85 % of families by calls.

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Mr. Shirey is in charge of many things but his management of technology is important. You may be hearing from him. But, if you have questions he can be reached at tony.shirey@tidioutecharter.com. We may be exploring internet access around our School.

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April 1, 2020 4:00pm

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Today packets of enrichment-review work were mailed to families for student enrichment/ review work for ten school days.

Below is a very general summary of events from March 16th ,2020 through April 1st, 2020.

March 16, 2020 3:01 pm- Governor Wolf announced at 3:01 pm that Pennsylvania schools would be closed for ten days due to the virus emergency.

March 19, 2020- School superintendents-Charter school CEOs were notified via emails that student work and school requirements were on hold for ten days. No school work was to be required .

March 20, 2020- School superintendents and Charter school CEO's were notified that due to concern over meeting equity needs of all students in the state, schools could choose to send enrichment activities to students and that schools were to decide if 100 % of students had access to internet services.

March 22, 2020- School superintendents and Charter school CEO's were to contact Intermediate Units for direction daily. We were asked to think about selecting an education plan in the next few days.

March 26, 2020- Governor Wolf asked all schools to pick from three options: Do nothing for now, develop with teachers enrichment-review activities,or provide direct instruction with daily lessons and all typical classroom requirements using technology or a blend of technology and mailed packets.

March 30, 2020- TCCS teachers developed enrichment-review packets to be US mailed or picked up on 3-30-20 or 4-1-20. Those packets were mailed today. We estimate that at least 30% of TCCS students do not have internet access so mailed packets must be our option. We have said repeatedly in blasts and in three newspaper releases that teachers' classroom pages are available for students.

TCCS opened a FACEBOOK PAGE on March 30,2020.

TCCS serves nearly 200 meals each Monday and Wednesday via pick-up from 10:00 am to Noon.

TCCS has sent two mailings home, made nine call blasts, and has updated our website daily with news. All seniors are called regularly and we have been making plans for seniors.

Governor Wolf cancelled school until further notice three days ago. By today, schools were to post their Continuity of Education Plan on their websites. TCCS follows the Governor's directives each day or week.

TCCS will continue to post updates, use call blasts, and US mail to be in touch with families.

TCCS students with IEPs and 504 concerns may contact Ms. McMahon at mmcmahon@tidioutecharter.com.

TCCS UPDATES: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:00pm

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TCCS UPDATES-MONDAY MARCH 31, 2020 6:00pm

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Tidioute Community Charter School

Monday, March 30, 2020

School Closure

TCCS is now closed indefinitely. President Trump has called for a national effort to keep people home to limit the transferring of the covid virus through April 30, 2020.

Governor Wolf closed Pennsylvania schools indefinitely. TCCS will send U.S. mail enrichment/review packets tomorrow, 3-31-20. Food service continues Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to Noon at TCCS.

Scroll down to next page for more information.

TCCS UPDATES-MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

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Thursday, March 26th

Hello from TCCS!

HERE ARE OUR WEEKLY UPDATES...

SENIORS: First, we will guide you to graduation. Keep in mind the following: It is too early in this statewide shutdown to predict what May will bring or allow for seniors. Graduation ceremonies and Prom may, I repeat, may need to be reviewed prior to May, 2020.

School events such as athletics are cancelled. Yearbook sales, PTO sales will continue as we navigate through this unique closure.

Students-Parents-Guardians will receive enrichment packets via the U.S. mail. These will be mailed on Tuesday, March 31st.

If a family is part of the "Backpack" program, they may be picked up during regular food pick up times, Monday or Wednesday from 10am till noon. They will be brought to your vehicle in the same manner as the food delivery.

Miss Jen, Miss Amanda, Mr. Tedd, and I love to see you at food pick ups. COME BY to pick up food Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students' teachers have enrichment activities on the classroom web pages for students to see at home.

At this point we are excluded for school through April 9th, BUT the Governor may extend the closure to more weeks prior to April 7th, 2020.

TCCS UPDATES

Tuesday, March 24th

TCCS will be closed to all K4-12 students and all employees except those employees deemed essential by order of Governor Wolf until April 9th, 2020. Food will be distributed on MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS at TCCS from 10:00 am to NOON each week. Students with special requests for hygiene supplies may email Ms. Mahaney. Students in the Backpack and other special food delivery programs will be called. Seniors should contact, via email, Ms. Mahaney with questions. The TCCS administration representing all employees and the Board of Trustees will assist all students throughout the shutdown.

Sincerely,

Doug Allen, CEO

Al Haney, Board President

TCCS UPDATES

Saturday, March 21st

The administration and Board of Trustees of TCCS are working daily to monitor events at PDE. Should Governor Wolf postpone the start up of schools beyond March 29,2020 we will keep you updated daily via our TCCS website. In addition, we have not forgotten any of our 305 students and families. We are ready to help you and guide you through whatever occurs . Eventually all will return to "normal" FOOD PICK UP times at TCCS will be 10:00 am to NOON on MONDAY, 3-23,2020 and again on WEDNESDAY, 3 -25,2020 from 10:00 am to noon. Families should drive up and see Miss Jen, Mr. Tedd, Miss Amanda and enjoy a trip for supplies.

We will have boys and girls bags of hygiene items, soap, toothpaste, other health items available for anyone who wants these . Specific requests may be directed to Ms. Mahaney through her email.We look forward to seeing all who drive to TCCS. A reminder that students may see enrichment activities on teachers' web pages. Activities on teacher web pages range from exercising with Coach Valentine ,reading with Mrs. Robinson, completing math problems with Mrs. Sympruich and many K4-5 elementary teachers' activities.

Sincerely,

Doug Allen,CEO

Al Haney, Board President

TCCS
241 Main Street
Tidioute,PA 16351

March 19, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Sincerely,

Doug Allen,CEO

Al Haney, Board President



Tidioute Community Charter School

*Providing a World Class Education in a Small Town
Environment*

Monday, March, 16, 2020

Parents/Guardians,

Pennsylvania has mandated all K-12 schools to close their doors for the next two weeks. At this time, TCCS plans to reopen our doors on Monday, March 30, unless there are further instructions from Governor Wolf. As of now, Governor Wolf has stated that these ten days will not be required to be made up.

Please visit your child's classroom webpage for educational activities. These activities are encouraged, but are not required to be completed. They have been uploaded to allow parents or guardians to keep your child on track while he/she is not in school. Once again, if your child does not complete the online activities or does not have internet access, it will not be held against him/her. Work at home is optional and is considered enrichment..

TCCS will provide free bagged breakfasts and lunches on:

- Tuesday, March 17
- Thursday, March 19
- Monday, March 23
- Wednesday, March 25

Pick-up times are from 10:00-11:30 am at the TCCS bus loading area. On the days listed above, you will receive two days worth of breakfast and lunch. On Wednesday, March 25, you will receive three days worth of breakfast and lunch. **Please remain in your vehicle and the bags will be brought to you. Your child/children must be in the vehicle during pick-up.**

At TCCS we understand this is a time of stress and uncertainty. We are doing our best to meet the needs of students and families. If you have any questions, please call the school at (814)484-3550 and we will return your call within 24 hours. Families will be updated with any changes and necessary updates will be posted on the TCCS website. If you are not receiving call blasts please call the school.

Please follow the CDC's instruction in furthering COVID-19 prevention.

Thank you for selecting TCCS for your child.

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