

Dear ICS Families,

We could not be more proud of the ICS community. This week has been unprecedented as we transitioned to fully online instruction for over 1000 students. Thank you for your flexibility, resourcefulness, and perseverance to make this all work.

We are taking seriously our responsibility to continue to provide a strong education for our scholars while also recognizing the necessary accommodations that must be made in these unprecedented and stressful times. With the announcement from Governor Holcomb of school closures until at least May 1, we have made some decisions about what the next phase of E-Learning will look like for Herron and Riverside. Here are the updates:

### **E-Learning Calendar**

- E-Learning continues this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 23 - 25, with regular 45-minute lessons. Teachers are making a renewed effort to limit lessons to that length so as to account for the many priorities scholars and families are juggling.
- Thursday, March 26 will be an E-Learning C-day with no new assignments but a chance for students to wrap up and catch up on any work from the first two weeks.
- Spring Break starts on Friday, March 27 and will now extend for students until Wednesday, April 8.
- Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, will be teacher work days to prepare lessons for April E-Learning.
- Starting Wednesday, April 8, ICS will have E-Learning days on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (following an A / B / A / B rotation ).
- On Fridays there will be no E-Learning.
- Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5, school will be closed for students; these will be teacher work days.
- In the event that we are not able to return to campus after May 1, we will continue with E-Learning lessons Wednesday, May 6 until the end of the school year on Thursday, June 4.
- Monday, May 25 will still be off for Memorial Day.

### **Grading Updates**

In an effort to appropriately balance and represent Semester 2 grades, as well as to incentivize students completing E-Learning work, the following grade calculation changes are in place:

- Semester 2 (S2) class grades will now be comprised of the average of two categories:  
Q3 Class Grade (everything from Jan 7 - March 13) = 50% of S2  
Q4 E-Learning Grade (everything from March 16 - June 4) = 50% of S2

Here is a sample grade calculation for a student who ended Q3 with a 67% in a class and then earned a 90% on the E-Learning assignments in that class:

$67 + 90 = 157 / 2 = 78.5\%$  C+ Overall Semester 2 Grade

- Since we transitioned to E-Learning before Quarter 3 ended, and thus cut short the remediation window, all students will automatically have dropped their lowest Q3 mastery grade for every class.
- Students can continue to submit late work from Q3 without penalty for the duration of the school year.
- All work and grades starting Monday, March 16, will be a part of Quarter 4, "E-Learning". There will be no practice or mastery categories for Quarter 4. Each assignment will be represented by point totals.

## Food Distribution and Other Updates

- The state has cancelled ISTEP for the rest of the semester.
- College Board has issued guidance related to AP testing which will now consist of 45 minute online tests to be completed at home. We will reach out with additional guidance in the coming days.
- ICS will continue to provide Meal Pick-Up options for students on Mondays and Wednesday from 11:00 - 1:00 at both Herron and Riverside when school is in session. There will be no meal pick-ups during Spring Break. We also encourage families to visit the IPS site that outlines meal locations throughout the city: <https://myips.org/blog/covid-19/expanded-ips-meal-service-times-and-locations/>

## Help Desk Hours will be only 11:00 - 1:00 this week and by appointment

- Monday: 11 - 1 at HHS
- Wednesday: 11 - 1 at RHS

Email [helpdesk@herronhighschool.org](mailto:helpdesk@herronhighschool.org) to schedule or any help desk needs.

## E-Learning Calendar

### MARCH

Monday, Mar 23	E-learning day
Tuesday, Mar 24	E-learning day
Wednesday, Mar 25	E-learning day
Thursday, Mar 26	E-learning C-day – Makeup missed assignments, no new assignments issued
Fri, Mar 27-Tues, Apr 7	SCHOOL CLOSED – Spring Break (E-learning resumes Wednesday April 8)

### APRIL

Wednesday, Apr 8	E-learning A-day
Thurs, Apr 9	E-learning B-day
Friday, Apr 10	NO E-Learning
Mon Apr 13–Thu Apr 16	E-Learning days A/B/A/B
Friday, April 17	NO E-Learning
Mon-Thu Apr 20-23	E-Learning days A/B/A/B
Friday, Apr 24	NO E-Learning
Mon-Thu Apr 27-30	E-Learning days A/B/A/B

### MAY

Friday, May 1	NO E-Learning
Mon-Tue, May 4, 5	NO E-Learning – Teacher Prep days
Wed. May 6	Classes resume if possible, <b>OR</b> E-Learning schedule continues, with no E-

Learning of Fridays