

TSCA COVID-19 STATUS: The Governor issued an executive order, dated March 31, 2020, extending the closure of all public and private schools through May 4, 2020, due to COVID-19. In keeping with the order, TSCA will remain closed through **May 4, 2020**. All events in April have been canceled. No events will be rescheduled.

TSCA NEW POLICY FOR CLASSROOM/HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS SUBMITTED LATE

Given the challenges we are all encountering during the COVID-19 crisis, TSCA has changed its policy for student homework that is submitted late. We will no longer be deducting points for assignments turned in 1-2 days beyond the due date or entering zeros in the gradebook when a student has not submitted his/her assigned work beyond that time. We had been using the "0" in recent days as a placeholder so we knew to follow up on students who were missing grades due to not having submitted their completed work. We will now begin using the code "I" with the assigned status of "Missing" in the RenWeb gradebook to alert students, parents, and teachers to the fact that a scholar still needs to submit the missing assignment to get credit for the work. When the assignment is submitted, preferably no more than five days late, the teacher will grade the student's work and change the "I" to the grade earned by the scholar. Again, no points will be deducted for submitting the assignment late. We will also replace all existing "0's" currently entered in a scholar's gradebook beginning the week of March 23rd, where an assignment was missing, with the "I." Our goal remains that our scholars get all assigned work completed and submitted; however, during these trying times, we recognize that flexibility and grace are vital. Please be assured that we will work with each scholar and his/her parents throughout the last quarter to be sure that all work is submitted by the end of the 4th nine weeks.

TSCA E-LEARNING SURVEYS

As we move forward delivering instruction via our e-learning program, we are continually seeking to enhance our Google and Seesaw Classrooms to ensure we are providing a high-quality digital learning experience that is user friendly, engaging, and streamlined. We truly want to be the BEST we can be in all things for our scholars and families! Recently, we requested feedback on our e-learning program from parents, via a survey embedded in an email, and then from our secondary scholars via the TSCA E-Learning Feedback Survey. We were quite pleased with the feedback we received, both as to what is working well and what we need to rethink. We heard from 13 parents directly and 25 secondary students. Both the parent survey and the student survey garnered individual comments, along with specific responses, that were invaluable to improving our digital learning program! So, thank you for your feedback. Some changes that have been made based on parent and student feedback are as follows:

- Some Google Classroom assignments have been reduced as scholars were reporting unmanageable workloads.
- A mandatory "Effective Feedback for Learning" training is scheduled for all faculty to ensure we strengthen ongoing communication with our scholars.
- Mrs. Cardoso is now offering DAILY training to any faculty member with a learning need to strengthen his/her use of digital tools and teaching methods for remote learning. Mandatory training will continue to be assigned as we determine a uniform need for our faculty.

- 4th and 5th grades are now moving from Google Classroom to Seesaw Classroom to create a more user-friendly learning experience where everything can be found in ONE classroom instead of multiple classrooms that are challenging to navigate for these younger scholars.
- More thorough instructions, with more examples, will occur in secondary courses where scholars reported a need. Two examples are math and technology.
- Improvements have been made where parents or scholars reported missing information in Google Classrooms or locked/unassigned tasks that needed to be completed.
- Accountability measures are stronger than ever as three leaders are taking on the important task of visiting individual teacher classrooms each week to ensure all required information is present, accessible, and well-designed. Mr. Betts will manage the Google Classrooms for grades 6-12, along with the assistance of Mrs. Cardoso. Mrs. Hudgins will manage the Seesaw classrooms for grades PK-5.

TSCA E-LEARNING WEBSITE

Have you checked out our TSCA E-Learning Website, <https://www.tsca.org/e-learning-at-tsca/>? This website will serve as the repository for all-things distance learning until we are able to gather in person again at school. You will find important information there like general resources for families, how to contact us, and an FAQ. ***Please note that if you would like your child to have more work or activities available through our e-learning program, let Mrs. Cardoso (6-12th grade) or Mrs. Hudgins (PK-5th grade) know.***

SENIOR MEETING

Dr. Clayton, Mr. Betts, and Ms. Martinez met with seniors via Google Hangouts on Monday, April 6th to discuss senior graduation and the senior mission trip. Our seniors decided to hold to TSCA's original graduation date of May 15, 2020, and to set the alternate date of June 26, 2020, if needed. The Senior Mission Trip has now been rescheduled for June 14-20. The next meeting of the Class of 2020 will be held on April 20, 2020, at 5:30 pm via Google Hangouts. A meeting invite has been sent, and parents are welcome to attend.

EASTER BREAK

In observance of Easter Break, there will be NO E-LEARNING SCHOOL on Friday, April 10th through Monday, April 13th. E-Learning School will resume on Tuesday, April 14th. Happy Easter!

LOOKING AHEAD

All events in April have been canceled. We will keep you posted about other developments at TSCA as we move forward!