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Dear CMS Families:

Today we were notified by our State and County Government to close school for the foreseeable future due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools will be closed until further notice. As soon as we get the notification that schools are cleared to be open we will share it with the entire school community.

We have created an online learning portal for parents and students to access lessons and activities for each of their classes, as well as order forms for breakfast and lunch. **The portal will go live for all families on Tuesday, March 17th.** If you are in need of a laptop or internet, please reach out to the Main Office (609-522-1522) on Monday, March 16th between the hours of 8AM and 3PM.

Below are directions for accessing our online portal. While CMS is closed to students, access to the building will be restricted and only essential school personnel will be allowed in the building. Food pickup for breakfast and lunch will happen in the rear of the building by the cafeteria entrance. We ask that parents or students coming for food pickup enter the campus in the rear of the building through the blacktop area where the basketball courts are located.

Accessing the Online Learning Portal

1. Go to our school website: www.crestmem.edu
2. Scroll down the website to Popular Links and click on the square icon with a picture of an open book titled: Online Learning.
3. You are now in the Online Learning Portal

On this page you are able to do several things:

1. Order lunch and breakfast online. Orders should be placed at your earliest convenience to ensure efficient delivery. Breakfast and lunch will be available for pickup between 9AM and 12PM. Please click on the link and place your order. Pickup will be on Pacific Ave side of the building. Please enter the blacktop (basketball courts) and come to the door next to the loading dock.

2. Access our staff directory. This will be useful if you are having difficulty accessing a teacher's online lessons or need assistance from a teacher. The staff directory will give you the email address for the teacher you need to contact.
3. Access your child(ren)'s classes and services such as speech, occupational therapy and counseling. As you scroll down the page you will see that it is organized by grade and then by subject. Just click on the subject and the grade that correlates to your child's class.
 - a. If the classroom teacher is using Google Classroom, you will need to have the login and password for your child's school Google Email Account. If you do not have this, or if your child cannot remember it, do not worry. Just call the school or email the teacher to get this information.
 - b. If your teacher has uploaded PDF worksheets into the link, you will need to print it out in order for your child to complete the assignment. If you do not have the ability to print, please come to Crest Memorial School, and we will give you a paper copy of the assignment. We ask that you call first, and we will get all the needed materials ready for pickup in advance.
 - c. Lessons will be updated weekly if not daily.

Below are some helpful guidelines to have children follow during this extended school closure:

- Try to maintain a routine as similar to a normal school day as possible.
- Don't let children sleep in, have extended periods of screen time or put off doing daily assignments.
- Dedicate a place in your home where students can work with minimal distractions.
- Have set time frames for how long children should do school work (30-45 minutes per assignment).
- If students finish assignments early, consider having them read articles or books of interest and write summaries.
- Celebrate focus and dedication.
- If children become frustrated or are unsure of how to complete assignments, encourage them to email teachers.

Thankfully, our teachers and staff have been working tirelessly to prepare the CMS school community for the unprecedented challenge COVID-19 poses. We will continue to be working hard on enhancing our students' remote learning experiences. However, our number one priority is making sure our students and their family members are safe and well. Again, we ask that you rely on official CMS communications (social media, website, and text) for the latest developments. We will continue to share information and updates as they become available. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Main Office at 609-522-1522.

Sincerely,
David Del Conte Jr.
Superintendent
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