



April 30, 2020

Dear Old Colony Families,

Six weeks ago, we gathered as a school community on a Friday and pondered whether to close for one week or two weeks in our efforts to mitigate the impacts of CoVid-19. At the time, we heard rumors of other schools making decisions to close for extended periods of time, and to be quite honest, the thought seemed surreal, as if it was something that we would never need to consider. At the time, our decision around a one or two week closure seemed substantial. It now falls into the background as one of our more simple challenges looking back. Sometimes our climb prepares us for larger mountains.

Over the course of our extended closure we have seen an incredible show of solidarity and love throughout our Old Colony community, and throughout the world. Each of us is experiencing something different. Each of us is impacted in a unique way. As we continue to communicate throughout our extended closure, we want you to know that there is a constant. Our Old Colony Community is here for you. Your children and families are at the forefront of our daily commitments and your well-being takes precedent over anything else.

Our Administrative team continues to meet twice weekly (and at times daily). Our entire staff meets every Friday on a weekly basis. If there is something that you need or have questions about, please reach out so that we can serve as a resource for you. As a parent of six children, two in college and four attending elementary, middle, and high school; I am familiar with the realities and challenges that accompany the juggle of devices and home schooling. However, I will openly state that there are experiences taking place for many of our families that we may not be familiar with. We must reiterate the fact that each of us is experiencing something different. We assure you that our Old Colony team will remain flexible in the face of each individualized experience. You matter.

We are attempting to maintain structure for our students through a number of different platforms. We continue to post [10-minute meditation sessions 7 days a week on our Old Colony Facebook page](#). Please join us each morning to start your day off with a sense of calm. Sessions are recorded and available for viewing at later times if you are unable to join us.

On May 4th we will be introducing the final phase of our [new learning plan](#). We will conduct a [Coffee Talk tomorrow, Friday, May 1st at 11:00](#) to address any questions that families may have. Please feel free to click on [this link](#) to register for the meeting. Please note that [our updated learning plan is available at this link](#) and will also be included as a supplement to this document.

Updates to our Learning Plan

- We have moved to an alternating one week cycle.
- During the week of May 4-8, 2020, students in grades 9 and 11 will be in their academic classes. Students in grades 10 and 12 will be in their vocational classes.
- During the week of May 11-15, 2020, students in grades 10 and 12 will be in their academic classes. Students in grades 9 and 11 will be in their vocational classes.
- Direct Instruction will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays in accordance with the posted schedule between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Mondays and 10:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. on Tuesdays.
- Attendance is required in order for students to receive credit for the Trimester. If extenuating circumstances exist, students must make arrangements with their instructor. All lessons will be recorded and available online for viewing and review at a later time.
- Teachers will continue to offer Office Hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Teachers will post provide feedback for students a week from the Friday that marked the end of a cycle. Students will receive a designation of credit (1) or no credit (0) in our School Brains system. This will ensure there are no surprises for students. They will know exactly where they stand as we progress with our remote learning plan.
- Lessons, assignments, and class meeting schedules will be posted by 8AM each Monday.
- Assignments should take the average student approximately 1.5 hours to complete in academics or their vocational related classes and 3-5 hours to complete in vocational shops.

School Calendar

Shop/academic rotation calendar will be as follows:

| Dates | Academics | Vocational-Technical |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| May 4-8 | Grades 9 and 11 | Grades 10 and 12 |
| May 11-15 | Grades 10 and 12 | Grades 9 and 11 |
| May 18-22 | Grades 9 and 11 | Grades 10 and 12 |
| May 26-29 | Grades 10 and 12 | Grades 9 and 11 |
| June 1-5 | Grades 9 and 11 | Grades 10 |
| June 8-12 | Grades 10 | Grades 9 and 11 |
| June 15-19 | Grades 9 and 11 | Grades 10 |

We will conduct an additional [Coffee Talk on Wednesday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m.](#) in an effort to check-in, and, if nothing else, remain connected with our Old Colony community. We chose this profession because we love connecting with families and serving our communities. We look forward to seeing you.

Co-op

The Old Colony Co-op Program has been suspended for the remainder of the school year.

SAT Cancellation

May and June SAT testing dates have been cancelled by The College Board due to this ongoing crisis. You can monitor updates from the College Board [here](#). The College Board is hoping to begin testing again on August 29th and has added a September 26th testing date. If you currently have a grade 11 student who is looking at postsecondary options that require SAT scores, these dates would be excellent choices to ensure they have returned scores by the fall.

The College Board offers options for test review including daily review questions, study groups, and practice tests that can be found [here](#). [Khan Academy](#) also has excellent, College Board approved, resources to prepare students for testing.

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

Students in Advanced Placement courses will take online AP exams this year. If your student needs a chromebook to complete testing, email Mr. Parker at jmparker@oldcolony.info by May 1st to arrange a time for pick-up. AP Calculus students will test on May 12th at 2pm, and AP English Language students test on May 20th at 2pm, and each exam is reduced to 45 minutes. All students must be logged onto their AP classroom 30 minutes prior to testing. Our Computer Science Principles students must have their portfolios submitted to the College Board website by May 26th. Please email Mrs. Tuccinardi at tuccinardi@oldcolony.info with any questions or concerns.

Course Recommendations

The Course Recommendation process to review course selections for next year will be completed electronically in the coming weeks. More information will be released through email and posted on the website later this week about the online process.

Personal Belongings Pick-up

Please stay tuned for an update relative to schedule of pick-up of your personal belongings. We will be organizing and communicating a schedule for the week of May 11-15. Further details will be provided in a later correspondence.

Special Services

Students who have communication or counseling services will continue to attend sessions individually/small group coordinated directly with the speech pathologist and/or school adjustment counselors. Students will have access to their special education teachers during classes, office hours, and at individual request via email or other means of contact. If you have any questions relative to Special Services, please contact Krystla Fay at KFay@oldcolony.info.

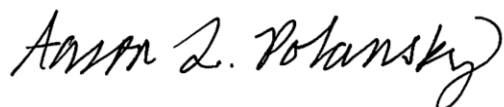
Seniors

Mark your calendars. On Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) you can expect a little surprise at your home. The last day of school for all seniors who meet graduation requirements will be Thursday, May 28th. Seniors who do not meet requirements will be provided the opportunity for remediation up until the week prior to graduation. We have designated the week of July 13-19, 2020 as our Senior Week with our Prom scheduled for Thursday, July 16th and a Graduation Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m. These dates are tentative and will depend upon orders from the Governor's Office. Additional activities may be added to Senior Week as our Student Advisory works with Mr. Parker. Details pertaining to Senior Week activities will be shared in a later correspondence. In order to participate in Senior Week activities, all seniors must meet graduation requirements.

We are proud of all that has taken place during our extended closure. Our desire to meet your many differentiated needs has never been greater, while our ability to connect and nurture has never been so inhibited. The essence of an extraordinary education is not founded in a grade point average, but rather the ability to prepare our students for the world beyond our walls, a life of independence, a love of learning, and the ability to think critically and find their passion and place in this world. Our students will always be a name and never a number. While we continue to navigate our climb from a physical distance, we will find solidarity through our social proximity as we connect, create, and continue to inspire.

You are all in our thoughts as we journey forward. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we navigate these fluid times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron L. Polansky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director
Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School

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REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE: MAY 4-8, 2020

Please note that beginning May 4th, we will use a 1-week cycle for the rest of the year. The week of May 11-15 will result in a flip of grades 9/11 and 10/12.

9/11 ACADEMIC ROTATION AND 10/12 VOCATIONAL ROTATION

MONDAYS

| ACADEMICS - Grades 9 and 11 | | VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL - Grades 10 and 12 | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM A | HISTORY | MATH | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM A/B ALL VOCATIONAL SHOPS |
| | US History I Honors | Pre Calc | |
| | US History I CP | Algebra II Honors | |
| HEALTH | Algebra II CP | | |
| | Algebra II CP | | |
| | Algebra I CP | | |
| | Algebra I CP | | |
| 10:35 AM - 11:05 AM B | HISTORY | SCIENCE | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM A/B ALL VOCATIONAL SHOPS |
| | US History I Honors | Tech. & Eng Honors | |
| | US History I CP | Tech. & Eng CP | |
| HEALTH | STEM Forensics | | |
| | Chemistry - Honors | | |
| | ENGLISH 9CP | | |
| | ENGLISH 9CP | | |
| 11:00AM-11:40AM C | HISTORY | MATH | 11:10AM-11:40AM C VOCATIONAL GRADE 10 RELATED |
| | Modern World Hist Honors | Algebra I Honors | |
| | Modern World Hist CP | Algebra II Honors | |
| | US History I CP | Algebra I CP | |
| | HEALTH | Algebra II CP | |
| | | Algebra I CP | |
| | | Algebra I CP | |
| 11:45AM - 12:15PM D | HISTORY | ENGLISH | 11:45AM - 12:15PM D VOCATIONAL GRADE 12 RELATED |
| | Modern World Hist Honors | 9 English Honors | |
| | Modern World Hist CP | 9 English CP | |
| | US History I CP | 11 English Honors | |
| HEALTH | HEALTH | 11 English CP | WELLNESS GRADE 10 |
| | | | Auto, BT, CADD, CS, COSMO, & CA |
| | | | T. McCann |

ACADEMICS - Grades 9 and 11

TUESDAYS

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL - Grades 10 and 12

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| <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM</p> <p>H</p> <p>WELLNESS GRADE 12</p> <p>ELECTRICAL, EET, GC, HC, HMC, MT, MF/JT</p> | <p>T. McCann</p> | <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM H</p> <p>ENGLISH</p> <p>9 English Honors 9 English CP AP Lang 11 English CP</p> | <p>VOCATIONAL-RELATED GRADE 10</p> <p>WELLNESS GRADE 12</p> <p>ELECTRICAL, EET, GC, HC, HMC, MT, MF/JT</p> <p>T. McCann</p> |
| <p>10:35 AM - 11:05 AM</p> <p>G</p> <p>WELLNESS GRADE 10</p> <p>ELECTRICAL, EET, GC, HC, HMC, MT, MF/JT</p> | <p>T. McCann</p> | <p>10:35 AM - 11:05 AM G</p> <p>MATH</p> <p>Algebra I Honors Algebra II Honors Algebra II CP Algebra I CP</p> | <p>VOCATIONAL RELATED GRADE 12</p> <p>WELLNESS GRADE 10</p> <p>ELECTRICAL, EET, GC, HC, HMC, MT, MF/JT</p> <p>T. McCann</p> |
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| <p></p> <p></p> <p>11:00AM-11:40AM</p> <p>F</p> <p>HISTORY</p> <p>Modern World Hist Honors Modern World Hist CP US History I/CP HEALTH</p> | <p>B. Terrien J. Oldham H. Darcy G. Busa</p> | <p>11:15AM - 12:15PM</p> <p>FIE</p> <p>ENGLISH</p> <p>9 English Honors 9 English CP AP Lang 11 English CP</p> <p>SCIENCE</p> <p>Tech. & Eng CP Tech. & Eng CP STEM Forensics Chemistry Honors</p> | <p>G. Mullen-Thompson T. Weeden S. Pedrosa Z. Teixeira/D. Harrison</p> <p>M. Canonizado M. Falcon L. Smith P. Bertrand</p> |
| <p>11:45AM - 12:15PM</p> <p>E</p> <p>HEALTH</p> | <p>B. Terrien J. Oldham H. Darcy G. Busa</p> | <p>11:15AM - 12:15 FIE</p> <p>ALL VOCATIONAL SHOPS</p> | |