Good Evening

I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe, and had time to rest and relax during our Spring Break.

Over the past few weeks, AACPS has developed a structure for e-Learning and are doing their best to assist students with having the resources needed. Families and students were able to acquire devices to access the Google Classrooms. A few things to remember: Students should have turned in any missing assignments for third marking period; Students should have accessed Google Classroom for each teacher on their school schedule; Students should know their teachers’ schedule for Office hours and e-Learning hours.

On April 14th, 2020, we began our fourth marking period and the next chapter in our journey to e-Learning is helping our students transition to becoming more independent in learning. Teachers will be posting various videos and assignments on their Google Classroom, where students can access the material at a time that is convenient for their schedule. Students may also contact their teacher via email or during office hours for assistance in mastering the content and skills. Teachers will be collecting one assignment each week. Please remember that there are no redos during the fourth marking period!

With shifting to e-learning, our goal is to remain connected to our students, maintain continuity of learning while providing students with flexibility. However, with that flexibility, there comes responsibility. E-learning requires more self-motivation, self-discipline, and independent work than a traditional, in-person class does. We need to work together to ensure students are learning without looking over their shoulder. Below are a few tips to help students transition to e-learning.

• Have open conversations with your students about what they are doing for each course.
• Create a routine or schedule that works for the home. E-Learning is supposed to be asynchronous. We recognize every student and family have different needs and situations. A routine provides structure, builds good habits, and increases efficiency and motivation.
• Utilize all resources in the Google Classroom. Teachers will provide multiple resources for student to use in order to learn the content.
• Encourage students to complete all the assignments and not just the assignment that is being graded. The assignments are provided in order to help students understand a piece of the content and/or skill in order to achieve the outcome. By completing the assignments, teachers can monitor students progress and students can reach out to teachers when they are struggling.
• Have open communication with teachers when they are struggling with content. Teachers can email with students, have a google meeting and set up meetings for students to provide tutoring.

I hope this communication has provided you with some useful information in helping your student be successful with e-Learning. I will continue to communicate with the Southern community with updated information. Again, I am grateful for your continued support and patience as we work through this together. Please feel free to contact administration or school counselors if you have questions or concerns.

We are committed to making sure all our students at Southern are successful. We will get through this with patience, compassion, communication, and flexibility. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at aahopkins1@aacps.org.

Sincerely

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## New Information

### 20-21 Scheduling Information
- **April 14th** – Beginning of 4th Marking Period
- **April 23rd** – Report Cards sent Home
- **April 24th** – Schools Re-Open
- **April 28th** – Schools are Open (A or B day TBD)
- **May 8th** – Interims
- **May 11th-22nd** – AP Exams Online
- **May 21st** – Last day for Seniors

### 20-21 Southern Ambassador Program
Juniors and seniors assist incoming freshmen with the transition academically and socially from middle school to Southern High School throughout the school year.

### Extra-curriculars/Honor Societies
- **Ray Bowen** – Athletics
- **Kathy Coon** – National Honor Society
- **Jillian Gaulding** – SGA/Yearbook

## Updates on Information

### Senior Information
- No updates at this time

### Testing
- No Updates at this time

### AP Exams
- Administer online, No multiple choice, 45 minutes written response, open note or textbook

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

### Instructional Resources for Students – Hyperlinks to tools students will need for classroom

- **ClassLink**
  - Apps for students
  - [https://ads2.aacps.org/](https://ads2.aacps.org/)

- **Google Classroom**
  - Resource on how to use Google Classroom
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PSG3mnXk3Vz2X3H2ZjAEGkh5GJx7w9WtSS4Aar07ThV4/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PSG3mnXk3Vz2X3H2ZjAEGkh5GJx7w9WtSS4Aar07ThV4/edit)

- **AACPS Digital Resource**
  - Resource on how to access ClassLink and AACPS apps

- **AACPS eLearning**
  - AACPS eLearning webpage
  - [https://www.aacps.org/elearning](https://www.aacps.org/elearning)

- **AACPS Mobile Meals**
  - AACPS meal schedule
  - [https://www.aacps.org/mealpickup](https://www.aacps.org/mealpickup)

- **Community Resource Guide**
  - Booklet on resources throughout the county

### Resources for Parents – Hyperlinks to resources for parents

- **Google Classroom**
  - How to help your student use Google Classroom
  - [https://docs.google.com/presentation/](https://docs.google.com/presentation/)

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