

Dear Ridgewood Families:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through April 30 in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

During this time Ridgewood High School will continue to be closed to the public but teaching and learning will still continue with our Remote Learning Plan. We seek your support in making sure your child engages in learning. We know this is not easy but we are all in this together. I am including some additional information as we move to an extended remote learning calendar.

AP Exams

- This year, the College Board is eliminating multiple choice questions from AP exams.
- Students will be able take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home, via computer, tablet, or phone.
- The online exam will cover material that has been covered in class by early March. More information about what will be covered on the exam can be found [here](#).
- On April 3, the College Board will announce the two exam dates from which students may choose as their testing dates.
- In the meantime, the College Board has provided several remote learning resources to help students prepare for upcoming tests. You can find those resources [here](#).

Spring Athletics

All changes to the spring athletic schedule come from the direction of the Illinois High School Athletic Association (IHSA). Currently, all athletic contests and practices are canceled through April 30. Updates to the athletic schedule can be found on the Ridgewood Athletic Website (www.d234.org/athletics) and on the Ridgewood Athletics Twitter Page (@RHSAthletics234). You can also follow the IHSA updates at this link: <https://www.ihsa.org/default.asp> Please feel free to reach out to the Athletic Director (rstjohn@ridgenet.org) directly with any questions or concerns.

Spring Activities

Similar to athletics, all clubs, activities, and associated events have been canceled through April 30. This includes the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Ridge Expo/Coffee House, NYA Cheer Registration, and the Spring Musical. Please feel free to reach out to the Athletic Director (rstjohn@ridgenet.org) or the Activity Coordinator (mcantos@ridgenet.org) with any questions or concerns.

Student Services

Please know that our student services department continues to be available to all students and their families. We are dedicated to helping our community as we move through these uncharted waters. If you would like to speak with a counselor or social worker please follow

this link: <https://www.d234.org/student-life/schedule-appointments/> or go to the Student Services tab on our website. Our staff will then reach out to you to connect in a format that works best for each student. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Seal of Biliteracy

We will still offer this assessment. We are working on logistics to administer these remotely. Further details will be shared from the World Language teachers in the coming days.

Awards Ceremony, Prom and Graduation

We are working with students to create alternative options in the event we are not able to return to the building prior to the end of the school year. Once any final decisions are made, we will let you know. Caps and gowns were to be picked up on April 16 during lunch hours. This is no longer an option. We are working on a plan to get these items to each senior.

Stay safe,
Dr. Kelsall