Dear Westglades Family,

I know that each family is experiencing challenges that this pandemic has posed. Some of you have sick family members, some may have lost loved ones, some of you have had someone in your household lose income or even their job, and some of you are dealing with the stress of taking care of your own children while working from home. It is a difficult situation, and Westglades understands the difficulties you are facing because our staff is facing the same challenge while providing distance learning for our students. Westglades is committed to making sure we support you and your child during this very difficult time.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the first few weeks of online learning. Teamwork between students, staff, and parents has been extremely valuable in ensuring that learning never ends.

As our teachers provide distance learning, there are many different formats teachers will use to provide instruction. Video Conferencing is an optional tool for teachers to use as part of their online instruction. Although there are advantages to using video conferencing, there are also disadvantages. Individual teachers can assess the risk and determine other ways to ensure high quality instruction. Once teachers assess these factors, the teacher may choose to forego videoconferencing. Some of our teachers are recording their lessons for their students and some teachers are giving detailed instruction in writing that follows content area curriculum. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that the students are offered the most effective and safest form of distance learning. Every teacher is available during his/her office hours to answer specific questions, and/or concerns. There is a lot of useful information on our school’s distance learning webpage. Missing all our students and families. Stay healthy and well.

-Matthew Bianchi

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ATTENDANCE

Every day requires a fresh login at sso.browardschools.com where users will be routed to the Clever Portal. If students are logged in from a previous day, it is important to click on the name at the top right of the screen to log out, then login in again to register a fresh count for the day.

MENTAL HEALTH

With schools closed because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Broward County Public Schools acknowledges this may be a cause of stress and anxiety for you and your children. The Mental Health Leadership Team remains committed to continuing to provide services to you and your children. All services will be provided remotely. You may call your child’s school to request assistance or the BCPS Mental Health Hotline at 754-321-HELP. A mental health professional will respond to your request in a timely manner. Please visit https://www.browardschools.com/Page/52426 for additional information.
COURSE CARDS

We are going to be sending out course card information through your child’s Science teachers very soon. They will receive a link outlining elective choices and select their electives. Placement for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes will be based on teacher recommendations and the student’s 2019 FSA scores.

REFUNDS

Due to COVID-19, the District is working to address refunds for field trips and other events. We are working with the vendors and venues to process refunds and waiting for direction from the District as to how refunds will take place. We have been told it could take weeks to rectify everyone's refunds.

Bookkeepers are working from home and cannot do refunds or checks from home per the District’s Chief Auditor. All parents who are due refunds will receive the appropriate refund as soon as the proper direction from the District is established.

CONTACT

As always, if you have questions and/or concerns, you can reach out to any faculty member by email, teachers through Canvas, or by visiting the contact page on our school's website. We are also answering phones remotely and can be reached at (754)322-4801.

CONNECT

Please continue to check our website and the district website for updates and alerts. You can also follow us on Twitter @WMSWolves and Instagram @WMS_Wolves.