

Surry County Public Schools

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on School Operations during Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Updated: April 1, 2020

In light of Governor Northam's "stay at home" order issued on Monday, March 30, the following updates have been made. (Throughout the FAQ document, updates are highlighted in yellow.)

- [Pick Up Student Belongings](#) - Surry County Public Schools will not allow or require students or families to pick up personal items from the schools. The Governor recently stated that citizens should remain in their homes; therefore, only Surry County employees will have access to the school buildings until a time that it is deemed safe.
- [Meal Service](#) - Yesterday, the Virginia Department of Education issued a waiver to allow parents, guardians and students to pick up meals that will be delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays along bus routes. Meals are free to all students and will be delivered between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Meals will also be available for pick up at LPJ during the same time frame. Meals will not be delivered during Spring Break, April 13-17.
- [Feed Our Future Bags \(SES only\)](#): Parents/guardians may pick up bags from SES on Thursday, April 2 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Every SCPS student will receive a final report card to document their grades in the third marking period, which dates January 28 through March 13. Report cards will reflect first, second, and third marking period grades. Report cards will be mailed home on Friday, April 3, as scheduled on the division calendar.
- [Work Packets](#): A second round of work packets will be prepared for the week of April 6. Packets will be mailed to SES and LPJ students on Friday, April 3.
- [Student Medication](#): Please call your child's school on Thursday, April 2 if you need to pick up medication.

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Instruction and Resources

What types of assignments will be provided during school closure?

Teachers will provide students with review, extension, and enrichment exercises on material that has already been taught.

- SES: Students are provided paper-based work packets. Teachers are using Class Dojo to communicate with students and families.
- LPJ: Students are using a blend of paper-based and computer-based exercises.
- SCHS: Assignments are entirely computer-based. Teachers are sending assignments and instructions to students' email addresses.

Assignments on new, untaught material will not be provided during school closure.

Please do not stress over the assignments sent to your child/ren. We understand that the challenges of COVID-19 have created an uncertain, stressful time for families. The work given to students is a means to provide resources to keep students' minds active during school closure.

What should I do if I don't know how to help my child complete the work?

Teachers are available by email, Class Dojo, Google Classroom, or RemindApp to answer questions about assigned work. Teacher emails can be found here: [SCPS Staff Directory](#).

The following sites can provide guidance to families on how to explain concepts to students. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but gives an idea of the support available.

- [Khan Academy](#)
- [Fact Monster](#)
- [BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper](#)
- [Parent Toolkit](#)
- [Hippo Campus](#)
- [Scholastic Parent & Child](#)

Where do I return my child's completed work packet?

Work packets do not need to be returned to school.

When will my child receive another work packet?

Updated April 1: A second round of work packets will be prepared for the week of April 6. Packets will be mailed to SES and LPJ students on Friday, April 3.

How will my child's work completed at home (packet or virtual) be graded?

Per recommendations from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), work packets and assignments completed virtually will not be graded. Teachers are providing students with review, extension, and enrichment activities on material that has already been taught.

Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment courses through John Tyler Community College must complete their assignments for a grade in order to receive college credit.

My child is enrolled in a Dual Enrollment course through John Tyler Community College (JTCC). What does he/she need to do to finish the course and receive college credit?

JTCC continues to update their procedures to best serve students during closures due COVID-19. Dual Enrollment students should continue to check their email and Google Classroom accounts for correspondence from their teachers. Dual Enrollment students are still responsible for completing assignments for a grade through the remainder of the semester.

My child is enrolled in a Concurrent Enrollment course through JTCC. What does he/she need to do to finish the course and receive credit towards certification?

Concurrent Enrollment students should continue to log in to class and keep in contact with their professors via email. Concurrent Enrollment students are still responsible for completing assignments for a grade through the remainder of the semester. Lab classes for Concurrent Enrollment students are still under review. JTCC will notify staff and students if lab coursework must be completed or another plan has been created.

What can my child do if he/she has completed all of the assignments from school?

Reading at least 20 minutes a day will stimulate your child's language and literacy skills. Below is a brief list of other sources parents can access for help with boredom during school closure. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but gives an idea of the support available to families.

[From the COVID-19 In Virginia Schools: Parent Guide](#)

Parents and families can support student's thinking and learning during extended school closures.

- Collaborate with your child to organize the day to include time for learning and exercise.
- Read to and with your child and have conversations about what you've read together.
- Take a walk and ask about your child's observations and about being a good citizen.
- Encourage critical thinking.
- Encourage conversations about mathematics in your child's day.
- Explore your child's creativity by creating art, music, or dance.
- Write a letter to a relative or friend or community hero.
- Be mindful of screen time and have alternatives for children to play outside.
- Listen to your child about his or her feelings and fears and offer comfort, honesty, and reassurance.

Online Resources

- [Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#)
- [Math Games with a Deck of Cards](#)
- [12 Virtual Museum Tours](#)
- [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#)

Activities that do not involve technology

- [101 Fun Activities for Kids That Don't Involve Screen Time](#)
- [100 Things Teenagers Can Do Without Screens](#)
- [20 Life Skills for Teens](#)

Will my child receive a report card for the third marking period?

Updated April 1: Yes, every SCPS student will receive a final report card to document their grades in the third marking period, which dates January 28 through March 13. Report cards will reflect first, second, and third marking period grades. Report cards will be mailed home on Friday, April 3, as scheduled on the division calendar.

My child has completed PE 10/Driver's Education and has held his/her learner's permit for the required 9 months. Will my child be able to complete his/her behind-the-wheel sessions?

Behind-the-wheel sessions will not be held during school closure. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) does not allow any flexibility with seat time and there will be no changes to the time requirement. Coach Stephen Ross will drive with students who need behind-the-wheel seat time when school reopens. If you have any questions regarding driver's education in SCPS, please contact Coach Ross by email at stephen_ross@surryschools.net.

If families would like their child to earn behind-the-wheel seat time during school closure, they may seek outside driver's education agencies and pay all related costs.

My child attended an interest meeting about Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment with staff from John Tyler Community College (JTCC). What are the next steps in the application process?

JTCC has not yet finalized the application process for Dual Enrollment and Concurrent Enrollment students for the 2020-2021 school year. Information will be communicated to interested students when it becomes available.

Technology

We do not have Internet access at my home. What can I do to ensure my child can complete his/her coursework virtually?

Students/families can park in the school parking lot to use WiFi to access assignments and download materials into their Google drives.

Students/families who park on school grounds to access WiFi must be aware of the following:

- Cars should park in well-lit, uncovered areas of the parking lots. The lots behind the school buildings should not be used.
- Individuals must adhere to social distancing provisions issued by Governor Northam.
- Students and guests on SCPS property are held to the Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.
- SCPS assumes no liability for the safety of people or belongings on campus during school closure.

The following community locations are also available for free Wifi:

Surry County Public Library
270 Colonial Trail East
Surry, VA 23883

Claremont Library
91 Mancha Avenue
Claremont, VA 23899

McDonald's (Waverly location)
104 N County Drive
Waverly, VA 23890

My child's Chromebook is not working. What should I do?

Students should email their teacher about problems with their Chromebooks. Students and families need to be specific with the issues they are having with the Chromebook. Teachers will put in an IT Direct ticket. A Technology Department staff member will contact the student's parent to schedule a date and time for repair. Chromebook repair and/or trade-out will be held in the main office of Surry County High School.

Pick Up Student Belongings***My child still has personal items at school in his/her desk or locker. How can I get their belongings?***

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How can I pick up my child's medication that is stored in the school nurse's office?

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Returning School Property***My child still has library books, text books, or other school items. How can I return these items?***

Updated April 1: Surry County Public Schools will not allow or require students or families to pick up (or return) personal items from the schools. The Governor recently stated that citizens should remain in their homes; therefore, only Surry County employees will have access to the school buildings until a time that it is deemed safe.

Can my child keep his/her Chromebook?

Yes, students may keep their Chromebooks for the remainder of the school year. Students are still responsible for following the Acceptable Use Policy and Chromebook Loan Agreement. Chromebooks will be collected in early June. Details regarding the collection process will be sent at a later date.

My child has an iPad from SES.

The only student-issued device that can be taken home is a Chromebook. Any child with an iPad must return the device immediately to SES or the School Board Office.

Fundraiser Pick-Up (SES)

When can I pick up the Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser?

The fundraiser will be available for pick-up the week of April 20. A specific date and time will be forthcoming from SES Principal Ann Marie Nelin. Please come to the back of the school near the cafeteria entrance. If you are having someone else pick-up the fundraiser for you, please provide them with a written note of permission to do so.

Access to School Buildings

Can students use the gym or computer labs during school closure?

No, students are not permitted access to school buildings during school closure. Use of the gym, computer labs, printers, or other items is not allowed.

Will anyone be in the school buildings during school closure?

For the weeks of March 30-April 2 and April 6-9, select staff will be in school buildings Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

SOL Testing (Grades 3-12)

State Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane and VDOE staff have prepared an application to the US Department of Education for a statewide waiver from federal requirements related to student testing. More about SOL testing can be found at the press release here: [VDOE Preparing Application for Statewide Testing Waiver](#).

Verified Credits (SCHS)

Per guidance from VDOE, high school students will earn a standard credit upon successful completion of course requirements. This provision applies to students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. A student currently enrolled in a high school credit-bearing course eligible for a verified credit during the 2019-2020 school year and who has received the standard unit of credit may be awarded a locally-awarded verified credit.

See below for specific language from VDOE on verified credits:

Verified credits can be awarded in accordance with 8VAC20-131-110 in the Board of Education's Regulations Establishing Standards for the Accreditation of Public Schools (also known as the SOA or Standards of Accreditation). A student currently enrolled in a high school credit-bearing course eligible for a verified credit during the 2019-2020 school year and who has received the standard unit of credit may be awarded a locally-awarded verified credit. For these classes only, the requirement to attempt the associated SOL end-of-course test twice and score within the 375-399 scaled score range in order to earn the locally awarded verified credits will be waived. This flexibility applies to students seeking either a Standard or Advanced Diploma. As a result, the locally-awarded verified credits awarded to students affected by the 2019-2020 extended school closures will not count toward the cap on locally-awarded verified credits (and thus, the cap is waived from the SOA per Executive Order 51). Students eligible for a special permission credit accommodation should continue to use the IEP/504 process. For students who elect to earn a verified credit by taking the associated SOL end-of-course assessment, the spring 2020 testing window will be extended.

If you have questions about your child's course completion or credits toward graduation, please call or email SCHS School Counselor Mary Johnson. Mrs. Johnson can be reached by email at mary_johnson@surryschools.net.

Graduation (SCHS)

My child is a senior at SCHS. How will school closures impact my child's qualification for graduation?

VDOE released the following guidelines regarding graduating seniors:

The Superintendent will provide as much flexibility as is prudent and allowable by the Code of Virginia for those students graduating with the 2019-2020 cohort. Flexibility provisions will need to consider students facing the following barriers to graduation.

The following graduation requirements can be waived based on authority granted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction per Executive Order Fifty-One (2020):

- *Students currently enrolled in a course for which they need a standard or verified credit in order to graduate;*
- *Students who have successfully completed a course required for graduation, but have not earned the associated verified credit;*
- *Students who have not completed the student-selected test;*
- *Students who are currently enrolled in or have previously completed a course leading to a CTE credential necessary for a Standard Diploma but have not yet earned the credential;*
- *Students who have not completed a United States and Virginia history course*;*
- *Students who have not completed a fine or performing arts or career and technical education course*;*
- *Students in the second of sequential courses*;*
- *Students who have not completed an economics and personal finance course*.*

**Some credit-based graduation requirements are still provided for in the Code of Virginia. While these cannot be waived outright, these can be addressed by providing new instruction and pursuing alternate pathways to the 140-clock-hour requirement based on revised Board of Education guidelines (forthcoming).*

The following graduation requirements will require action by the General Assembly in order to be waived:

- *Students who have not completed training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators, including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and*
- *Students who have not completed a virtual course.*

Seniors on track to graduate are considered to have met state requirements and will be marked as "graduated" in PowerSchool by Friday, April 3. Final transcripts will be mailed to seniors and their respective colleges/universities in June.

SCHS commencement exercises are scheduled for Saturday, June 13. Will the Class of 2020 still have a graduation ceremony?

At this time, we cannot confirm that graduation will be held on Saturday, June 13. SCPS is abiding by guidelines from Governor Ralph Northam, which prohibits the gathering of 10 or more people.

If restrictions related to COVID-19 will permit, the graduation ceremony will be held at a later date. That date and time will be determined when local, state, and federal guidance is provided.

I have ordered graduation materials from Herff Jones, including a cap and gown. How will my child receive their materials? Can I get a refund?

Most seniors that placed orders for graduation packages have already received their items. Seniors that ordered their cap/gown packages on February 14 will receive their materials in the mail within the next two weeks. Herff Jones is graciously paying for the cost to ship the packages to students.

If families would like a refund on their graduation packages, they should contact our Herff Jones representative, Ted Salmon. He can be reached by phone at (804) 598 - 0971 or by email at tsalmon@herffjones.com. More information can be found at www.herffjones.com.

My child is a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and ordered a NHS collar to wear at graduation. Are the collars still being ordered?

An order will still be placed for NHS collars. NHS members should email Mr. Kenneth Bell, NHS Coordinator, to indicate if they would like a collar ordered or if they would like a refund. Mr. Bell can be reached by email at kenneth_bell@surryschools.net.

Additional Information for SCHS Seniors

Will the traditional senior events, including the senior luncheon and senior trip, still be held?

No, the senior luncheon, senior trip, and senior cookout will not be held this year.

The prom is scheduled for Friday, April 24. Will the prom still be held?

Prom will not be held on Friday, April 24. SCPS is abiding by guidelines from Governor Ralph Northam, which prohibits the gathering of 10 or more people.

If restrictions related to COVID-19 will permit, the prom will be postponed until a later date. That date and time will be determined when local, state, and federal guidance is provided.

Is the school counselor still available to help my child submit college scholarships and financial aid applications?

Yes, SCHS School Counselor Mary Johnson is available to assist seniors with scholarships and financial aid. She can be reached on the Remind App or by email at mary_johnson@surryschools.net. Mrs. Johnson's office hours end at 5:00 PM daily and she will respond to requests within 24 hours.

How will my child know if he/she has been awarded scholarships or other financial awards?

Scholarships and other senior awards are traditionally awarded at the senior luncheon. Due to the cancellation of this event, we are asking the awarding organizations to notify winners by phone and/or email. Organizations should also report the names of award winners to SCHS School Counselor Mary Johnson. Mrs. Johnson can be reached by email at mary_johnson@surryschools.net.

Will the 2019-2020 SCHS yearbook still be produced?

Yes, Ms. Jennifer Creef, SCHS Yearbook Coordinator, and her journalism students are still working on the yearbook virtually. By Tuesday, March 31, seniors should submit baby pictures, senior wills, and senior pages (2 casual pictures, quotes, and activities) into Google Classroom. The Google Classroom code is qoebcui.

Parents may create and purchase a yearbook ad for their graduating senior at the Herff Jones Yearbook Order Center here: www.yearbookordercenter.com. The order number is 4126. Senior ads cost \$50. Yearbooks can also be purchased on this site for \$45.

Bridging Ceremonies (LPJ and SES)

Will bridging ceremonies be held for 8th graders at LPJ, 4th graders at SES, or Pre-K/Kindergarten students at SES?

Bridging ceremonies are cancelled for this school year. Students may be recognized in the fall. More information about bridging ceremonies will be provided in the fall.

Awards Ceremonies

How will students be recognized for their excellence in academics, athletics, and attendance in the 2019-2020 school year?

Awards ceremonies are cancelled for this school year. Students may be recognized in the fall. More information about awards ceremonies will be provided in the fall.

Special Education

My child's academic/behavioral performance was being reviewed by the School Based Team (SBT). How will the SBT process proceed?

SBT meetings and student performance reviews will resume when school reopens.

My child was scheduled to be tested for his/her eligibility for special education. Will testing still be conducted for my child?

Evaluations for special education eligibility will resume when school reopens.

An eligibility meeting was scheduled for the team to report my child's scores on various evaluations. How will this proceed?

The eligibility team will convene to report evaluation data and to determine a student's eligibility for special education. Parents will be invited to participate by phone. School staff may meet in person or conduct the meeting using a conference calling system (such as Zoom or GoTo Meeting). Questions regarding eligibility determination meetings should be forwarded to Mrs. Dever King, Director of Special Education and Federal Programs. She can be reached by email at dever_king@surryschools.net.

My child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). What are the procedures for holding IEP meetings during school closure?

The IEP team will convene to update a student's annual IEP. Parents will be invited to participate by phone. School staff may meet in person or conduct the meeting using a conference calling system (such as Zoom or GoToMeeting). Case managers will contact families to schedule IEP meetings. Questions regarding IEP meetings should be forwarded to the student's case manager.

Athletics

My child plays on a VHSL or middle school athletic team. Will there be any games or practices this spring?

Following the direction of Governor Northam to close all Virginia public and private schools for the remainder of the school year, VHSL cancelled the spring sports season. No games or practices are to take place.

VHSL discussed all options relating to spring sports and academic activities after the current academic year ends and into the summer. The VHSL Crisis Management team recommended to delay any final action until May. Any decision to extend the spring sports season will be decided in May. More information regarding this decision can be found at the press release here: [VHSL COVID-19 Update_Spring Sports \(March 24\)](#).

Meal Service

Will meal delivery services continue?

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Will Feed Our Future bags be available for SES students?

Updated April 1: Feed Our Future Bags will be available for pick up on Thursday, April 2 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Attendance

I received an attendance letter about my child's unexcused absences. With the closing of school, how do I send in documentation to excuse the absences?

During the week of March 2, students at SES and SCHS were sent letters from building attendance teams. The letters requested parent notes to excuse absences that were in PowerSchool as unexcused.

Parents may send in notes to excuse the absences by mailing or faxing documentation to the school or emailing documentation to the school attendance secretary.

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Dendron, VA 23839

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New Student Enrollment

My family has recently moved to Surry County. Can I register my child/ren for school?

Per guidance from VDOE, families new to Surry County are still able to enroll their children in school. Enrollment documents are available online and can also be picked up from the School Board office. New enrollments will be given classroom assignments and/or schedules when school reopens.

How will I register my Pre-K or Kindergarten child for school?

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration was scheduled for April 7, 2020 and May 7, 2020. Both registration events have been postponed to a future date, which has not yet been determined.



Surry County Public Schools

P.O. Box 317
 Surry, Virginia 23883

March 27, 2020

Dear Parents, Students and Community,

As you are aware, Governor Ralph Northam has closed schools for the remainder of the school year. In response to this unprecedented decision, Surry County's essential personnel have been working to identify the best ways to serve our students. This includes the development of digital and paper-based instructional plans as well as planning graduation activities for the Senior Class of 2020.

Launching our instructional plans to serve all students has multiple challenges. Many of our families do not have access to the Internet in their homes; thereby, making it a challenge to reach all of our students digitally. To offset this challenge, we will continue to provide paper-based packets that will cover two to three weeks of instructional materials until the end of the school year. We acknowledge that our instructional plans do not reach the same level of detail that face-to-face instruction from a professional teacher would provide; however, they are critical avenues of support for parents and students during this time. The instructional materials are primarily a review of previous teaching. Our goal is to keep students from losing what they have already learned during the first three quarters of school. We encourage parents and students to use these materials daily, but to also provide fun activities such as reading or cooking together as a family. Puzzles and games are also excellent ways to bond and provide emotional support.

In addition to concerns about instruction, we are committed to ensuring that all seniors who were on track to graduate prior to the closing of schools on March 16, 2020 will receive their diplomas. We are also committed to making sure that the Senior Class of 2020 will have a traditional graduation ceremony at a date and time that is deemed safe by the Virginia Department of Education, the Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control.

What can you expect in the near future?

- Report cards for the third quarter will be mailed home on April 3, 2020.
- Food deliveries will continue on a modified schedule. (Information will be communicated using our automated phone system as details become available.)
- All schools will be closed and services will be terminated during Spring Break (April 13-17, 2020).

What information does this document contain?

- On pages 13-15, you will find letters from administration at our three schools.
- On page 1, you will find the Table of Contents for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Each heading is hyperlinked and will take you to the section you need.
- On pages 2-11, you will find FAQs and responses.

If you have any questions, we encourage parents to contact teachers and administrators by phone, email or other electronic means. Please continue to encourage and support one another as we face this unprecedented challenge.

Sincerely,

Serbrenia J. Sims, Ed.D.

Surry Elementary School

“Home of the Cougar Cubs”



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Dear Cougar Cub Family,

We hope that this letter finds you all well. During this time of uncertainty, we want you to know that the staff of Surry Elementary School has been working together. We would like to thank the custodial staff for cleaning the school and the cafeteria staff for preparing meals to be delivered. We would also like to thank the instructional staff for preparing learning packets. These packets are for review and are designed to keep our Cougar Cubs involved in the learning process.

As this crisis is one in which we have not navigated before, we are working on a plan that will keep our students engaged in the learning process. At this time, we are using Class Dojo as a communication site. If you do not participate in Class Dojo, please download the free app. Teachers have posted additional learning resources on this site.

In this document, you will hopefully find answers to some questions you may have. If additional questions arise, please contact your child's teacher and we will do our best to answer them with the information we have available.

Please continue to read with your child and be active in their learning from home. We will put forth our best effort to keep on providing you with resources to do so, whether it be electronically or with learning packets. Thank you for truly being our partners in education.

Stay safe and be well,

Ann Marie Nelin
Principal

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Assistant Principal



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Hello Junior Cougars and Families,

With the Governor's most recent announcement of closing schools, we are certain that you have many questions regarding our next actions. First, we want you to know that we miss the smiles, fist bumps, warm hugs, greetings, and conversations. With the warm weather came the excitement of spring sports, walks on the bus ramp, Field Day, awards banquets and the 8th Grade Bridging Ceremony. We really miss having you here with us physically, so we hope that you will post pictures on our Facebook page to brighten our spirits. You are fortunate to have great teachers who are committed to providing continuous instruction during the shutdown as well as avail themselves throughout the day. Some have engaged in Zoom video conferencing to provide additional support. Bus drivers and cafeteria staff are heroes who ensure that no child is hungry when schools are closed.

Second, you will continue to receive remedial instruction through multiple platforms to include but not limited to Class Dojo, Remind, or Google Classroom as well as paper grade level review packets. Packets were mailed home on March 19. Please notify the school if your mailing address has changed. Teachers will try to respond to assignment questions or concerns within 24 hours. You may also find useful links on some teacher webpages.

And finally parents and guardians, reading remains an essential part of your child's education. We were working vigorously to increase student reading levels and incorporate writing in all subjects. As parents and guardians, you create the home context for reading and set the tone for how reading is valued. Switch things up occasionally, try reading the same material, have your child read to you, or read to your child. Encourage your child to take notes and/or write summaries. Reading and discussion with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve. Contact Donna Cox at donna_cox@surryschools.net to secure a virtual public library card, if you do not have a regular library card. Surry Branch libraries are closed to the public, but through membership students will gain access to a variety of electronic resources, including their favorite books. Our school wide summer reading projects, which are graded, will be posted on our school web page on May 28, 2020.

Thanks for allowing us to educate your child. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Regards,

Trina Craddox
Principal

Todd Neal
Assistant Principal

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Mr. Giron Wooden, Jr., Principal
Ms. Courtney Ward, Assistant Principal

Greetings SCHS Students and Families,

With the rest of the nation and the world, our heads have been spinning with the intensity and swiftness of the global pandemic created by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We would never have expected to close out the end of the 2019-2020 school year this way and we are so thankful for how our school community has come together to support each other. Thank you for checking on your friends and neighbors. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate this uncharted territory.

To our families, we are most grateful for your continued support of your children and our school. We recognize that this sudden change in your normal day-to-day lives is a heavy load to carry and navigate. We hope that the virtual assignments and the meal delivery service are helpful to you and your children. Our amazing teachers have undertaken the tremendous job of shifting their classroom lessons into activities that can be completed virtually from a computer or device, all within a few day's notice. During school closure, teachers will stay connected to students via email and assignments in Google Classroom, Edmentum, iCEV, TeacherTube, Study Island, iXL, and class websites. Please check with your child to ensure they are receiving correspondence from their teachers.

To our freshmen, we know this is not how you expected to end your first year of high school, but you made it through your rookie year! We look forward to all that you will contribute to the Cougar family over the next three years. To our sophomores and juniors, we have been continuously impressed by your growth, maturity, and tenacity. We are counting on your leadership next school year as our upperclassmen.

To our seniors, we are heartbroken that your last school year in Surry County has ended so abruptly. We know you are upset and frustrated. This is not how the final months of your senior year were supposed to go. We know you were looking forward to all the special spring events held for seniors, like the luncheon, senior trip, and the senior cookout. We know you were looking forward to your prom and the fun of staging your senior prank. We know you were looking forward to spending time with your friends before heading in different directions next fall. Please know that we share your disappointment and sincerely wish this was not the outcome for your senior year. We hope you will cherish the memories made this year and will reflect fondly on the special moments created during your time at Surry County High School.

We are proud to announce that all seniors on track to graduate in the Class of 2020 have met state requirements. To our seniors and their families, please know we will do all within our ability to give you the graduation ceremony you have worked so hard for. We will continue to monitor local, state, and federal regulations regarding COVID-19 and will provide you with an update about graduation as soon as we can.

We wish health and peace for all members of our SCHS family in the coming weeks. We miss you! We are available by email if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Mr. Wooden, Principal
Ms. Ward, Assistant Principal