

Update from Principal Twitchell: March 30, 2020

The following are some important things to be aware of for Monday and an update from Jostens concerning graduation.

1. Westlake Closed to the Public Update

As per my earlier e-mail, ASD has closed all schools, and the doors will be locked. It is hoped that this will decrease the chance of exposure to school personnel who are still working. Westlake has several people still at the school performing necessary functions like meal distribution, Chromebook distribution, and building maintenance. Westlake also has personnel working in the school from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm to answer phone calls to assist parents and students. If someone needs something from inside the school (a book from a locker, an instrument, etc.), then they should call the front office at 801-610-8815 and an employee can retrieve the item. The student or parent should come to the school during the "Grab and Go" drive through meal service where they will be given the item in the drive through line. Please allow 24 hours for employees to retrieve an item or get you a Chromebook.

2. "Grab and Go" Meals Still Offered

Westlake will continue to provide breakfast and lunch even though the building is closed. All meals will be distributed from 9:30-11:00 am. Westlake is serving any student attending any ASD neighborhood school free of charge. Curbside pick-up is being used. The location of the curbside service will be out of the north gym doors by the football field.

3. New Chromebook Pick up Guidelines

If you need a Chromebook, we will be doing *curbside pickup* from Monday-Thursday from 10-11am this week.

Only parents/guardians may fill out the form and pick up the Chromebook.

- Before coming, please fill out the Chromebook checkout form online at bit.ly/ASDchromebook -put **000 for the ASD Tag ID**.
- Come to North Side Gym Entrance by the football field.
- Text your students name and vehicle description to **(801)-948-0708**. Give us a few minutes to process your request and we will be out shortly.

4. Graduation and Cap & Gowns

First and foremost, Westlake is still preparing for graduation, and we are hopeful that it will go forward as planned. Jostens has reached out to Westlake and has indicated that, *"The bottom line with caps and gowns for your kids/families and our customers is that we will do what is right for each family, period. If graduations are altered or cancelled and a family wants a refund, they will receive a refund. If the family wants the cap/gown/tassel they ordered for family pics or a non-traditional ceremony, we will make that happen."*

Jostens is also looking at providing virtual graduation if the traditional graduation is not possible. If parents or student have questions regarding caps and gowns, then they can contact Jostens at: kelly.vandongen@jostens.com or call 1-800-jostens for assistance/questions.

Reminders

3. Spring Break

Spring Break will be the entire week of April 6-10 (Monday through Friday). There should **not** be any school work assigned during that week

4. Spring Sports still suspended

The UHSAA has suspended all UHSAA spring activities and athletics, including practice and/or team gatherings, **until at least May 1.**

Spring sports may have an abbreviated schedule in May, if schools reopen and the UHSAA lifts the suspension. Athletes are encouraged to continue individual conditioning so that they will be ready to compete if the UHSAA lifts the suspension.

6. AP Testing

AP will be offering online exams that can be taken from home. They will be 45 minute exams. AP will communicate directly with teachers and students but we will continue to communicate anything new that we find out. On April 3rd, College Board will release information on how AP exams can be accessed and when. For more info follow this [link](#).

7. MTech Credit

MTEC has postponed classes until at least May 4th. This means that students cannot complete the hours required to earn high school credit. Because many of our students are dependent on this credit for graduation, any student who maintains their enrollment and was in good standing with MTEC (or their private school) prior to this decision will receive a "P" on their transcript for each high school credit for which they are enrolled. Scholarships from our CTE office for private cosmetology school will not be impacted. Students will need to work with their respective schools to meet their requirements for program completion and licensing. Any student or parent with questions or concerns can email Michelle Price directly at michelleprice@alpinedistrict.org

8. Virtual Try-outs

Alpine School District schools are not going to have virtual try-outs at this time for any activities. This includes things like cheerleading, drill team, dance, choir, drama, etc. We will have live try-outs when the school dismissal is lifted after May 1. If school does not resume on May 1, we will have guidelines in place to have virtual try-outs for all activities during the month of May.

9. May Events

As of right now, the school dismissal is scheduled until May 1. Westlake is not cancelling May events at this time (Lagoon day, graduations, senior activities, etc). We will address May activities if there is reason to believe the school dismissal will go longer than May 1.

10. Teacher/Student Scheduling Online Meetings

Teachers should be scheduling online meetings with students during the time of their typical class (A/B day schedule). This will prevent overlap of scheduled tutoring. They have also been encouraged to set up tutoring after 2:15 pm.