Attached are some common questions that we have received over the past few days. Please refer to this document before submitting a question via email to Mrs. DeMaio at sdemaio@buchananschools.com.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANSWERS MAY CHANGE BASED ON NEW INFORMATION, PLEASE CHECK BACK OFTEN FOR UPDATES.
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Q: Will we have to make up these days missed in the summer?
A: While the Governor has not made this known yet, we are still unclear as to whether or not these days will be forgiven. We will update this answer when we have more information.
UPDATE 4/2/2020: Schools will not be in session in the summer to make up the days missed during the mandated school closure.These days are forgiven by the state and will not be made up.

Q: Are we expected to do the work assigned to us by teachers while we are out? I heard it doesn't count for a grade.
A: Teachers were given instructions to give "supplementary work" when we left the building to be sure that students didn't learn anything new, but kept their skills sharp. Teachers quickly transitioned to giving instructions to complete any and all missing work that would be recorded in the gradebook. At the very least, your teachers want to hear from you right now. Please cooperate with them as much as possible, they too are going through this for the first time.
UPDATE 4/2/2020: Yes. In-Person school has been closed and we are now being required to fulfill our teaching and learning commitments remotely. That means that teachers will be providing you with lessons to build and strengthen your skills and continue to teach new topics. Your high school teachers will be delivering content mostly through digital avenues, however, if you do not have access, please contact your teacher to let them know that you will be requiring non-digital formats of learning.

Q: Will there be a graduation?
A: At this time, we are uncertain when the Stay Safe, Stay Home order will be lifted to answer that question fully. We will be doing SOMETHING to commemorate your transition out of high school, but we have not made those arrangements yet.
UPDATE 4/15/2020: Senior Officers and Mentors met last week and again this week to discuss graduation plans. A senior letter will be sent out on Friday. April 17th describing some of those plans
UPDATE 5/22/2020: We were approved by Sheriff and Township offices to hold a drive-in style graduation at RedBud this year. Thanks to the many community member who are donating their time, equipment, and resources to make this a memorable event!

Q: Are we still going to have a prom?
A: We believe the safety and well-being of our students and staff are most important at this time. Our current prom has been cancelled. However, we do plan on hosting some sort of prom later in the year, when it is safe to be gathering in a group again. We will have more information about that at a later date.
UPDATE 5/22/2020: We will NOT be hosting a prom this year.

Q: Where can I find information on scholarships and when they are due?
A: Please check the Guidance website at http://guidance.buchananschools.com/

Q: Will Juniors be able to take the SAT?
A: Current juniors will be able to take the SAT in the Fall of 2020 (as seniors), assuming we are back in school.

Q: When will we be returning to school?
A: This has yet to be determined by the state. Since this is a state mandated shut down, we can only resume with the state's permission. Stay tuned for updates.
UPDATE 4/2/2020: The Governor signed an Executive Order yesterday suspending all in-person instruction and will allow schools to return as normal in the fall. This means that instruction will still continue, just not in the school building. School is in session, it just looks and feels much different than we are accustomed to.

Q: Are we going to online school?
A: This is not an option for every family in our district. We have no plans at this point in time to move every student to online learning.
UPDATE 4/2/2020: Many teachers use Google Classroom and their websites to provide content for instruction. We are not fully an online school and our content is not fully online. We recognize that not all students have the capabilities to receive instruction online and therefore we must accommodate students and families with limited or no access. If you are one of those students with limited or no access, please contact your teachers to let them know that your instruction will need to reflect your resources and other means will be provided.

Q: Will we be able to graduate?

A: Students who were on pace to graduate before the shutdown will graduate. Students who were behind in credits before the shutdown will need to complete those required credits. Please contact your Guidance Counselor for information on how to make up your credits.

Q: Will we have to repeat our grade next year?
A: Students who were in good standing and on pace to move to the next grade level before the mandated shutdown will move to the next level in the fall.
UPDATE 4/15/2020: Students will have to participate in remote learning opportunities in order to receive credit for the semester. Students are expected to engage and participate. Any student who does not, will not be granted credit for the semester and will have to repeat all or a portion of the course in the fall.

Q: Do we have to do work over Spring Break?
A: No. Teachers and Students both need a brain break. Buchanan High School will honor your Spring Break and will not assign any new assignments. However, once Spring Break is over, teachers and students are expected to work and learn.

Q: What about all of our Senior events and activities?
A: We want to honor your accomplishments and make this a time for you to remember by creating those lasting memories too. Your memories will be different as we can't host events as we traditionally would. However, we do plan on honoring you in a special way. Stay tuned for event announcements, and surveys requesting your feedback.
UPDATE 4/2/2020: We regretfully have to cancel the Senior trip to Six Flags as they have shut down their facilities as mandated by their state orders. Unfortunately, we also must cancel our Senior Banquet as the facilities we have currently rented have other events planned. We will try to create an alternate experience when we are able. In the meantime, seniors will be refunded their money for both of these events.
UPDATE 4/16/2020: Senior News updates are sent home every week to keep seniors and their families updated on senior events. Please read through those as often as they are published as they contain important information. You can read all of the high school updates on our website at www.buchananschools.com under the highschool tab.

Q: I'm having trouble with my device. Who can I contact?
A: You can reach our IT helpdesk directly with questions about your devices, email, or anything techy at helpdesk@buchananschools.com or by calling 269-695-8428.

Q: How can I get materials that I left in the building?

A: You can call (269-695-8403 Option 1) or email Mr. Pruett directly (bpruett@buchananschools.com) to make an appointment to get the items you need.

Q: What will my learning schedule look like once we start remote learning?
A: Teachers will present lessons and assignments to students once (or twice) per week, as assigned by departments, to allow for students to focus on completing tasks in other subject areas when the opportunity arises. Taking into account that not all students will be able to or have the opportunity to work on assignments every day. Students should be receiving 60 - 90 minutes of instruction per week per course, for a total of 7-9 hours per week per student. **This schedule begins Monday, April 20, 2020**.

	Schedule	Core Courses (including all Honors courses)	Elective Courses
Monday	Math	Math 8, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2	Math Lab, Personal Finance, Pre-Calc, Calculus
Tuesday	ELA	English 8, English 9, English 10, English 11, Senior English	Reading Lab, Film Studies, Mythology
Wednesday	Science	Earth Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry	Anatomy & Physiology, Physics
Thursday	Social Studies	History 8, US History, Economics, Civics, World History	World Wars Through Film, Military History
Friday	Electives	All Elective from the following departments: Spanish, Art, Band, PE & Health, Transitions, Technology, all CTE courses and online courses.	

Q: Do I have to complete my online classes?
A: Yes. In an effort to retain your credit status, all online courses must be completed as normal. If you are experiencing difficulty with your internet, please reach out to your online instructor who may be able to help you secure resources.

Q: I am taking college classes and we have been directed to complete those online. Do I have to complete them?
A: Yes. Your college course counts for double the credit as normal high school classes. You will need to complete those courses to earn credits. If you are experiencing difficulties, please reach out to your counselors at the college and at the highschool.